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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

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Taken at 1301 Third Street  
Detroit Public Safety Headquarters  
Detroit, Michigan  
Commencing at 6:10 p.m.,  
Thursday, May 4, 2017  
Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR  
Notary Public, County of Wayne

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- 1 APPEARANCES:
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL, District 4
- 3 COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large
- 4 COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER, District 6
- 5 COMMISSIONER EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHÉ, Appointed
- 6 COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5
- 7 COMMISSIONER REGINALD CRAWFORD, District 3
- 8 COMMISSIONER EDGAR VANN, JR., District 2
- 9 COMMISSIONER RICHARD SHELBY, District 1
- 10 CHIEF JAMES CRAIG
- 11 SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS
- 12 ROBERT BROWN
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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Thursday, May 4, 2017

3 3:02 p.m.

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5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Welcome to the weekly  
8 afternoon meeting of the Board of Police Commission.  
9 I'm your Chair, Willie Bell, from District 4. And it's  
10 good to see all of you here this afternoon.

11 We're going to call the meeting to order.

12 And I have -- Commissioner Vann is taking a seat. I'm  
13 going to give him opportunity to take his coat off and  
14 get in place.

15 Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you  
16 for another opportunity, another day. We give you the  
17 honor and the glory each and every day. We come to you  
18 in a special prayer to reach out to this Board of  
19 Police Commissioners, their families, and reach out to  
20 Chief Craig and all the members of the DPD family and  
21 reach out to the citizens of the city of Detroit from  
22 the top, from the Mayor, and all those who are engaging  
23 the city of Detroit in terms of leadership, Heavenly  
24 Father. We need a blessing from you each and every  
25 day.

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1                   We offer special prayer for our officer who  
2                   has undergone two surgeries in terms of recovery. We  
3                   pray for a healing touch. We pray that you might touch  
4                   not only him, but his family and the doctors and  
5                   medical staff, all those who are engaging. We know  
6                   from the memorial service yesterday that so many people  
7                   are praying for his recovery, Heavenly Father, but we  
8                   know it's your will and we abide by that.

9                   We thank you for this opportunity as a board  
10                  once again to fellowship, to be about the business of  
11                  the board, representing the city of Detroit and  
12                  representing the Detroit Police Department in terms of  
13                  quality police service. Heavenly Father, we thank you  
14                  and give you the glory.

15                  Let us all say amen.

16                  AUDIENCE: Amen.

17                  CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good to see you, Bishop.

18                  COMMISSIONER VANN: Yes, sir. Thank you for  
19                  the prayer.

20                  CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. I  
21                  didn't want you to take a seat and -- you know, but I  
22                  know you're capable, over and over again, so --

23                  But the Lord blessed us and we want to bless  
24                  you, too.

25                  COMMISSIONER VANN: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At this time  
2 I'm going to ask the commissioners to my right to  
3 introduce themselves.

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Eva Garza  
5 Dewaelsche, Commissioner At Large.

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks,  
7 Commissioner At Large.

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Lisa Carter  
9 representing District 6.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Willie  
11 Burton, District 5.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Commissioner Reginald  
13 Crawford, District 3.

14 COMMISSIONER VANN: Commissioner Edgar Vann,  
15 District 2.

16 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Commissioner Richard  
17 Shelby, District 1.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And Mr. Hicks.

19 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you have eight members  
20 present. You, therefore, you have a quorum.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you.

22 As we move forward, I would ask the board to  
23 approve the agenda for this afternoon's meeting.

24 COMMISSIONER VANN: So noted, Mr. Chair.

25 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Second.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
2 and supported.

3 Discussion?

4 Those in favor, aye.

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

7 Motion carried.

8 The next item of business, the approval of  
9 the minutes from April the 20th, 2017.

10 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER VANN: Supported.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
13 and supported.

14 Discussion?

15 Those in favor, aye.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

18 Motion carried.

19 And the next item will be approval of the  
20 minutes from April the 27th.

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Support.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
24 and supported.

25 Discussion?

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1 Those in favor?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

4 Motion carried. Thank you.

5 And, Mr. Hicks, would you introduce the  
6 staff, please.

7 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 To my immediate right is Robert Brown. And,  
9 of course, if you look in the front row there's Miss --  
10 I'm drawing a blank in her name -- Teresa Blossom who  
11 is our media coordinator, Ms. Johnson who is Fiscal  
12 Division, Ms. White who is the policy person.

13 And the next group is OIC, but before we get  
14 to the OIC individuals I do want to mention that  
15 Sergeant Quinn is taping tonight's meeting, and Media  
16 Services is providing the audio visual and Sheila Rice  
17 is the court reporter.

18 And as customary, I'll now go to Chief Drake  
19 who will introduce herself along with members of her  
20 staff who are here.

21 MS. DAVIS-DRAKE: Good afternoon. Pamela  
22 Davis-Drake, for the record, Chief Investigator. And  
23 with us today are Supervising Investigator Lawrence  
24 Akbar and Supervising Investigator Abdullah Nelson.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. You're in good

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1 company with those two young men.

2 MS. DAVIS-DRAKE: I am indeed.

3 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, and I neglected Gail  
4 Oxendine who's in the center of the room here.

5 Gail, and I apologize for overlooking you.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good to see you, Gail,  
7 Director Gail Oxendine, Director of Personnel.

8 MS. OXENDINE: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. And to my extreme  
10 left, Chief of Police James E. Craig.

11 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good to see you this  
13 afternoon, sir.

14 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

16 CHIEF CRAIG: Good being here.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Would you introduce your  
18 staff or any other special --

19 CHIEF CRAIG: We'll start with the First  
20 Assistant Chief.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

22 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: Good afternoon,  
23 board. Lashinda Stair, First Assistant Chief.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Assistant Chief  
25 Williams. Good afternoon.



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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you stand up again,  
2 young man, and introduce yourself.

3 CHIEF CRAIG: Tell us --

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Assistant Chief  
5 Arnold Williams.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: And, Assistant Chief, will you  
7 -- I know this is probably not the first time they've  
8 met you, but --

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Come to the mike. Up to  
10 the mike.

11 CHIEF CRAIG: They might have a few questions  
12 and want to know a little bit about your background and  
13 what you've done over the last 20 years.

14 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Arnold Williams,  
15 Assistant Chief, newly promoted Assistant Chief, newly  
16 appointed Assistant Chief by way of the Seventh  
17 Precinct. I've worked with a couple of the members  
18 directly.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Seventh Precinct, okay.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: That's correct.  
21 It's an honor being selected. It's going to be a  
22 pleasure working, and I'm looking forward to the  
23 challenges that I'll be presented and I'm looking  
24 forward to working with the board as well.

25 CHIEF CRAIG: He's being a little modest, and

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1 I'm going to help him.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.

3 CHIEF CRAIG: Certainly a retired captain in  
4 the -- help me out. U.S. Army ...

5 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: I retired from the  
6 Michigan Army National Guard as a captain, 26 years of  
7 service. I went through the enlisted ranks, received a  
8 commission, was active duty for quite some time,  
9 deployed on two combat deployments. I think -- my wife  
10 and I've been married for 13 years, but we always joke  
11 to say I've been home for like eight of them, which  
12 means the success that we have going on here so, but...

13 I've been with the department for -- it will  
14 be 19 years June 8th, and I've been loving every minute  
15 of it. So I'm looking forward to this new chapter and  
16 looking forward to answering the challenges, working  
17 through the pitfalls and helping the city to just find  
18 that gold and continue being golden.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

20 Commissioners, any comments or --

21 COMMISSIONER VANN: To the Chief of --  
22 welcome, number one, and congratulations --

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER VANN: -- to you.

25 His administrative portfolio, what would that

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1 be as opposed to the other assistant chiefs?

2 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, you know, he has a wide  
3 background. You know, certainly one of the things that  
4 I've put significant emphasis on is leadership. You  
5 know, more now today than ever, you know, being able to  
6 motivate. He has a significant component in department  
7 operations. It's no secret given the challenges that  
8 our line officers are facing today with the violence.  
9 He certainly stands compliant in the area of  
10 constitutional policing. He has demonstrated not only  
11 his willingness and compassion for working in our  
12 neighborhoods and the community, but also  
13 operationally. He had the good fortune of working and  
14 overseeing components in the metropolitan division.  
15 That would be the SRT.

16 When you look at the different dimension, I'm  
17 big on, you know, seeing the world through a different  
18 lens. And one of those lenses is that being employed,  
19 haven't risen through the ranks as a military officer and  
20 the training that's associated with that goes a long  
21 way.

22 He didn't mention, and I'll mention for him,  
23 again he's not one to boast on himself. So he's a very  
24 -- he's a servant leader, a humble man. His dad was a  
25 tenured Detroit police officer, in fact, during the

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1           time that -- I don't know if he started when you did,  
2           but during that era.

3                         CHAIRPERSON BELL:   Okay.

4                         CHIEF CRAIG:   He was assigned to the Fourth  
5           Precinct.  And so he has a Detroit Police Department  
6           lineage.

7                         And also I'll say, and this is something a  
8           little different, you know, most of our executives come  
9           up through the ranks they either get degrees,  
10          undergraduate and graduate degrees in criminal justice,  
11          business management, leadership.  Certainly he's got  
12          the leadership training in the military, but he also  
13          has an undergraduate degree in chemistry.

14                        So, you know, I'm one that when people have  
15          these different experiences he certainly sees the world  
16          different, and that difference does make a difference,  
17          I think.

18                        CHAIRPERSON BELL:   Great.  Quite impressive.  
19                        Any other commissioners?

20                        COMMISSIONER BURTON:  Commissioner -- Mr.  
21          Chairman.

22                        I'd just like to say congratulations to you  
23          Commander -- I mean Assistant Chief -- new Assistant  
24          Chief Arnold Williams.  You did a great job over at  
25          number 7.  I mean, your leadership that you brought

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1 over there was phenomenal. I just want to throw that  
2 out there. And I'll -- and the community loves you,  
3 you know. When you come to the community meetings, the  
4 community -- Seventh Precinct community relations  
5 meeting, they just can't wait to, you know, have a few  
6 words with you, because you'll sit did and you'll make  
7 your rounds and you'll talk to everybody. So we're  
8 going to definitely miss that.

9 Since you're now out of number 7, you're the  
10 new assistant chief, but I know that you'll be coming  
11 around and -- you know, I just love what you brought to  
12 the table over at number 7 into the community. So I  
13 just want to say congratulations.

14 Thank you, Chief. You made a great decision  
15 as far as with this appointment and I'm excited. I had  
16 many conversations at the community meetings, just talk  
17 with you, come into the precinct. And I just love what  
18 you brought, the chemistry to the community as well as  
19 to the precinct.

20 So thank you, Chief, and thank you and  
21 congratulations to you, sir.

22 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Appreciate it.  
23 Thank you.

24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair --

25 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Go ahead.

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1 CHIEF CRAIG: One thing that I neglected to  
2 add, you know, a lot of times when you make promotions  
3 and you're starting to get feedback, it's no secret  
4 that police officers have no problem telling me what  
5 they think, especially as it relates to selections. I  
6 will tell you that since his promotion nothing but  
7 accolades. Certainly they do view him as a leader.  
8 Again, he wouldn't say this. He really is a humble  
9 man, but he is about the business, whether it's  
10 leadership among the men and women who serve.  
11 Certainly, as Commissioner Burton pointed out, just the  
12 accolades in the community.

