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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

WEEKLY MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 3 P.M.

DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS

1301 THIRD STREET

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

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1 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS:

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3 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board

4 WILLIE BELL, (District 4) Chairperson

5 DARRYL D. BROWN, (District 1) Vice-Chairperson

6 EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHÉ, Commissioner At Large

7 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At Large

8 SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (District 3)

9 WILLIE E. BURTON, Commissioner (District 5)

10 LISA CARTER, Commissioner (District 6)

11 WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (District 7)

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16 APPEARING FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

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18 CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES E. CRAIG

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Thursday, September 6, 2018

3 At approx. 3:01 PM

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon.
5 Welcome to the weekly meeting of the Board of
6 Police Commissioners. I am Police Commissioner
7 Willie Bell, I represent District 4, I serve as
8 Chair of the Board who will be conducting our
9 meeting today.

10 On behalf of the Board for those in
11 attendance thank you for joining us. For people
12 viewing this meeting on your government cable
13 channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.

14 Commissioner Jim Holly has asked to be
15 excused for today's meeting, he's away from the
16 city.

17 We have asked invocation by Police
18 Chaplain Curtis Longstreet. If you would take a
19 mic and give your name, we would appreciate your
20 support.

21 CHAPLAIN CLARK: I'm Chaplain Mark
22 Clark in place of Comm. Curtis Longstreet.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

24 CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.

25 (INVOCATION WAS GIVEN).

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1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir. At
2 this time I'm going to ask the Commissioners
3 starting to my far right to introduce themselves.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner
5 William Davis, District 7.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon,
7 Shirley Burch, District 3.

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon,
9 Elizabeth Brooks, at large.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon,
11 Darryl Brown, District 1.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon,
13 Lisa Carter, District 6.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHE: Good
15 afternoon, Eva Garza Dewaelsche, at large.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
17 Commissioners. Mr. Hicks, do we have a quorum?

18 SECRETARY HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair, you
19 have a quorum.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: We will move
21 forward. I'm going to ask the Commissioners to
22 approve the agenda for this afternoon's meeting.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Support.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly

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1 moved and supported. Discussion? Those in favor
2 aye.

3 Commissioners: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

5 Motion carries. The next item of business will
6 be approval of August 23, 2018 minutes.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
10 moved and supported. Discussion? Those in favor
11 aye.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Opposed? Motion
14 carries. At this time I'm going to ask our Board
15 Secretary, Mr. Hicks, to introduce the staff,
16 please.

17 SECRETARY HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
18 I do want to indicate just prior to making those
19 introductions that Sgt. Quinn is taping the
20 meeting for this evening -- I mean this
21 afternoon. Media Services is providing the
22 audio-visual work and Dale Rose is the court
23 reporter.

24 Then immediately to my right is Robert
25 Brown and if we go to the first row on the

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1 right-hand side there is Mr. Wyrick, Ms. Blossom
2 and Ms. White, and then the Chief of the Office
3 of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McAllister
4 will not only introduce herself but also other
5 people who are part of that staff.

6 DR. McALLISTER: Good afternoon, Board.
7 I'm Polly McAllister, Chief Investigator and
8 attending today's meeting with me today is
9 Supervising Investigator Nelson, Investigator
10 Quick, Investigator Murphy, Investigator Hiller,
11 Investigator Nichols, Investigator Nealey,
12 Investigator Statten, Investigator Colter,
13 Investigator Callaway and Investigator James.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I want
15 to say it's good to see Supervising Investigator
16 Nelson. Good afternoon, sir.

17 Good to see you this afternoon, Chief
18 Craig. I want to say that was an excellent forum
19 last night with Cease Fire. I think that's one
20 of the real jewels of community outreach where
21 young people and their families that really
22 needed that type of interdiction, that
23 intervention, that support system, the prayer and
24 all the heavyweights coming from the Mayor, U.S.
25 Attorney General Office and all above and I want

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1 to thank Commissioner Carter for her attendance
2 and Ms. Brooks on the east side of Detroit and I
3 just thought it was vary extraordinary that we
4 have that type of outreach and most of you don't
5 know about it, but it really makes a difference,
6 give these young people a second chance.