13 And so he's going to be tough to replace, but  
14 I'll assure you that whoever the selection will be we  
15 will put the right commander in there, and we'll  
16 certainly bring that to you for your review. And so  
17 we're excited about what Arnold brings to the table.

18 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir. Through  
19 the Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Crawford. Go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir. I want to  
22 offer my congratulations, deepest congratulations.

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: What, I guess,  
25 command or organization or what is going to come under

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1 your command now, sir?

2 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: The Office of  
3 Neighborhood Policing.

4 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes.

5 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: So that's  
6 basically all the precincts. So one of the things when  
7 Commissioner Burton was talking about me leaving 7 is  
8 something that the first A.C. and A.C. White also said  
9 to me. They said, "Well, don't look at it as you're  
10 leaving 7, look at it as you're getting all of the  
11 precincts now."

12 So that's the way I look at it now. So I can  
13 impart a little of me in all of those places, so ...

14 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Right now Office  
16 of Neighborhood Policing.

17 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Thank you.  
18 Congratulations again.

19 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: To my right, any other  
21 comments?

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Well, I would just  
23 -- thank you. I would just like to say that I think  
24 your leadership skills are going to be outstanding  
25 because of your experience -- many years of experience

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1 in the military and the service. So that's one thing  
2 that's going to be very beneficial for you, I think.

3 Thank you, and congratulations.

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you very  
5 much. Appreciate it.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: And through the Chair, one  
7 additional thing.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

9 CHIEF CRAIG: You know, the body camera  
10 deployment certainly has been a big deal. Just a  
11 reminder, it was the Seventh Precinct under his  
12 leadership, he along with Commander Walton were the  
13 first two precincts under the pilot that successfully  
14 deployed the body-worn cameras. And I will tell you  
15 that's not always an easy shift when you're talking  
16 about introducing something new to the department. But  
17 the Seventh Precinct --

18 I'll get that for you if you --

19 But that's not always easy. When you  
20 introduce something like body-worn cameras or other  
21 issues where sometimes police officers will resist, but  
22 they were able to get it done without a lot of fanfare.  
23 So that was a big hit as well.

24 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. I had an



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1 opportunity to shake your hand last week as far as  
2 representing the board on the right side. And other  
3 commissioners witnessed the opportunity. And we just  
4 wish you the best in your career choice.

5 I noticed your salute of officers is very  
6 snappy. Very snappy, Chief Craig.

7 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, I had to adapt to the  
8 military way.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you, sir.

10 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Looking forward to  
12 interaction with you.

13 Do we have any elected officials or  
14 representatives of any elected officials at this  
15 afternoon's meeting?

16 Dr. Divers?

17 DR. DIVERS: I am Arthur Divers. I am the  
18 liaison for the Honorable George C. Cushingberry,  
19 President Pro Tem of the Detroit City Council.

20 MR. HICKS: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

22 MR. HICKS: Can we also -- on the agenda  
23 under "Presentations to the Board" I neglected to put  
24 the HR report, which is a standard report for --

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Under --

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1 MR. HICKS: Yes. So it would be under  
2 "Presentations to the Board." We would have the  
3 electronic controlled weapons policy directive 304 as  
4 "A" and then follow that by the HR report.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.

6 Chief, did we finish the introduction of the  
7 rest of the DPD personnel?

8 CHIEF CRAIG: We did not.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.

10 CHIEF CRAIG: I think Chief James E. White --

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: James E. White?

12 CHIEF CRAIG: Right.

13 LIEUTENANT PARISH: Lieutenant Michael  
14 Parish, Narcotics.

15 SERGEANT WATKINS: Sergeant John Watkins,  
16 Planning and Deployment.

17 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: Sergeant Will Alexander,  
18 Office of Support Operations.

19 SERGEANT WOODY: Sergeant Michael Woody,  
20 Community Relations.

21 COMMANDER BETTISON: Todd Bettison, Commander  
22 and Chief's Neighborhood Liaison.

23 LIEUTENANT POTTS: Lieutenant LaShanna Potts,  
24 Chief Neighborhood Liaison.

25 MS. SIMS: Deshaune Sims, Community

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1 Professional Standards Bureau.

2 LIEUTENANT GARDNER: Melissa Gardner,  
3 lieutenant of (Inaudible).

4 MS. JONES: Lisa Jones, Agency CFO.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you for  
6 your attendance.

7 Getting back to -- Dr. Divers stood and we  
8 acknowledged him, right?

9 Any other elected official or representative  
10 or precinct delegates or block clubs, Second Precinct?

11 MS. BUTLER: Fredia Butler, president of  
12 Second Precinct, Police Community Relations.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. So  
14 we can move right on to the next item.

15 I just want to say that for those who were in  
16 attendance of the memorial service yesterday morning at  
17 8:00, 8:30 a.m., it was really just a sacred, spiritual  
18 fellowship with the whole formality of it, and I really  
19 appreciate it. I want to thank my commissioners for  
20 their attendance, Commissioner Dewaelsche and Brooks,  
21 Mr. Hicks and Pam Drake and others that I might have  
22 missed in terms of --

23 Chief, it was outstanding. I was pleased  
24 that the Mayor was there and also -- Mayor Duggan and  
25 Council Pro Tem George Cushingberry. And it was just

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1 really a moving opportunity to celebrate those who have  
2 sacrificed and given ultimate call of their final roll  
3 call. And the families I'm pretty sure were  
4 appreciative. It was really a moving service as we  
5 celebrate every year. I think this year was a little  
6 bit different. And I think we was really blessed, and  
7 we needed that. I think it was sort of fitting in time  
8 frame, so --

9 Also that afternoon we had the opportunity to  
10 attend -- speak to the lieutenant and sergeants class  
11 at the academy, and I spoke first. I could not stay  
12 for the entire program, but our Chief Investigator  
13 Pamela Davis-Drake said she spent a couple hours there.  
14 It was good dialogue, good interchanging with those  
15 young officers being promoted to the rank of sergeant  
16 and lieutenant. And we're looking forward to the  
17 graduation tomorrow at Ebenezer ...

18 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Bishop Vann's  
20 church.

21 CHIEF CRAIG: 10:30.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, that's your church.

23 COMMISSIONER VANN: Last I checked.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah. We were there last  
25 week.

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1 COMMISSIONER VANN: Yeah.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we had to host an  
3 opportunity there. So I appreciate that that's  
4 ongoing.

5 Have we named the officer that's in the  
6 hospital that ...

7 CHIEF CRAIG: We haven't confirmed it. There  
8 are names that out there.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.

10 CHIEF CRAIG: And at the time of my --

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. You'll cover it. I  
12 just want to indicate that on Sunday, April the 30th,  
13 these officers received a police run resulting in  
14 injuries to one of the officers very severe, and we all  
15 know that. And he's fighting for his life and we are  
16 praying. And we just offer that ongoing support and a  
17 blessing to him and his family and our city and our  
18 community as we come together, because we had our  
19 community meeting at the Fifth Precinct last night and  
20 that was a subject of prayer. And people just really  
21 are concerned as we continue towards that.

22 And I mentioned memorial service already.  
23 And I think the Chaplain Corps should be commended for  
24 hosting that. They do an outstanding job, as always.  
25 And I think the deputy chaplain she not only brought

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1 the word, Bishop Vann, you can appreciate that, she  
2 blessed us with two or three spiritual songs.

3 CHIEF CRAIG: Three songs.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Three songs. Oh, you took  
5 notice of that.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: I took notice.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: But she is such a blessed  
8 person. So it was really a good opportunity.

9 At today's meeting we're going to have a  
10 presentation to the board. We're going to take up the  
11 policy questions of the use of electronic control  
12 weapons, ECW. The policy represents a joint  
13 conversation within the department between the Chief's  
14 staff and the board.

15 As many of you recall, the board made 13  
16 recommendations enhanced to the draft policy on ECW  
17 submitted by the Chief. As you can see in your board  
18 package, all the recommendations have been accepted and  
19 added to the final policy. This effort again  
20 represents the spirit of cooperation between the Chief  
21 and the board as a joint effort in terms of the city  
22 charter indicate the rules and regulations department  
23 will be in that spirit of it all. So we are pleased  
24 that we move forward on that shortly.

25 At our next community meeting on May the 11th

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1 at 6:30 p.m. we will have two presentations from  
2 Homicide and also involving Building and Safety  
3 Engineering Environmental Department who will update us  
4 on medical marijuana. BC, it is commonly known, is a  
5 new website on medical marijuana. They will take us  
6 from start to finish in steps to open a clinic. The  
7 public will receive answers to the number of legal  
8 shops and business in an effort to force compliance  
9 with local laws and ordinance.

10 That should be interesting. I think we're  
11 all looking forward to that.

12 On the police board on May the 19th, on a  
13 Friday starting at 12:00 noon and on a Saturday May the  
14 20th, 8:30 a.m. for the board training program. Our  
15 training will take place Atheneum Suite Hotel downtown  
16 when in the next week each member will receive a  
17 detailed package of the activities. We will have a  
18 guest from the LAPD -- I mentioned that to the Chief  
19 last week --

20 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- who will share some of  
22 their experience on police oversight. The sessions are  
23 closed as part of our training program. This  
24 discussion is designed to discuss and set goals for the  
25 board. And we hope that majority of the board can

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1 attend. That's on the 19th and 20th, and we'll be  
2 getting more detailed information coming forth shortly.

3 Okay. I think we covered several different  
4 areas. So I think the next item would be -- we have an  
5 addendum to the third round promotion from the Chief to  
6 carry over from April the 27th, and you have that in  
7 your package. So the Chair would entertain a motion to  
8 that effect.

9 Do we need to speak to that specifically what  
10 -- that particular item?

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Motion to approve.

12 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Supported.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
14 and supported.

15 Discussion?

16 Those in favor, aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

19 Motion carried. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief Craig.

21 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes, sir. And I'll be quick.

22 Couple of errors I want to touch on. I know the ECW is  
23 a big presentation.

24 I want to start out by first thanking the  
25 commission. I know that there's been widely reported



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1 when you look at since last year September eight  
2 officers in the -- Detroit police officers either have  
3 been shot or murdered, and that number does not include  
4 the officers that have been ambushed.

5 As we all know, during the time of Captain  
6 Stiles' murder there were two individual ambush  
7 situations involving our officers. So it's certainly a  
8 concern for our rank and file, certainly a concern for  
9 our community, but each and every time an officer is  
10 injured, shot, worst case scenario resulting in his or  
11 her death you have showed up, been present, and it does  
12 go a long way. So I want to thank you for that.

13 I want to thank you for your participation in  
14 the memorial service and the commissioners that were in  
15 attendance. I certainly want to acknowledge Mr. Hicks  
16 who has also participated in these somber events.

17 Today we had a presentation of the plaque.  
18 That's where we place last year's fallen officers on a  
19 wall, a very somber service. Mr. Hicks was in  
20 attendance during that, well attended by the rank and  
21 file. This was probably of all the events that we've  
22 done probably the most emotional. If you get to see  
23 the news reports or the live Facebook, certainly the  
24 response of Captain Stiles' son to the unveiling of his  
25 dad's picture, their reaction to that, certainly

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1 unscripted.

2 But a police officer with just three months  
3 out of the academy, I looked at him and I had the sense  
4 that he wanted to speak before the camera. And he got  
5 up and he talked about the impact that certainly the  
6 violence against police officers has had on him  
7 personally. The good news is that he's still  
8 committed, and he said that he didn't feel that this  
9 has impacted his morale, that more than ever he wants  
10 to continue to serve his city and continue to work  
11 forward to making Detroit a safer place to live. So  
12 that's the kind of police officer that we have in the  
13 city of Detroit. So I just wanted to make that known.

14 So if you get a chance to look at that I  
15 would urge you to. It certainly was kind of a --  
16 unscripted, but it was a nice turnout, plus the  
17 response.

18 Also, going back to the memorial service  
19 yesterday, it was an opportunity to unveil what we're  
20 calling our memorial car. It's a Dodge Challenger, no  
21 cost to the taxpayers. It was actually a forfeited  
22 vehicle from a narcotics investigation. And on the  
23 trunk of that vehicle every name of an officer who has  
24 made the ultimate sacrifice is on the hood -- I mean on  
25 the trunk.

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1                   I want to commend Assistant Chief -- I guess  
2 he walked out -- James White -- oh, he's still in the  
3 back -- for taking that vision and bringing it to  
4 reality.

5                   We have the good fortune, as you know, this  
6 time of year they have something called "Police Week"  
7 in Washington, D.C. I've been asked to be a keynote  
8 speaker at one of the events. And during that we will  
9 have the Detroit Police memorial vehicle displayed. So  
10 that will be a true honor. So we're so much looking  
11 forward to that.

12                  I want to talk a little about the injured  
13 officer, as you pointed out, you know. I had a chance  
14 to look at a video involving this incident. Certainly  
15 I will tell you to see the suspect who was preparing to  
16 deal with this situation in his mind, whatever that  
17 was, whether he knew it was police officers or someone  
18 knocking at the apartment door, looking at him chamber  
19 around to the weapon preparing to use some type of  
20 deadly attack. Once he reached the downstairs and the  
21 door I could see both officers who were deployed, the  
22 one officer who initially got shot and his response.  
23 He was able to get off three rounds striking the  
24 suspect.

25                  So as both the suspect and the officer fell

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1 to the ground it was this young officer with just six  
2 months out of the police academy that responded using  
3 deadly force believing that not only he but his partner  
4 were faced with this imminent threat. He fired 12  
5 times, some of the rounds striking the suspect, but  
6 above and beyond that he was able to initiate a rescue  
7 of his partner. In the midst of this dangerous  
8 situation, he responded pulling his partner out of  
9 harm's way. And his partner was ultimately transported  
10 to where he now is being treated at the hospital.

11 In terms of his condition, I'd say it's still  
12 very critical. There's been very little change. We  
13 know from the night of the incident that there was  
14 significant swelling on the brain. On a positive note,  
15 some of the swelling has gone down. There's still some  
16 evidence of that. And so he still has a very long road  
17 ahead.

18 I had a chance to meet with and talk to both  
19 sons, very appreciative of the outpouring of support.  
20 And I do appreciate continued prayers and thoughts for  
21 this officer, because it is a very difficult time, not  
22 just for the officers where he works, but the entire  
23 department. It has really had an impact.

24 And I think the last thing, on a more upbeat  
25 note, that we had our ninth installment of DPD TV on

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1 the Avenue of Fashion on last Saturday. Great turnout,  
2 great conversation. Cornelius Pitts was in attendance,  
3 certainly provided lot of insights into a lot of the  
4 issues of the day. So it was good conversation and  
5 again lots of views and well attended.

6 And then finally as it relates to crime, we  
7 are continuing to trend downward. I am glad that we're  
8 starting to close the homicide gap. Where we were up  
9 at one point 24 homicides, we are up five now. Not a  
10 time to get excited, but we are closing the gap.

11 Our nonfatal shootings we're down seven. We  
12 were up pretty significantly probably at the end of the  
13 first quarter. Our aggravated assaults we're down 179  
14 incidents, which is good news.

15 But the one that I always get excited about,  
16 which really shows that we're really starting to turn  
17 that corner, when you look at last year, the year  
18 before that, and that's the crime of robbery. We're  
19 down 82 robberies as compared to last year. That's the  
20 crime that I view is the one that drives a lot of fear  
21 in our neighborhoods.

22 So all and all we're going in the right  
23 direction, but as we all know the work continues. So  
24 with that I'll take any questions you might have.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?

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1                   COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, I do  
2 have a question. With regard to the partner, how's he  
3 doing as far as --

4                   CHIEF CRAIG: I'm glad you -- through the  
5 Chair, I'm glad you asked that question. I've had a  
6 couple of conversations with him. Again, with six  
7 months out of the academy, he is a U.S. Army veteran.  
8 So he really responded in a textbook fashion.

9                   Again, I had a chance to really critically  
10 review the video and his response, his partner's  
11 response. So very proud of how he handled it. Of  
12 course this has been an emotional time for him, but  
13 we've given him tremendous support.

14                   I think, Mr. Chairman, you talked about the  
15 support of clergy. You can't stress enough of what  
16 they did certainly and what they're continuing to do,  
17 and so we appreciate that. But he's hanging in there.

18                   COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you. And  
19 then just one more. If we want to send cards to the  
20 family of the fallen -- I mean of the officer that's in  
21 the hospital, shall we send them to you, your office?

22                   CHIEF CRAIG: Yes. In fact, what did we  
23 think -- maybe Todd Bettison --

24                   COMMANDER BETTISON: Yes, sir.

25                   CHIEF CRAIG: If we can arrange to receive

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1 any cards and then we can take it to the -- I know  
2 there's been some restriction on visits.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah.

4 CHIEF CRAIG: However, the family still wants  
5 the visits. I think it was more the number of officers  
6 that were in the actual room where the officer ...

7 The other thing I didn't talk about is the  
8 fact that they're going to start removing the sedation  
9 or -- to try to get a sense on brain activity. We do  
10 know that one side of the brain is inactive, which is a  
11 concern, and there is still some slight swelling. So  
12 they thought with the presence of all the officers it  
13 could have an impact neurologically. So they just want  
14 to -- they've induced coma, but they want to back off  
15 of that and just get a sense of where he's at today.

16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you for the  
17 update, and our prayers, all of our prayers are with  
18 him.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir, Chief. And  
24 I did respond to the hospital that night. As a matter  
25 of fact, I was working on duty --

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1 CHIEF CRAIG: I remember you were there.

2 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: And it was a very  
3 somber situation, not only praying that night, but I  
4 continue to pray, and prayers and even praying for a  
5 miracle here. And even those that -- as a matter of  
6 fact, I was not only there for that, but I was there  
7 working to relieve somebody on the midnight shift, a  
8 couple deputies. And, of course, immediately calling  
9 upstairs told them that I'd be awhile, and they most  
10 definitely understood.

11 So, you know, on behalf of not only myself,  
12 but also to the Wayne County deputy sheriffs and the  
13 Sheriff's Department we all are praying.

14 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

15 Through the Chair, I just want to say once  
16 again I appreciate your appearance. I know you were in  
17 uniform. I did receive a call from Sheriff Napoleon  
18 offering his support. Again, I can't stress enough how  
19 much we appreciate the support the commission has  
20 shown.

21 I will tell you one of the things that I'm  
22 always humbled by is the response by the command  
23 executive team of the Detroit Police Department. In  
24 addition, as you can imagine, the officers that come  
25 out in mass, everybody from the executive and



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1 management team, not on occasion, no matter where they  
2 were, they come out to support the officers, they come  
3 out to support the families. And as I said publicly  
4 yesterday during the memorial service, a very hardy  
5 thank you to all of them who some of which are seated  
6 here today.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioners?

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes, I have a question.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Chief Craig, are there  
11 any rules or regulations that you cannot run your car  
12 motor in your driveway because someone could highjack  
13 it that they will give you a ticket?

14 It's out in the papers now and I'm wondering  
15 if there's anything to it. I think this young fellow  
16 ended up getting a ticket. He went into his house to  
17 get his daughter or son, came out, he left the motor  
18 running to keep the car going.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, it's outside  
20 the city of Detroit.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes, but is there  
22 anything in Detroit --

23 CHIEF CRAIG: I think there is an ordinance  
24 that suggests that you can't leave a vehicle running  
25 unattended.

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1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Not even on your  
2 property?

3 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, if it's not secured on  
4 the property, unattended. Now, certainly we have a lot  
5 of vehicles today that have self-starts on newer  
6 vehicles, but the car is secure. So if someone say  
7 smashes a glass to gain access to the vehicle, even if  
8 you move the vehicle, I don't even think you can put it  
9 in drive because of the technology. So the car cannot  
10 be moved. But some of the older cars, I don't know  
11 what year, if you leave the key in the ignition, it's  
12 unattended, it's running, technically it's a violation.

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: It is a violation?

14 CHIEF CRAIG: An infraction or parking -- I  
15 don't know. But that was outside the city of Detroit.

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. But I had a  
17 citizen here in Detroit ask me that question. So  
18 that's why I needed an answer.

19 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair,  
20 the Chief is absolutely correct in terms of an  
21 ordinance violation. And the incident did occur in the  
22 suburbs, a suburban city, but there was something  
23 recently that went to the state legislation in terms of  
24 changing that.

25 So that's probably what your citizens are

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1           referencing, Commissioner, is that what they've heard  
2           about in the media in the last couple days it was  
3           something coming from the State of Michigan.

4                       COMMISSIONER VANN: Mr. Chair.

5                       CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

6                       COMMISSIONER VANN: Do you mind if I just ask  
7           the Chief, I know that reports indicate that you took  
8           exception to the hospital that the injured officer was  
9           taken to. I don't know if you can speak to that at  
10          this meeting, but I took exception to it as well. And  
11          I think someone ought to provide a better explanation  
12          as to why that happened.

13                      CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, so the one  
14          thing I learned returning to Detroit, and I'll publicly  
15          say if I'm ever shot I go to DRH. I don't care what  
16          side of the city I'm on, I'm going to go to DRH, or at  
17          least I would hope that my colleagues would ensure that  
18          I go to DRH.

19                      So I start with that, because that's what  
20          police officers generally say. It's a Trauma 1 or a  
21          Level 1 facility. And while we can say that Level 1  
22          and Level 2 they both are trauma centers, here's what I  
23          know about trauma centers. A Level 1 generally has  
24          more specialists available or on duty.

25                      Now, we do know based on initial reports --

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1           and again, I'm not going to judge wrong or right,  
2           because I know that there's an evaluation somewhat  
3           underway, but we do know that Henry Ford Hospital, a  
4           Level 1 facility, was closer. I want to say, if my  
5           memory serves me, four miles. Ironically, Henry Ford,  
6           a Level 1 facility, a Level 1 trauma center,  
7           specializes in neurosurgery, which would have been --  
8           now, again I'm not criticizing the care that our  
9           officer is receiving. The hospital has been nothing  
10          more than, you know, helpful, but we all know the  
11          unsaid thing is all hospitals, all trauma centers, are  
12          not equal.