7 And the most powerful statement that
8 was made, notwithstanding your remarks and
9 others, was the mother of a victim of a young
10 lady at 15 years of age on a neighborhood block
11 was shot and killed at random by some dialog.

12 And that was very emotional and I gave
13 her an opportunity, we gave her a hug and -- but
14 one of the young people give her a hug also, but
15 tears were in her eyes when they walked in, those
16 20 young people.

17 She said, "You can be one of those guys
18 that killed my daughter, but I forgive you" and I
19 thought that was a powerful message that she
20 conveyed and we should all take heed as we look
21 for more respect and peace and tranquility in our
22 community.

23 And I think that's the legacy of Aretha
24 Franklin and others who have gone home to glory,
25 out of that respect that we used to have in the

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1 '50s and the '60s and the '70s and I looked up
2 her father C.L. Franklin born in Mississippi and
3 like so many families they came to Detroit.

4 They made a different in this city and
5 I would hope that the second and third generation
6 would pick up that mantle and make a difference
7 in this day and age and I can't thank enough
8 Chief Craig and the team of people who put that
9 together.

10 And I think it's rather unique that the
11 Mayor of this city made it and even though he had
12 an engagement to catch a flight he was there to
13 bring his remarks and Wayne County Prosecutor
14 brought her remarks and then she wasn't 100
15 percent too, so that's the type of commitment we
16 witness that's probably not televised, but we can
17 tell the story and we must tell the truth.

18 So thank you, that's my personal
19 remarks and I think it reflects the concerns of
20 the Board too.

21 Chief Craig, you have the floor.

22 (COMMISSIONER BURTON ARRIVES).

23 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you and I
24 appreciate your comments, I appreciate the
25 Board's attendance yesterday at Cease Fire. As

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1 you know, we've been doing it for some time. I
2 firmly believe that this Cease Fire work has had
3 an impact on our violence.

4 You know, we did this in Cincinnati,
5 Los Angeles does it in a very different way.
6 Each city is a little different. You know, I
7 will tell you when I have a chance to talk to
8 these young men who are really prone to either
9 being victims or perpetrators of violence, you
10 may recall when I was talking about the empty
11 chair. And the empty chair touches personally
12 because the empty chair reflects the person that
13 should be there, but wasn't there.

14 And the story I told this time and each
15 time we do this I tell a different empty chair
16 story, but this young man at 16 years old was
17 arrested for carjacking, tried as an adult and
18 did six years in prison.

19 He gets out of prison, he decided he
20 wants to be a hip-hop artist, actually signed
21 with a label, but he couldn't let go of the life.

22 And because of that, he was a victim of
23 a shooting. He was sitting on a gun at the time
24 he was shot. Right now he lays in a hospital not
25 too far from where we had our Cease Fire, he's

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1 paralysed, cannot breathe on his own. His only
2 way of communicating with the outside world is by
3 blinking his eyes.

4 So even if he recovers, he will be in a
5 bad place and he's going back to jail, and so
6 it's a message to these young people to make
7 better decisions. And so I'm optimistic -- we
8 have seen a little bit of an uptick in violence
9 in that east side area of the 9th Precinct.

10 We're hopeful when we do that there
11 should be an immediate drop-off. And so things
12 started to slow down. We did have a couple of
13 bad weeks early part of August, things have kind
14 of tapered off somewhat, but overall crime is
15 still down, we're still down 9 percent overall
16 with crime.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Chief, could I just
18 pause on that note. I just sort of opened up
19 with that statement, but I want you to report --

20 CHIEF CRAIG: At the appropriate time?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah. I appreciate
22 that. Would you introduce any of the DPD family,
23 please.

24 CHIEF CRAIG: And I'll let them -- I'll
25 start over here with --

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1 (DPD PERSONNEL INTRODUCED THEMSELVES).