13                        Now, given that you look at -- I keep wanting  
14          to say Cedar Sinai, but Sinai-Grace -- that's in Los  
15          Angeles, but Sinai-Grace is a Level 2 trauma center.  
16          But Sinai-Grace is a different type of Level 2 trauma  
17          versus say an Oakwood. Why? Because they handle more  
18          gunshot wounds. So there's a lot more that --

19                        I also heard the other they when you talk  
20          about some of these Level 1 facilities that have more  
21          specialists on staff or the access to them. In DRH  
22          they have military physicians who are on staff as well.  
23          So, you know, not only have I expressed concern,  
24          certainly the rank and file has expressed concerns.

25                        Preliminarily the fire commissioner has

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1 pointed out that according to his investigation that  
2 nothing was done wrong, that it is his -- based on the  
3 investigation that they believe that the route that was  
4 taken was the quickest route, even though it was a  
5 longer distance.

6 But it is my position, and I've said it  
7 publicly to my team, that I want to make sure that when  
8 our officers suffer a critical injury that we do  
9 everything we can to make sure they go to the right  
10 facility. If it means overriding where the person is  
11 being transported, that's important. I know in the  
12 world I came out of that was done on a frequent basis,  
13 and it's just certain hospitals you know that people  
14 should be transported to.

15 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through --

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: You've got a  
18 follow-up?

19 COMMISSIONER VANN: No. I was just going to  
20 say that I'm on the board of Henry Ford Health Systems,  
21 and so that was one of the reasons why I was asking.

22 The other thing is that, you know, I didn't  
23 know if there was a standard protocol that the -- that  
24 in a case like this, especially with a critically  
25 injured officer, that there's standard protocol in

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1 terms of the distance or the hospital that is used or  
2 the trauma center capabilities that it would have.

3 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I think that  
4 when you talk about the nature of the injury, even if  
5 that Level 1 or that trauma center is at longer  
6 distance that is where you go. Let's face it, some  
7 hospitals just don't have the experience.

8 And again, I'm not certainly criticizing this  
9 facility, but I'm just saying in terms of what we all  
10 know, and the unsaid thing is DRH, Henry Ford, Sinai.  
11 That's where I want our officers to be transported when  
12 they're suffering a critical injury. And I think it's  
13 not one of them that would disagree with that.

14 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Crawford.

16 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir, Chief. You  
17 know, in fact, for years I worked the street. And all  
18 the -- I can say all police officers that I've ever  
19 come in contact with would always say no matter what  
20 happens and where we are take me to DRH.

21 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Level 1, you're  
23 absolutely correct. Years ago in doing some research  
24 we were I think within the top five in the country, DRH  
25 I'm talking about as Level 1. And that's due to the

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1           experience in handling trauma and gunshot wounds and  
2           that kind of traumatic -- if it was an accident or  
3           something of that, they were the best outside of I  
4           think LA. Their Level 1 was up there, too.

5                         So having said that -- and I know from  
6           experience in just standing in that ER and watching  
7           them work, too. So having said that, if -- perhaps,  
8           commissioners, maybe in a couple weeks the fire  
9           commissioner could come before us, Eric Jones, and I  
10          mean just to give us some background as to -- and not  
11          to point any fingers or be critical, but just tell us  
12          how this process works. I realize we're not the  
13          civilian oversight for the fire department, but  
14          sometimes issues connect. And this one is a real  
15          sensitive and critical issue, especially when you talk  
16          about the health, care and well-being of Detroit police  
17          officers, firefighters and even citizens in the city of  
18          Detroit.

19                        CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, as I  
20          indicated in my news report early in what I was  
21          learning as it relates to the company that did the  
22          transport, I indicated that a concern by the fire  
23          department, certainly not only would have a concern for  
24          police personnel, but for average citizens. It just  
25          didn't matter.

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1                   And so I think there's more to know and --  
2                   but needless to say it is my position, and I'm certain  
3                   it's the board's position, that we want our officers  
4                   when suffering from a critical injury that they go to  
5                   the right facility, even if means going a longer  
6                   distance. Now, I'm not certainly an expert in hospital  
7                   operation or trauma centers, but I understand that when  
8                   these EMS -- they're in contact with facilities. And  
9                   those facilities will have -- like say in the case of  
10                  Henry Ford, certainly when you talk about a head injury  
11                  from a gunshot wound there will be a surgeon standing  
12                  by or summoned. But again, a lot of the Level 1  
13                  facilities I am told they have access to many more  
14                  specialists. And so that's important. It's important  
15                  for our first responders and our community.

16                   COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, I have a  
17                   comment, please.

18                   CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

19                   COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Yes. I saw some  
20                  program on TV, it might have been "60 Minutes" or  
21                  something, where they rated Detroit Receiving Hospital  
22                  as one of the top five. It was several years ago, but  
23                  because of the experience of the medical staff that  
24                  are, you know, on staff, the surgeons, et cetera.

25                   And the other thing, Chief, is that they're



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1 actually on-site because of the activity in the city,  
2 where at other hospitals they have to be called in.

3 CHIEF CRAIG: And through the Chair, that was  
4 my point.

5 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Right.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: DRH again I've learned that  
7 they have military surgeons who come here to get  
8 training when they're deployed. And so the fact that  
9 you have these expert surgeons that are available at  
10 any given time, I know that the difference between  
11 Level 1 and Level 2 is the scholarly documentation or  
12 whatever it's called, but in addition it's the fact  
13 that they have more specialists that are on-site at any  
14 given time, and that's important.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: And then one other  
17 point I just wanted to -- is there something we can do  
18 as a commission maybe to approve a policy or a motion  
19 to put into place that this is what we want to happen  
20 when our officers are critically injured and that  
21 everyone would have to follow, whether they're private,  
22 emergency unit or Fire Department?

23 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I would  
24 think that would be appropriate given that dispatch  
25 certainly is managed by the police department. We also

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1 manage fire dispatch. And I think the policy -- and we  
2 can certainly have some research done. I think it's  
3 just that police management, supervision, can overrule.

4 And I know this happened in that other city I  
5 worked that police management can come in and say, no,  
6 transport the officer to Cedar Sinai, transport the  
7 officer to Martin Luther King, two trauma centers in  
8 the city of LA that are -- rank very high. And so  
9 that's where you want the officer to go, especially if  
10 you're talking about a gunshot wound to the head.

11 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am -- sir.

14 As a follow-up to Commissioner Dewaelsche, I think it  
15 is appropriate that perhaps some policy is in place.  
16 But first and foremost, you know, commissioners, I  
17 don't know if we need a resolution just for request for  
18 the Fire Commissioner Eric Jones to just kind of appear  
19 before us just to kind of elaborate on this as to what  
20 happened and also maybe we can have that discussion,  
21 too -- well, we will have a discussion regardless about  
22 policy in terms of, you know, what is necessary to, you  
23 know, protect and care for the officers of the Detroit  
24 Police Department.

25 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: So can I make that

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1 motion?

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I would ask you not to  
3 make the motion at this time. Let us look into the  
4 matter. Let Mr. Hicks look into it. The Chief has  
5 already directed his staff, you know, to take it, and  
6 we don't want to rush into, you know, making a motion.  
7 Let's try to -- give us a little time to work this out  
8 in terms of concern with the Chief, the Mayor and all  
9 the involved parties before we put a mandate on it.

10 Could you pause on that maybe?

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Sure. If that's  
12 what the Chief is --

13 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. I concur with the  
14 Chair's assessment. We've been working with --

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

16 CHIEF CRAIG: -- cooperatively with the fire  
17 commissioner. He certainly wants the best for not only  
18 first responders fire, but also police. So we're just  
19 trying to understand. And I do think one of the things  
20 that a supervisor or manager in the field can certainly  
21 overrule where a unit is going. And then a lot of it  
22 has to do with the communication with the concerned  
23 treatment facility. That may make a difference, too.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So we will engage this

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1 matter in the future as we really look at it and bring  
2 the powers together. I'm thinking the Chief already  
3 initiated that type of dialogue with the fire  
4 commissioner.

5 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Soon.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So it's something that we  
7 would really -- but you're correct.

8 CHIEF CRAIG: And through the Chair, I also  
9 want to just give another update. That's when I was on  
10 my phone. Apparently according to a commanding officer  
11 who's at the hospital right now, I know there was some  
12 early reports that the bullet that struck our officer  
13 deflected off of his skull creating bone fragments that  
14 impacted the brain, and that's what caused swelling.  
15 We have since learned that there is a bullet that's  
16 inside and that at this time the surgeons feel that  
17 removal of the bullet could create additional swelling  
18 and more complications. So that's not going to happen  
19 at this point. So I just wanted to bring you that  
20 update.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. You can  
22 see the nature of what we're dealing with.

23 I want to commend Commissioner Shelby for  
24 responding to the location, too, on behalf of the board  
25 and that type of involvement, but we all reach out in

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1 prayers, you know, immediately when you hear news like  
2 that, but I'm glad that individuals Crawford and Shelby  
3 and Chief and everybody and the staff, you know, is on  
4 the case, because that's basically how we respond.  
5 It's sort of age-old.

6 So thank you. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Now we're going to hear  
9 from Assistant Chief White's presentation on  
10 electronics.

11 A.C. White, thank you for being patient.

12 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Oh, absolutely.  
13 Thank you for this opportunity.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon,  
16 board.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

18 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: It is my privilege to  
19 bring before this honorable board finally and after  
20 much deliberation the department's ECW initiative for a  
21 formal vote.

22 This initiative is a culmination of one of  
23 many of Chief Craig's initiatives to promote public  
24 safety in this departments' crime suppression efforts.

25 First I want to thank the department's ECW

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1 committee, which consists of Lieutenant Franklin Hayes  
2 who I believe is here, Sergeant Romel Alexander,  
3 Sergeant John Watkins and Lieutenant Michael Parish.  
4 They've worked countless hours talking to officers  
5 throughout the department, looking at best practices  
6 around the country and really put a lot of work into  
7 this project. Also, they've done some work -- and I  
8 want to thank the board, the policy committee of the  
9 Board of Police Commissioners.

10 I do want to clarify one thing, though. In  
11 our work with the policy committee with the Board of  
12 Police Commissioners there were 13 policies that were  
13 recommended that we adopt. We adopted 11 of the 13.  
14 Two we did not. We deferred one. One required an  
15 annual recert for ECW users. The problem with that  
16 one, if you want to call it a problem, the concern was  
17 until we actually identify the product we don't know  
18 what the requirement may be from the manufacturer for  
19 recertification. So we ask that we defer that one.

20 Under the second policy, cited special  
21 populations being intoxicated persons. With that one,  
22 under special population with the citation of PERF, it  
23 indicated that they would be identified as a special  
24 population. In our review of that we did not find that  
25 PERF referred to intoxicated persons as special

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1 populations as -- such as pregnant and that type of  
2 thing.

3 And so what we did do, however, we adopted a  
4 practice that we will provide special training for  
5 intoxicated persons as they represent a heightened risk  
6 in using the ECW. So if that pleases the board that's  
7 how we will proceed.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

9 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: As we go back, again  
10 thinking all the work that went into this process with  
11 the committee, I want to also indicate that this policy  
12 was crafted with thought and sensitivity to our very  
13 supportive community.

14 I want to thank First Assistant Chief Stair.  
15 She always indicates that as you engage in any  
16 substantial change in an organization thoughtfulness  
17 must be at the table, must be an invited guest. And I  
18 will tell you an abundance of thoughtfulness went into  
19 this process. So thank you, First Assistant Chief  
20 Stair.

21 For organizational purposes, this  
22 presentation will be divided into two components.  
23 Lieutenant Michael Parish will provide the board with  
24 the department's ECW initiative while Sergeant John  
25 Watkins will provide the board with an overview of

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1 policy, and then we'll be available for Q and A.

2 Again, before we proceed, I want to say that  
3 we're fortunate. We're in a very fortunate and unusual  
4 situation, as a police department that has a Chief that  
5 has both managed or headed three of the agencies that  
6 have adopted an ECW. And the agency that we looked at,  
7 many of the agencies that we looked at -- I think we  
8 looked at 10 agencies, 11 -- well, dozens of agencies,  
9 three of which our Chief has actually managed.

10 In addition to that -- and that will be LAPD,  
11 Portland, Maine and Cincinnati. It should also be  
12 noted that in the case of Cincinnati Chief Craig worked  
13 extensively with the ACLU to develop that department's  
14 policy. And the interesting thing about that is that  
15 policy is viewed as a model policy in law enforcement.  
16 So that's a benefit that we don't have to pay a  
17 consultant for that we have right here as our Chief.

18 So with that I'm going to turn it over to  
19 Lieutenant Michael Parish, and I'll be here for  
20 questions and answers.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

22 LIEUTENANT PARISH: Thank you, Assistant  
23 Chief White. May it please the board.

24 This is going to be just an overview of the  
25 department's ECW initiative. Some of this stuff has



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1 already been discussed. Some of it may already be out  
2 there for general knowledge purposes, but we will go  
3 over.

4 First, when we refer to an ECW, we're  
5 referring to handheld devices that discharge electrical  
6 energy and is designed to temporarily incapacitate a  
7 suspect in order to overcome resistance. A TASER is  
8 probably the most notable brand. There are other  
9 brands out there such as PhaZZer. And, if we get to  
10 that point, we will follow the procurement process to  
11 ensure that we give everybody an opportunity to sell  
12 their product and, of course, the City's policies.

13 At long range, the ECW works by propelling  
14 darts. These darts are attached to wires. The purpose  
15 of the darts is to penetrate the suspect's skin and to  
16 conduct a high voltage and yet low amperage current  
17 throughout the suspect's body. This is to again  
18 incapacitate a suspect without permanent injury.

19 The question that's been -- that came at the  
20 onset of this initiative was what DPD was solving for.  
21 There are two things the DPD is solving for, but the  
22 most prominent is the deficiencies, the shortcomings of  
23 the two intermediate devices that the department  
24 currently has.

25 We currently issue chemical spray and we

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1 currently issue a PR-24 collapsible baton. The issues  
2 with the chemical spray, it's very rarely the device  
3 fully incapacitates somebody. In many cases it just  
4 irritates somebody, but does not incapacitate somebody.

5 The ECW works by overriding a suspect's  
6 neurological system. It's impossible to merely  
7 irritate, because it has a physical -- actual physical  
8 effect, not merely a psychological effect on the  
9 person.

10 Another issue with chemical spray is that the  
11 device cannot be used in close quarters due to a risk  
12 of cross-contamination. If I use the spray in tight  
13 quarters, there's a possibility that I may be just as  
14 affected by the spray as you. And obviously an  
15 incapacitated officer is probably one of the worst ends  
16 to a situation that can be out there.

17 And also the chemical spray due to its effect  
18 on the breathing process, the respiratory system, there  
19 is a very increased risk of positional asphyxia, which  
20 as this board knows has resulted in fatalities across  
21 the country and which was specifically mentioned in the  
22 department's consent judgment, which we are now free  
23 of.

24 Similarly with the PR-24, again the device  
25 rarely incapacitates a suspect. You'll see in video

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1 just how difficult it is to incapacitate somebody with  
2 the PR-24, and that's simply due to the number of  
3 mechanical actions that have to take place in order to  
4 put somebody under control. The device is cumbersome.  
5 It requires a lot of energy to use. Officers,  
6 notwithstanding the training they go through, become  
7 physically exhausted very quickly through using this  
8 device.

9 And the device is difficult to deploy in  
10 rapidly evolving situation. And again, this is because  
11 of the number of mechanical actions that has to take  
12 place in order to effectively deploy this device, to  
13 have it ready to bring a suspect down. And, of course,  
14 all of the shortcomings increase the risk to officers,  
15 but they also increase the risk to a suspect.

16 To talk about the safety risks involved in  
17 cases where a ECW or intermediary device would be used,  
18 we conducted an audit of two years to get a fix on  
19 exactly what dangers officers face when they're engaged  
20 in use of force situations that require an intermediate  
21 device. In one year that we examined, almost a third  
22 of the incidents resulted in an injury to the officer.  
23 This is due to obviously the violent circumstances  
24 surrounding these incidents. But key is the fact that  
25 in order to take a suspect into custody with current

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1 implements you have to come into close contact, which  
2 increases your risk of injury.

3 Similarly in another year that we audited, a  
4 quarter of the officers that were involved in  
5 circumstances that would warrant an intermediate device  
6 sustained injuries. Again, this is often due to the  
7 close quarters, the need to actually engage --  
8 physically engage the suspect in order to bring them  
9 under control.

10 These are training shots that demonstrate how  
11 an ECW will actually work. As you can see, the probes  
12 are discharged from the unit. These are all training  
13 videos, by the way. And the electric current that  
14 results from the discharge overrides the suspect's  
15 nervous system, and it renders a suspect temporarily  
16 incapacitated. This takes out the need to physically  
17 engage the suspect. It puts them into a position where  
18 they can safely be taken into custody.

19 For a real life example of a difference  
20 between how an ECW may look compared to one of our  
21 current police-authorized intermediate devices, on the  
22 right you see two officers using a PR-24. That is our  
23 device. That is one of our intermediate weapons. You  
24 can see the issues that are arising due to the fact  
25 that you have to so engage this person in close

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1           quarters, physically engage the suspect.

2                       You can clearly see on the right side the  
3           activity is coming down to a -- has slowed down  
4           significantly. Make no mistake, that's because the  
5           officers have become physically exhausted due to the  
6           need to physically engage the suspect. Compare that to  
7           the minimal efforts to the officer on the left side of  
8           screen. The suspect was immediately incapacitated and  
9           the urgency is now gone.

10                      So the suspect on the left side of the screen  
11           is being handcuffed. He is no longer a threat. The  
12           suspect on the right side of the scene is still at  
13           large.

14                      And as this demonstrates also, the number of  
15           mechanical actions needed to actually use PR-24 and how  
16           taxing it is on the officer's physical posture.

17                      But there's another issue that we're solving  
18           for. In addition to the shortcomings -- in addition to  
19           the shortcomings that our current implements offer,  
20           there is one more issue. We're quite simply behind the  
21           times. More than at least more than 15,000 police  
22           agencies have adopted an ECW. In a recent report that  
23           we've read, it's -- the number now exceeds 18,000  
24           agencies have adopted an ECW device. The National  
25           Institute of Justice, a very reputable agency, has

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1 associated a large drop in injury rates for suspects  
2 and officers alike with the introduction of the ECW.

3 And for those who might say, well, that's a  
4 police institution, there are also other institutions,  
5 not police affiliated, like the American Journal of  
6 Public Health, which noted that the use of less lethal  
7 weapons, which includes what they refer to as CEDs, but  
8 just another way of saying ECW, decrease the odds of a  
9 suspect's injury. And I want to emphasize the  
10 suspect's injury, not necessarily the officer's injury.  
11 This is beneficial to both the officers and the  
12 suspects.

13 While it is true that there has been  
14 controversy surrounding ECWs, we have to remember that  
15 there has not been an implement that we've ever adopted  
16 that has not resulted in some controversy. It was not  
17 long ago where we adopted spray devices that was  
18 controversial at its time. When police departments  
19 adopted a -- what was formerly referred to as a night  
20 stick, what we will refer to today as PR-24, it was a  
21 controversial device. And any device can be misused  
22 and create controversy. But expert panels have  
23 determined repeatedly that there is no clear medical  
24 evidence that shows a high risk of serious injury or  
25 death from the direct effects of ECWs. And this is

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1 further evidenced by the fact that the International  
2 Association of Chiefs of Police has created a model  
3 policy so confident that the department should, in  
4 fact, adopt it that they have created a standard for  
5 its implementation.

6 We paid a lot of attention to the Cincinnati  
7 Police Department. We paid a lot of attention to the  
8 Cincinnati Police Department who conducted a case  
9 study, and the numbers are striking.

10 Okay. In 2012 when they released their study  
11 they noted that in the six years that followed the  
12 implementation of the ECW overall uses of force dropped  
13 by 35 percent. The implementation itself had a  
14 deterrent effect on use of force situations. Indeed,  
15 use of the ECW itself dropped by 47 percent, again  
16 highlighting the deterrent value of implementing the  
17 ECW.

18 Excessive force complaints dropped by 47.5  
19 percent, and that's notwithstanding the fact that the  
20 overall rate of citizen complaints increased.

21 The conclusions are that we've touched on  
22 that officers do face substantial risk of injuries,  
23 that ECWs promote safety.

24 And again, this is the video that we showed  
25 earlier, which is really a good example of when the

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1 intermediate device would be authorized.

2 These are some of the agencies that we've  
3 reviewed, but we have adopted in large part the model  
4 policy of the IACP in addition to reviewing these other  
5 ones. Key factors of this policy are that a ECW may be  
6 deployed against a person who is actively resisting or  
7 in a self-destructive state or when a person assumes an  
8 aggressive attack posture. In other words, we don't  
9 have to wait for you to attack if you assume the  
10 posture already. Deployment will be authorized.

11 With that, that's the presentation. That  
12 concludes it.

13 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, Mike.  
14 Very good job, Lieutenant Parish.

15 So in closing, just a couple other key points  
16 that I want to bring forward in communications that  
17 I've had with the Chief of Police who's sitting right  
18 here, so speaking as if he's not. But one of the  
19 things that was very important is that we continue to  
20 be transparent in the organization. I think that we  
21 all agree that the Detroit Police Department has grown  
22 up, right. I mean, we all agree that transparency is  
23 who we are. We are a transparent agency. Post consent  
24 judgment there has not been any slippage as relates to  
25 going back into some of the behaviors that caused us to



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1 end up in a consent judgment.

2 We audit. We continue to audit behavior. We  
3 continue to audit practices in the police department.  
4 And we aggressively change practice. The status quo is  
5 a bad word. It's an unacceptable term in the  
6 organization now, something that was not present when I  
7 started my career 21 years ago. We are encouraged to  
8 be aggressive managers as relates to developing policy  
9 that meets the needs of the organization.

10 And then lastly, we talked about transparency  
11 and providing the equipment where we can tell our  
12 story, but reveal our story to what happened. So as  
13 relates to the uniform officers, the electronic control  
14 weapon will work in concert with the body camera. As  
15 it relates to the plain clothes implementation, those  
16 electronic control weapons will have their own  
17 independent camera, as those officers and detectives  
18 will not be afforded the body camera because that's a  
19 uniform requirement at this point.