2 CHIEF CRAIG: I think that's it.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chief.

4 I want to introduce Commissioner Willie E. Burton
5 from District 5, he joined us about 10 minutes
6 ago and I appreciate your attendance.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you,
8 Mr. Chairman.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you and we
10 can move on, but we will definitely hear from the
11 Chief shortly. Do we have any elected officials
12 or any representatives of elected officials in
13 attendance at this meeting?

14 (ELECTED OFFICIALS/STAFF INTRODUCED
15 THEMSELVES.)

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any others. If
17 not, we're going to move on to my statement. I
18 just want to say on behalf of the Board I want to
19 express our concern and support for fallen and
20 injured officers. Our concern for officer safety
21 and citizen protection is continuous.

22 Our Board receives a weekly report from
23 the department listing injured officers. I would
24 ask the Chief of Police during his remarks to
25 provide us with any additional information

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1 related to injured and fallen officers.

2 The Board of Police Commissioners meets
3 every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas
4 holiday period. We meet at Police Headquarters
5 for the regular sessions three weeks in a month.
6 On Thursday, the second Thursdays, we meet at
7 6:30 in the community. Our normal meetings at
8 the time is at 3 o'clock.

9 Under the Detroit City Charter Article
10 7, Chapter 8 of the Board of Police Commissioners
11 has the power to provide oversight and supervised
12 control of the police department. Our citizens
13 are justified in asking how does civilian
14 oversight of law enforcement help you as a
15 citizen within our community.

16 Our answer is, we protect the civil
17 rights of citizens. Oversight organizations like
18 the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating,
19 reviewing individual cases of citizen complaints
20 on operations by police agencies to eliminate
21 misconduct, discriminatory police practices,
22 unnecessary use of force by police.

23 Our work is based on developing and
24 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
25 respect between the police and the community is

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1 critical towards increasing the quality of life
2 for residents and visitors to Detroit.

3 Alternatively, distrust and police
4 ineffectiveness contribute to that lack of
5 cooperation between police and the community.

6 The Board of Police Commissioners exists to
7 provide civilian oversight for the work of the
8 police department.

9 As a board, we receive and investigate
10 non-criminal citizen complaints, monitor
11 operations of the department and work with the
12 Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify
13 police policy.

14 Our objective is the same as the City
15 of Detroit, to provide the best use of your tax
16 dollars to improve on the quality of life within
17 our city. As a Board, we bring a unique
18 perspective to policing, the eye and the
19 viewpoint of civilians.

20 The principal civilian oversight is as
21 old and as important as all the founding
22 principals in our democracy. Separation of power
23 between and within government allows for
24 accountability, transparency, right to appeal and
25 citizen control. These principals are important

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1 nationally as well as locally.

2 Before outlining the order of the
3 meeting I would like to welcome everyone back to
4 our regular Board of Police Commissioners
5 meeting. We did not meet last week because of
6 Labor Day break. We hope that all our labor
7 friends and supporters enjoyed themselves at the
8 Labor Day parade. Organized labor continues to
9 set a high standard in negotiations and winning
10 important wages and benefits to keep our quality
11 of life high.

12 I also want to congratulate Detroit and
13 Detroiters for the massive show of respect and
14 admiration for the Queen of Soul, the late Aretha
15 Franklin. Contributors in record-breaking
16 homegoing celebration reminds all of us of her
17 greatness and contribution that she has made to
18 all of our lives.

19 I want to note the passing of United
20 States Senator from Arizona John McCain. The
21 funeral associated with Senator McCain raised
22 several important issues within our democracy.

23 I would also note that Kofi Annan, a
24 charismatic global diplomat and the first black
25 African to become United Nations

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1 Secretary-General who led the world body through
2 one of the most turbulent periods died August 18,
3 2018.