20 So with that I open it up to any questions.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?

22 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, if I could  
23 just add something --

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

25 CHIEF CRAIG: -- as the questions start.

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1                   One of the things I wanted to stress, you  
2                   know, going forward if the board decides to adopt, as  
3                   it was pointed out early in the conversation, having  
4                   been in every department with the use of the ECWs, one  
5                   notable department -- when I took over as Chief in the  
6                   Portland, Maine Police Department, there had been long  
7                   resistance to move forward with the TASER. Certainly  
8                   City Council, who like this body, oversees -- oversaw  
9                   the department and decisions on policy did not want,  
10                  and because of my background and experience, one of the  
11                  things that we made an assurance of that we would have  
12                  one of the strictest policies in the country, but also  
13                  that we would have a very rigorous pilot program, from  
14                  a council that was totally against going to full  
15                  support.

16                  You know, one of the things that a lot of  
17                  departments haven't done or they don't show through the  
18                  pilot program effort. So, for example, in the  
19                  Portland, Maine Police Department what we tracked was  
20                  not just the full deployment of the TASER and force  
21                  incidents, but just the mere removal of the TASER and  
22                  pointing it at a subject or suspect, because there's a  
23                  difference. And during that deployment where the darts  
24                  were not deployed we called it a beneficial use.

25                  What we found in Portland was there were more

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1 beneficial uses where the suspect -- we got compliance  
2 without deploying the darts, because once you deploy  
3 the TASER and they know that it's a TASER you provide  
4 that verbal warning, the suspect generally complies.

5 One case comes to mind that I wanted to  
6 share, the suspect that the department faced that I  
7 ended up responding to the scene was a suicide by cop.  
8 The subject was in his car, armed with a knife,  
9 threatening to commit suicide. And instead of going  
10 into a deadly force situation and through negotiations,  
11 the deployment of the TASER resulted in saving that  
12 individual's life. And there's so many of those  
13 stories.

14 So during our pilot program in Portland every  
15 three months -- well, it's actually a three-month  
16 pilot. We would report out to City Council every month  
17 beneficial uses and the actual deployment.

18 But one of the things that was a selling  
19 point in addition to the pilot program that we  
20 institute was when the TASER was deployed with the  
21 darts that ended up making contact with the subject, or  
22 suspect, we as the police department did not remove the  
23 darts, particularly if it hit the flesh. We would --  
24 medical personnel would be summoned, and only medical  
25 personnel or officers that were medically trained to

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1 render first aid would actually remove the darts.

2 I know history here in Detroit I guess some  
3 years ago there was a presentation in front of another  
4 body some years ago on the deployment of a TASER. Some  
5 of you may remember, it didn't go real well.

6 COMMISSIONER VANN: At all.

7 CHIEF CRAIG: And so the sight of blood and  
8 the fact that, you know, we, the police, we remove the  
9 darts is certainly not the way we want to conduct the  
10 business.

11 So I will just bring those two points up as  
12 you go into some more specific questions about what a  
13 pilot program would look like and entail.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?

15 COMMISSIONER VANN: Well, Mr. Chair, I  
16 happened to be at that presentation many years ago, and  
17 it did not go well.

18 I wanted to ask, though, I did have a  
19 unfortunate funeral service for a young man who had  
20 been shot with a TASER, and I wanted to know had any  
21 research been done with regard to fatalities as it  
22 relates to these weapons?

23 LIEUTENANT PARISH: Commissioner, first of  
24 all, the ECW committee painstakingly reviewed as much  
25 research as possible. We could not find one definitive

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1 conclusion from a reputable agency that directly -- and  
2 I want to emphasize directly linked the deployment of  
3 the TASER with the fatality, nothing that we could  
4 find.

5 But I don't want to just leave the  
6 commissioner with that. I want to emphasize that the  
7 ECW was characterized in the policy as a less lethal  
8 weapon. Like any implement, it could result in  
9 unintended consequences like any implement. It could  
10 be -- you know, it could be -- mistakes happen. Things  
11 could happen. That's why it's regarded as a less  
12 lethal weapon and not a nonfatal weapon, okay. That's  
13 the distinction. That's why we refer to it as a less  
14 lethal weapon.

15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

17 CHIEF CRAIG: I just wanted to also say, and  
18 I certainly understand your question and the concerns,  
19 and I have seen -- in the Los Angeles Police Department  
20 when I joined in 1981, I joined and we had TASERS from  
21 the onset, the early version of TASERS. That was also  
22 during the time that suspects ingested a drug known as  
23 PCP. They had superhuman strength. And many times the  
24 only way to deescalate a force incident, because using  
25 a baton or anything else was totally ineffective.

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1           However, the ECW was effective.

2                       Now, there had been some instances where  
3           suspects under the influence of PCP where there was a  
4           deployment that the suspect did succumb. And one comes  
5           to mind, one thing about the PCP suspects in one  
6           instance a suspect was unclothed. He was high on the  
7           drug. He was attacking people in the neighborhood.  
8           Someone used a knife cutting his femoral artery. He  
9           bled out, but he was also -- there was a deployment of  
10          a TASER. It was determined that he died from the wound  
11          as opposed to the TASER.

12                      As it was pointed out, I think it should be  
13          noted that high risk persons, someone that we know is  
14          pregnant, someone -- and I think it was noted about  
15          someone who is under the influence of a drug or  
16          alcohol, I think those things should be taken under  
17          consideration before deployment, because it just  
18          increases the risk to the individual.

19                      But as is pointed out, there's not a lot out  
20          there. Although, there has been some excessive force  
21          allegations of departments. One that comes to mind is  
22          one in the city of Inglewood, California where the  
23          officers deployed the TASER on an individual's  
24          genitalia. That was just misconduct. Certainly the  
25          person did suffer a significant injury, and that person

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1 was -- if my memory serves me was prosecuted and jailed  
2 behind it. That's clearly excessive force.

3 The last thing I'll say about it, when you  
4 talk about deployment of the PR-24, certainly in many  
5 instances to gain compliance of someone who is under  
6 the influence of drugs and/or alcohol certainly can  
7 sustain more injury, not only to the officer, and  
8 there's been significant studies and reports on it, but  
9 they may not comply. And as you saw in the video, the  
10 PR-24 was deployed and they could not gain compliance  
11 with this subject. So again, the ECW certainly is a  
12 very effective tool in overcoming violent resistance of  
13 a subject.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Carter and  
15 then Commissioner Crawford.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair, do  
17 you know what the -- at this time what the training  
18 would look for the officers? I know you haven't  
19 selected -- you haven't gone through the process, but  
20 do you know approximately how many hours of training  
21 that they will be -- in order to become a certified  
22 operator?

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: So just looking at it  
24 preliminarily, it looks like it's going to be at the  
25 very least an eight-hour course, at the very least, for

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1 the implementation of the weapon. Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Eight hours?

3 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Eight hours.

4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So isn't there  
5 something about muscle memory and then -- is it going  
6 to be carried -- where it's going to be carried,  
7 whether it's going to be carried on their off side  
8 or --

9 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: That's correct.

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yeah.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: And so right now  
12 because of the weapons that we have, the PR-24, which  
13 is carried on the off side, the non-strong side, that  
14 would replace that weapon.

15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay.

16 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: So from a standpoint  
17 of muscle memory. What we don't want the officers  
18 doing is thinking too much.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Right.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Okay. It will have a  
21 different feel to it, a different look, and it will be  
22 on the off side. And then it will remedial training  
23 for people who didn't meet the standard.

24 I do want to piggyback something Chief Craig  
25 indicated with regards to some of the endura (ph) data



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1 that's out there with regards to intermediate weapons.  
2 I think one of the things that's important to remember  
3 is we already carry PR-24s, which designs are pain  
4 compliance. This weapon is central nervous system. So  
5 when you're dealing with a pain-compliant weapon like  
6 the PR-24, if someone's under the influence of  
7 hallucinogens or other drugs, their brain won't  
8 necessarily connect with pain, or there's a delay there  
9 that allows them to continue to be aggressive.

10 Many years ago I was one of the trainers for  
11 PPCT, which is pressure point control tactics, which  
12 are directly involved with pain compliance. The night  
13 stick training that I received and administered was to  
14 deliver strikes, fluid strikes, to areas of the body  
15 such as the common peroneal and to deliver strikes to  
16 the brachial plexus tie-in. Now, they work if there's  
17 nothing altering that brain chemistry. Many times they  
18 did not work.

19 By way of example, the video that we just saw  
20 with the gentleman on the right that was fighting with  
21 the two officers, that gentleman sustained a broken  
22 wrist. We did not know he had a broken wrist until he  
23 got to the hospital because of the way the officers had  
24 to attempt to subdue him and take him into a  
25 department-approved wrist lock, which you use with a

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1 PR-24. So you are to put the PR-24 under the wrist and  
2 then bring down the wrist into a wrist lock. With  
3 fighting, those things, you know, are ideal when a  
4 person complies. When they don't comply, you're  
5 administering that pressure.

6 So pain compliance versus a product that will  
7 deal with the central nervous system is significant.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Crawford.

9 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair.

10 Yes, sir. Years ago and following the TASER  
11 presentation and also during I mean countless hours and  
12 days of research and looking at the fact that there  
13 were deaths that were one might say contributing  
14 factors using the TASER, and regardless to what one's  
15 condition was or whatever they were under or on so to  
16 speak, the issue today, though, and even looking at  
17 doing the research, anybody can do all this research on  
18 the fatalities, is oftentimes officers were in  
19 violation of their policy. And in even some cases some  
20 police departments, even in this area, didn't even have  
21 policies pertaining to the -- they had TASERS, but they  
22 didn't even have a policy in terms of -- I mean very  
23 few police departments today, but -- so that's  
24 important that officers adhere to the policy. I like  
25 this policy, and even having myself review policies

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1 from other departments.

2 Having said that -- and I was really  
3 diametrically opposed years ago -- yes, sir, you recall  
4 that. But I say today because I work in the jail, we  
5 have TASERs in the jail. Well, actually supervision  
6 does. And that will be totally different in the  
7 Detroit Police Department, but supervisors have TASERs  
8 and anyone else who wanted to be TASER trained. The  
9 reason why we don't have a bunch of officers walking  
10 around the jail with TASERs is because of the fact of  
11 the population it is a inmate population, and you  
12 wouldn't want one of them to take that from you and use  
13 it on other deputies, et cetera.

14 I've been witness to the use of the TASER on  
15 one incident. I think it's been a couple years ago.  
16 And giving that setting in a jail -- and, by the way,  
17 even today, you know, if there's a situation that  
18 things move rapidly in the jail officers tend to come  
19 out of the situation if a TASER is used -- and it's  
20 very rare that a TASER is used in a jail, but there are  
21 broken bones, there are lacerations, there's all sorts  
22 of injuries associated with -- one might say dealing  
23 with inmates, in terms of physically dealing with  
24 inmates.

25 The one incident with a TASER was used was

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1 very effectively. I've seen, I don't know, maybe close  
2 to a hundred times where a TASER was on holster, red  
3 dots, and individuals comply. They don't even use it.  
4 And even as my son has often stated to me, they have  
5 TASERs in Atlanta, Georgia, Atlanta Police Department,  
6 they rarely use them. The reason is because once you  
7 draw it out and red dots, most individuals tend to  
8 comply, you know, with being taken into custody or  
9 whatever the situation is. So that's just my point on  
10 it.

11 And also, too, there was a question earlier  
12 today on via E-mail in terms of the color. I know it's  
13 going to be per the policy. And, by the way, I read  
14 all 17 pages that was on my computer, which has been  
15 reduced to 11. It's all here. And I want to thank  
16 you, Assistant Chief, and everyone else associated with  
17 the recommendations that were incorporated. Just like  
18 Commissioner Bell said, this is about, you know, all of  
19 us coming together and the department being receptive,  
20 too, to recommendations that the board has.

21 And I want to thank the commission, Ms.  
22 White, who did all the research and also board  
23 secretary, Mr. Hicks, for all helping -- contributing  
24 with this project in terms of the policy.

25 But I can't emphasize enough -- and this is

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1 the Detroit Police Department. I mean, in terms of  
2 following policy, being transparent and most definitely  
3 holding individuals accountable, it's so important in  
4 this. Because if you check and do the research outside  
5 of the people who have abuse this and step outside of  
6 policy, oftentimes you have things that result.  
7 Unfortunately, maybe a fatality. So that's so  
8 important.

9 And also in terms of the commission, I would  
10 like to -- that we as a commission, our Chief  
11 Investigator who reports out to us every month in terms  
12 of monitoring or an audit of the use, you know, whether  
13 -- I know implementation, you know, in the beginning we  
14 may have a number of users, we may not. But as months  
15 go by, as was stated in your presentation here, you  
16 know, the use of -- it's so important especially that  
17 the community knows that, you know, the use of force is  
18 down. I mean, if it occurs, I mean if that's what's,  
19 you know, recorded in the record.

20 So thank you, sir.

21 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

22 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I just want  
23 to also add -- and I talked about this whole issue  
24 called beneficial use, which I think it's important for  
25 this body to know that when we deploy without actually

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1 deploying the darts and the impact it had on that  
2 encounter with somebody from the public that if we just  
3 pulled the TASER out of its holster and maybe the  
4 subject or suspect saw the red dot and complied. And I  
5 know that's going to create more work for the staff,  
6 but I think it's important for you to know that as  
7 well.

8 In terms of training, I guess as the  
9 department was preparing when you were on this body  
10 many -- well, some years ago --

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Many years ago.

12 CHIEF CRAIG: I won't say many, some years  
13 ago. Many in the SRT were trained in -- they were  
14 trainers. We certainly want to deploy the TASER like  
15 we did on the body, a very methodical way, maybe  
16 piloted certainly with our SRT. It is our hope that  
17 every sworn personnel in operations has a TASER,  
18 including our detective personnel. Those officers in  
19 uniform that are equipped with body cameras that they  
20 would carry a TASER that doesn't necessarily have the  
21 camera, or is not a camera-equipped TASER.

22 On those entities like detectives where there  
23 is no body camera, then those TASERS would have video  
24 footage attached to it so that way if there's an  
25 encounter on a non-body warn camera officer at least we

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1 still have some video coverage.

2 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir. And  
3 through the Chair also, too, the fact that officers who  
4 are working the street that don't have a body -- I mean  
5 don't have a camera on their TASER they'll still have  
6 to be within policy of having their body camera on.

7 CHIEF CRAIG: That's correct.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, if I can  
9 make a comment, please.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: So, yes, when we  
12 had our discussion about TASERS in September, we had a  
13 very lengthy presentation, and there were a lot of  
14 questions by some of the commissioners. I know  
15 Commissioner Mallett had a few questions, too.

16 I think with this presentation, you know, a  
17 lot has been answered for me in terms of the specific  
18 questions we had. What I'm very concerned about is  
19 that we have state-of-the-art equipment for our  
20 officers.

21 And the fact that you have reported that  
22 18,000 other departments already have this and we still  
23 don't, that to me is, you know, of very -- I mean, we  
24 have to take action is my point. And so, you know,  
25 that was very helpful.

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1 I really, really thought that the case study  
2 answered a lot of questions for me as well. It may be  
3 just one department, but I think that if you were to  
4 look at other departments we might see the same thing.

5 The example you gave in Cincinnati about the  
6 drop of 35 percent and the overall use of force because  
7 of this, I think that's extremely helpful. It's going  
8 to help us make a decision, I think, at least for me,  
9 much more quickly. And I'd like to know what the next  
10 steps are.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Commissioner  
12 Burton.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Thank you,  
14 Mr. Chairman.

15 You know, I've been advocating for TASERS for  
16 this department for the past two and a half years.  
17 And, you know, one of the reasons as for, you know,  
18 just looking at some of the situations our officers  
19 have to -- you know, are faced with on a day-to-day  
20 basis, you know, with TASERS we would start to see a  
21 lot of these injuries against officers start to trickle  
22 down with TASERS.

23 I always said that we need to protect our  
24 officers more. I think the department is doing a great  
25 job as far as doing that, but, you know, our officers



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1 need TASERS out there. I mean, look at the officers  
2 that's transporting people down to the detention  
3 center, and they might have to be standing there with  
4 the person in custody. At some point that officer has  
5 to take the cuffs off of that person, and this person  
6 may be a hundred pounds -- maybe weigh a hundred pounds  
7 over -- in size of the officer. So, you know, our  
8 officers need TASERS. They need them.

9 I look at smaller departments that had the  
10 TASERS. We should have had them a long time ago. But  
11 I'm glad that we are moving in the right direction and  
12 getting TASERS for our guys.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Finally, Mr. Hicks or Ms.  
14 White, do you have any comments?

15 MR. HICKS: No, we don't have any substantial  
16 comments. Our comments came during the period of time  
17 which we reviewed the initial policy that was given to  
18 us by the department.

19 We do want to indicate and thank the  
20 department for what we thought was an effective  
21 dialogue in both directions, which resulted in either  
22 the addition of some policy phrases or in the  
23 clarification of others. And we thought that we're, as  
24 a committee, would come out of the subcommittee with a  
25 actual policy recommendation, but because of changes in

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1 the composition of that committee we did not have time  
2 to actually come out with a recommendation.

3 So this is really presented for board action  
4 today to determine what the board wants to do with the  
5 issue.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: On that note, the Chair  
7 would entertain a motion from the --

8 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I'm sorry, sir. I  
9 just had one more question or --

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: -- one might say  
12 suggestion in terms of federal -- it's not guidelines.  
13 It was in the federal guidelines in terms of a  
14 suggestion is that the yellow -- and I don't know what  
15 the department has in mind. That the TASER on the  
16 right here, the yellow one, it is a -- the color itself  
17 opposed to one that's black in color is a  
18 distinguishing difference, as you can well see. It's  
19 obvious in terms of not only -- of course, wanting to  
20 have it on the opposite side of their gun hand on their  
21 body is I think important, one might say, due to the  
22 fact there have been a couple incidents across the  
23 country, most notably Tulsa, Oklahoma where an  
24 individual thought he had his TASER and actually had  
25 his weapon in his hand, his gun in his hand, which

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1           resulted in a fatality. And there was another one,  
2           too.

3                     ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: We looked at that one  
4           -- through the Chair -- and it was on his strong side,  
5           which was his strong side.

6                     COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.

7                     ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: And with regards to  
8           the color, the only thing I would ask for clarity sake  
9           is that we are asking for a vote on an electronic  
10          weapon today.

11                    COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes.

12                    ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: And not specifically  
13          a TASER. A TASER is a brand, which basically stands  
14          for Thomas A. Smith Electronic Weapon (sic).

15                    COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.

16                    ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: They are not  
17          necessarily the company that we will be going with.  
18          For procurement purposes, we will put it out to bid.  
19          TASER will probably bid on it and we will get, to your  
20          point, ma'am, the best equipment available for our  
21          officers. And then we will be able to discuss color  
22          and those types of things with the Chief at that time.

23                    COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir. I'm not  
24          referencing this particular company making this  
25          particular color. Perhaps the other company makes that

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1 -- produces this color, too.

2 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Understood.

3 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: On that note, the Chair  
5 would entertain a motion from the policy Chair,  
6 Commissioner Crawford.

7 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay. The motion is  
8 to approve.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Electronic ...

10 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Electronic control  
11 weapons. Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

13 COMMISSIONER VANN: Support.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
15 and supported. Any further discussion?

16 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

18 MR. HICKS: If I can just interject. This is  
19 clarification on the motion --

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.

21 MR. HICKS: -- to approve the directive that  
22 is governing this.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You're speaking of this  
24 particular document?

25 MR. HICKS: The directive that's in front of

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1 us, yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you restate --

3 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay, amend -- yeah.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Not amend, but just  
5 restate it, please.

6 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yeah. The motion is  
7 to approve the directive, which is the Detroit Police  
8 Department manual on the use of electronic control  
9 weapons.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And that's directive  
11 304.2; right?

12 MR. HICKS: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Because we're clear on the  
14 motion.

15 Okay. Any further discussion?

16 Those in favor, aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

19 Motion carried.

20 Thank you, Chief Craig, A.C. White and your  
21 team of people there, like they're ready to go. We're  
22 looking forward to the final product.

23 I want to thank Commissioner Crawford and  
24 Mr. Hicks and the board and Mrs. White and all  
25 involved, because we started this process back in

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1           September. And we have gotten to this point here in  
2           May that we have approved this directive in reference  
3           to us as we go forward. So I want to thank you for  
4           your patience and your involvement, and we're looking  
5           forward to the final product.

6                         ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, board.  
7           And we appreciate the opportunity.

8                         CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. And we're not  
9           going to pay the Chief for consulting.

10                        CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I want to  
11           thank you for your -- to you and the board and also to  
12           our team for a job well done. So thank you.

13                        ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, sir.

14                        CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Outstanding.

15                        I would ask that Mr. Hicks and the staff  
16           prepare a public statement, a release on this  
17           particular matter so we can get it out there as soon as  
18           possible, because now once we approved it people are  
19           going to have some inquiry and concern. And so I think  
20           we need to do a press release on it.

21                        Thank you, sir.

22                        MR. HICKS: It shall be done.

23                        CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Director of  
24           personnel, thank you for your patience. I know you've  
25           been anxious to come before us this afternoon, and we

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1 thank you as always.

2 MS. OXENDINE: Gail Oxendine, Director of  
3 Police Personnel, for the record. Good afternoon.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.

5 MS. OXENDINE: So this is a report for April  
6 of 2017. Our current employment numbers are as  
7 follows:

8 We have 2,412 sworn employees at this time,  
9 519 civilians, for a total of 2,931. We are short 192  
10 employees. I do want to point out, though, that of the  
11 150 sworn vacancies that 54 of those are police  
12 assistants. So for the first time in a long time we  
13 have less than a hundred vacancies amongst our sworn  
14 ranks. So that's good news for us.

15 Sworn recruiting, we've had a total of 3,748  
16 applicants during the fiscal year '16, '17. We have  
17 373 that are awaiting MCOLES testing, 165 in process.  
18 You can see our lack of interest numbers, temporary  
19 disqualified and permanently disqualified numbers.  
20 During the month of April we hired 32 officers. They  
21 started on April 24th.

22 With respect to our MCOLES testing, we had  
23 did a little bit better this month. We had 154 written  
24 scheduled, 162 physical agility, and from that number  
25 you see 99 passed the written and 63 passed the

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1 physical agility.

2 We also had a graduation in the month of  
3 April, which was held on April the 28th. Of that class  
4 that graduated we had 15 White males, one White female,  
5 eight Black males, eight Black females, one Asian male  
6 and one Arab male.