4 I want to report to the Board that the
5 Search Committee reviewed the applications for
6 the director of DPD Personnel, has met and has
7 interviewed several fine candidates. We're
8 asking that some of the candidates return for a
9 second interview. We hope to bring to this Board
10 a recommendation for your approval within the
11 next month.

12 I want to remind the Commissioners to
13 complete any of the necessary arrangements to
14 attend the 2018 NACO Conference. The conference
15 is scheduled for September 30 to October 4, 2018.

16 At the 2018 conference Detroit will
17 provide a special workshop on Detroit Police
18 community relations. The focus of the workshop
19 will be on two fatal encounters that occurred
20 within one month here in Detroit.

21 Using these encounters we will focus on
22 police transparency, police policy related to
23 remediation and discipline. The workshop will be
24 conducted by the immediate past Chair
25 Commissioner Lisa Carter and Deputy Chief Todd

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1 Bettison.

2 Mr. Brown is on top of the
3 arrangements, so if you have any questions please
4 consult Mr. Brown. I want to report that the
5 2019 NACO conference will be held in Detroit next
6 year. We have already secured as local co-chairs
7 for the conference former United States Senator
8 Carl Levin, a long-time civil rights and
9 corporate attorney Elliott Hall.

10 We extended invitations to others
11 co-chairs. If any of the Board has an idea for
12 an appropriate co-chair, please discuss this with
13 me or the Board Secretary.

14 Today we have a resolution
15 acknowledging the service of retiring Corporal
16 Radatz, a 43-year veteran. At the appropriate
17 time we will act on that resolution.

18 We also have one informational
19 presentation to the Board, the presentation about
20 the curriculum that we use at the Detroit Police
21 Academy to train police officers.

22 I am hopeful that we receive
23 information on concepts like use of force and
24 de-escalation and a summary on some of the broad
25 tactical training that officers receive.

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1 Toward the end of the meeting we have
2 oral communications from the audience. Please
3 make sure you get a card at the back of the room
4 on the speaker's card and see Mr. Brown, located
5 at the table there, it should be there. If not,
6 see Mr. Brown, he's to my far right.

7 We're going to go to the resolution.
8 I'm going to ask our Vice-Chair to read into the
9 record -- I'm going to ask the immediate
10 vice-chair Darryl Brown to read it.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you for that
12 promotion. Resolution honoring retired Corporal
13 William W. Radatz.

14 William Radatz was appointed to the
15 Detroit Police Department on June 30, 1975 upon
16 graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Policy
17 Academy.

18 Police Officer Radatz began his career
19 at the 1st Precinct and

20 WHEREAS he dutifully served the 1st
21 Precinct, 4th Precinct, reassigned to the 1st
22 Precinct, Special Events Section, 10th Precinct,
23 reassigned to the 1st Precinct and Communications
24 Operations, Police Officer Radatz displayed
25 tremendous diligence and aptitude in his

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1 assignments. He was promoted to the rank of
2 corporal on March 9, 2015 and continued to serve
3 at Communications Operations until his
4 retirement.

5 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the
6 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking
7 for the citizens of Detroit and of the Detroit
8 Police Department award this resolution in
9 recognition of Corporal William Radatz's 43 years
10 of dedicated and diligent public service, his
11 professionalism, integrity and life-long
12 commitment to the city of Detroit and its
13 citizens merit our highest regards.

14 We thank you and congratulate you,
15 Corporal William Radatz.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Chair, I move for
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
20 moved and supported. Discussion? Those in favor
21 aye.

22 Commissioners: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?
24 Motion carries and thank you, Vice-Chair Brown.
25 And now we move to Chief Craig reporting out.

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1 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
2 had kind of already started prematurely.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: No problem.

4 CHIEF CRAIG: Again, overall crime
5 we're down 9 percent, so we're continuing to move
6 in the appropriate direction, but we did have a
7 couple of weeks early in August that were a bit
8 challenging, so hopefully we can stay on course
9 with ending the year with a reduction in most of
10 our categories.