7 Moving on to Page 2, total new hires for the  
8 month of April, 32 sworn, 27 civilian and two police  
9 assistants for a total of 61.

10 You have your residency numbers. You have  
11 630 sworn officers are Detroit residents, 316 civilians  
12 are Detroit residents.

13 Our summer internship program, which will  
14 begin on June the 5th, we have 50 students this time,  
15 and we are currently conducting interviews and expect  
16 to complete those interviews sometime next week.

17 Our attrition numbers, again a good month for  
18 us, 12 sworn, seven civilian, one police assistant for  
19 a total of 20. So we netted a total of 20 officers  
20 this month, which is a really good net. We don't  
21 usually get that. So we did pretty well.

22 I just have your restricted duty and leave of  
23 absence numbers in the chart below. With respect to  
24 special projects, we're starting a new project --  
25 police medical will be the lead on this project -- to



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1 review the absenteeism rate and to audit the adherence  
2 to the attendance policy with respect to quarterly  
3 reviews. And we're also going to be having our  
4 meetings with the union with respect to phase 2 of the  
5 restricted duty process during the week of May 15th.

6 And that concludes my report, and I'll take  
7 any questions you may have.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair --

10 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I'm sorry. Go ahead,  
11 ma'am.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Just a question about  
13 the summer interns. Of the 50, how many will receive  
14 internships?

15 MS. OXENDINE: We have 50 positions  
16 available.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Positions available.

18 MS. OXENDINE: So we will have 50 interns  
19 this summer.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Thank you.

21 MS. OXENDINE: Yes. We had over 200 and some  
22 apply.

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Oh, wow. Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Crawford.

25 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am. Thank

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1           you for the presentation. I just want to -- this -- we  
2           may not, so much as I, but there are others that may  
3           have had this conversation before in terms of the  
4           retention of the new officers. Because I attended the  
5           graduation Friday and, of course, again the obvious is  
6           outside police departments, suburban police departments  
7           who, in all rights, you know, there may be a relative  
8           or friend of theirs graduating, but -- and even some of  
9           those of rank from suburban police departments are  
10          there. There is always the question as to how long are  
11          we going to retain these newly police officers in the  
12          city of Detroit when other departments -- and I know  
13          for a fact they even talked to an individual recently  
14          who said there was a particular suburban police  
15          department told him to go to Detroit and get certified  
16          and come see them as soon as you get your  
17          certification.

18                        So are we in terms of numbers -- or could you  
19          perhaps next month report out in terms of maybe for the  
20          last five or six months, ma'am, as to officers who  
21          graduated and the ones who may not be with us?

22                        MS. OXENDINE: Sure. I have that information  
23          available, and we have looked at that very recently.

24                        COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am.

25                        MS. OXENDINE: So I can provide that to you

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1           either at the next meeting or next reporting, or if you  
2           want me to send it via E-mail. It's at your pleasure.

3                       COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: If you could -- you  
4           know what, for -- because this is what, the fifth  
5           month. Next month will be -- unless the other  
6           commissioners, if they're in concurrence with that --

7                       COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: I would like that.

8                       COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Next month, yes.  
9           That will be June, and that's almost the six-month  
10          period since the first of the year.

11                      MS. OXENDINE: Sure. I can provide that to  
12          you.

13                      COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am. Thank  
14          you very much.

15                      MS. OXENDINE: You're welcome.

16                      CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioners?

17                      COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes, sir, if I may.

18                      So I have a question in terms of the meetings  
19          you're going to have to talk about the restricted duty  
20          process.

21                      MS. OXENDINE: Yes.

22                      COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Is the -- what  
23          would be the outcome? Are you trying to -- are you  
24          going to try to see what the statuses of the 130 and  
25          how you could maybe reduce that number?

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1 MS. OXENDINE: So we started out -- when we  
2 began the project, we had about 160 some odd. So phase  
3 2 was to identify those officers that had restrictions  
4 that were deemed permanent by a medical provider. So  
5 they had reached their maximum ability to become well,  
6 but they still were not able to perform the 24  
7 functions of a police officer.

8 So we met with unions first to tell them we  
9 were starting this project. And we were going to  
10 recommend -- you know, have the Chief take a look at  
11 these cases for recommendation to the police and fire  
12 retirement system for consideration for duty or  
13 non-duty disability retirement.

14 So we've been slowly going through that  
15 process, working with Pension. There's been some  
16 straightening out of policies and process and such.  
17 And so we're kind of at the end of that road. They  
18 have a few more cases to consider.

19 But phase 2 is now looking at those that are  
20 deemed injured, but not permanently. And the  
21 collective bargaining agreements provide for an  
22 opportunity for the Chief to reduce the number of  
23 restricted duty positions and that the other -- you  
24 know, there's some provisions with respect to seniority  
25 and so forth, duty versus non-duty related injuries and

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1 such. And so we're going to met with the union to  
2 basically inform them of our beginning to commence with  
3 phase 2 of this project.

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

5 MS. OXENDINE: Sure.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioner?

7 I just want one comment. It appears that we  
8 went through that when Mayor Dennis Archer became  
9 Mayor. And it was -- it really changed the whole  
10 climate of people that was on long-term restricted  
11 duty, either they were back to duty, medical review and  
12 retirement or whatever. But it was so many people on  
13 that role it was like they had a full-time job on  
14 restricted duty in a way, so ...

15 MS. OXENDINE: Yes. We have many officers  
16 who have been on restricted duty for many years.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

18 MS. OXENDINE: So our attempt is to -- you  
19 know, clearly the objective is to have as many officers  
20 as we have available to the assigned operations, to do  
21 patrol and investigations. And this is one way to  
22 help, you know, meet that objective.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. I'm pleased to hear  
24 that, because I think it's definitely needed because at  
25 some point in time you need to be able to function.

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1 MS. OXENDINE: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: As the Assistant Chief  
3 would attest to, the military don't have a drawn out  
4 process like that.

5 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Basically you get  
6 a couple days, you put a Band-Aid on and you go back  
7 out.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Right. They address,  
9 because they can't have people -- but we had a long  
10 history of individuals, as you well know, probably what  
11 you're experiencing now --

12 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So we definitely need to  
14 purge the road to address that. So thank you for being  
15 due diligent on that particular matter.

16 MS. OXENDINE: Yes, and if I can add --

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. OXENDINE: -- you know, we definitely  
19 want to be able to help officers --

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. OXENDINE: -- during their period of  
22 recovery, whatever that might be.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

24 MS. OXENDINE: But we don't want to encourage  
25 people to, shall I say, not go through the recovery

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1 process. So, you know, we want to help officers, but,  
2 you know, we also have an obligation to the citizens to  
3 provide services.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, especially when they  
5 were functioning outside of police work, doing  
6 everything else. As you know, cutting grass and all  
7 that job, all the activities. So that was exposed,  
8 too. So they were able-bodied in that capacity so --  
9 but we all know there are some people well deserving of  
10 that status, but other folks was just taking advantage  
11 of it.

12 So we appreciate that. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Through the Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: One of the concerns at  
16 that time was rank of disability's at. What the union  
17 was saying at that time like if you had a job that a  
18 disabled officer could do, like a sit-down job, that  
19 you couldn't get rid of them. Is that still a concern?

20 MS. OXENDINE: Well, you know, we've gone  
21 through this period of civilianization.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Right.

23 MS. OXENDINE: So a lot of those assignments  
24 are filled with civilians now. And there is still a  
25 need to have, you know, in certain places where you

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1 would prefer to have maybe a restricted-duty person  
2 working, as you'll want a sworn officer doing the job.  
3 So, as an example, firearms inventory might be the  
4 place where you would want some folks who are sworn  
5 members as opposed to civilians.

6 So we're in a -- we're still in a transition,  
7 but that was one of the purposes of civilianization.

8 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: And if I can,  
9 through the Chair, it's like Director Oxendine said.  
10 It is important that we do have the positions for those  
11 who are legitimately injured to make sure that they can  
12 come back, but I guess the key thing is that for those  
13 who are using the system and trying to abuse the system  
14 that we have a policy and a procedure in place where if  
15 you don't want to work as a police officer then we try  
16 to find you something else to do other than be a police  
17 officer. So ultimately I think that's what the goal is  
18 going to be. It's just taking us a little while to get  
19 there.

20 MS. OXENDINE: Yes, sir.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I agree with you.

22 Any other comments from the commissioners?

23 Thank you as always for a great report, and  
24 looking forward to ongoing reporting out on this  
25 particular matter and the results of what



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1 Commissioner --

2 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair.

3 This is -- I'm sorry, ma'am.

4 MS. OXENDINE: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: But, Assistant Chief,  
6 is that Chair okay for you? You comfortable?

7 ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAMS: Somewhat. I have  
8 to get used to.

9 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Thank you, sir. We  
10 appreciate your comments, too. You look real  
11 comfortable sitting there, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: There you go.

13 MS. OXENDINE: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next item will be  
16 standing and ad hoc committee. I know Commissioner  
17 Brooks is prepared to report out.

18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Well, I have decided,  
19 Mr. Chair, that I will report out next week in the  
20 community --

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: -- rather than now.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Thank  
24 you.

25 Any other committees?

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1 As we move forward, Mr. Hicks ...

2 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

3 As you note on the agenda, there were four  
4 incoming communications to the office and they are  
5 listed in here. I would be remiss if I did not include  
6 a late communication, which we received yesterday at  
7 the close of business, which did not make the agenda,  
8 and that is a recommendations from the Chief of Police  
9 for a promotion. And that item is set with the  
10 concurrence of the Chair for a discussion and action on  
11 our May 11th meeting. That will be a community  
12 meeting, which will be fitting for the individual under  
13 consideration.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. That will  
15 definitely be on the agenda.

16 Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair.  
18 Yes, sir. Unfortunately, I will be out of town for  
19 that meeting. However, the individual has my support.  
20 I'll just say it like that.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We will duly note that.

22 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. While you're in  
24 Phoenix, Arizona, okay.

25 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I won't be in

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1 Phoenix.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Any old business?

3 Any new business?

4 Announcements. Our next meeting, as been  
5 mentioned, our meeting next week, May the 11th at  
6 6:30 p.m. in the Eighth Precinct at Harvest Christian  
7 Church at 24400 West Seven Mile Road. That's at  
8 6:30 p.m. That's our community meeting.

9 Our next community meeting for the month of  
10 June, June the 8th, in fact, will be the Fourth  
11 Precinct, location forthcoming.

12 The next item of business will be oral  
13 communications from the audience. You have two  
14 minutes. Please give your name as you come forth.

15 Mr. Brown, do we have any?

16 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, we had two  
17 individuals, and I don't see either one. I believe  
18 they're outside talking.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well --

20 MS. SMITH: Wellburne is gone.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. It's been a long --  
22 I understand.

23 If there's no other business to come before  
24 this body, the Chair would entertain a motion for  
25 adjournment.

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1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
4 and supported.

5 Those in favor, aye.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Opposed?

8 Motion carried.

9 And thank you for your attendance and thank  
10 the board. We will see you hopefully at our next  
11 community meeting.

12 (The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.)

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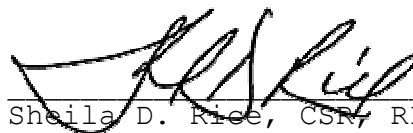
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