11 You brought it up, Mr. Chair, the issue
12 with Aretha Franklin's homegoing, I think it's
13 fitting at this time that I acknowledge Detroit
14 Police Department as I explained to Deputy Chief
15 Bettison and Capt. Conway Petty the Detroit
16 Police Department will be on the world stage and
17 it's important that we reflect the kind of
18 professionalism that I know we could, and we did
19 and the feedback I got, as I know many of you
20 did, that the Detroit Police Department did, as
21 they always do in these homegoing services, just
22 a phenomenal job, so again I want to publicly
23 thank the leadership and the men and women who
24 stand tall every time.

25 (APPLAUSE.)

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1 CHIEF CRAIG: It's no secret that in
2 addition to that this year we've had to bury
3 more officers, certainly three of the five were
4 line-of-duty deaths, two were active duty,
5 bringing our number to five this year, so we're
6 higher than we were last year.

7 And I want to also now acknowledge the
8 work of both our Peer Support, certainly Lt.
9 Potts and her team have played an integral role
10 in the success of that, and also our Chaplain
11 Corps that have been called into action.

12 I had a chance last week to -- I don't
13 want to use the word memorialize, but the fact
14 that we -- how many new chaplains did we initiate
15 into the corps? I think it was 20, 20 new
16 chaplains came in volunteering to serve both the
17 City and its police department, so very thankful
18 for that.

19 We probably have one of the biggest
20 chaplain corps in this country and they're very
21 active. They all work, again they're supporting
22 our peer supporters in addition to the families
23 of fallen and injured officers and so that I
24 thank you for that effort.

25 Again, I want to -- I see our Homicide

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1 team, Major Crimes is here. I want to
2 acknowledge them. As you know, we had the tragic
3 shooting death of the firefighter. Their
4 diligent efforts within a very short time was
5 able to identify and bring subjects into custody,
6 within literally almost 24 hours of that
7 incident. So thank you for your work and efforts
8 on that.

9 And so in terms of officers who are
10 recovering, we all know that Officer Wallace
11 Johnson is still fighting for his life. He's in
12 a long-term care facility. Officer Anthony Brown
13 was hit by a vehicle, he's recuperating at home.

14 Officer James Kissleberg who sustained
15 a gunshot wound recuperating at home. Officer
16 Eric Smith, gunshot wound, recuperating at home.

17 Sgt. Eric Busey broke an ankle,
18 recuperating at home. Officer Justin Meraquin
19 sustained trauma to his head, also at home.

20 Officers Christopher Bush sustained an
21 injury to his right hand, received stitches, he's
22 at home. Officer Christopher Thurson had a
23 motorcycle accident, he's been admitted to a
24 rehab facility.

25 And officer Robert Kovac who was

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1 involved in a motor vehicle accident is currently
2 on restricted duty.

3 Just in terms of announcements, our
4 annual 9/11 memorial ceremony will be held
5 Tuesday, September 11 at 11 o'clock, Campus
6 Martius. I invite all of you to attend that
7 event, annual event, that's always well attended
8 and lastly, I think, Lt. Potts, you have an
9 announcement for the Board and the Community.

10 LT. POTTS: Good afternoon. Lt. Potts.
11 On September 14 we'll be holding our first annual
12 Never Forgotten Remembrance Picnic and it's for
13 all of our fallen and critically injured
14 officers.

15 It will be here from 12 to 7 PM and
16 it's going to be on the front lawn. It's catered
17 for 600 people, so we will be holding that. I do
18 have flyers for you as well.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. So at this
20 point, Mr. Chair, I'll take any questions that
21 you or the Board might have.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Board, questions or
23 concerns?

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Chief and captain
25 of Homicide, I'd like to personally thank you for

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1 the work that you did apprehending the suspects
2 in the death of Firefighter Jack Wiley. His
3 father was my chief and my captain, so I knew
4 that family very well and I really thank you and
5 appreciate you.

6 And the alarming thing about it was
7 that I had just moved off Penrod, so I had just
8 got a lot of calls and people were asking me,
9 "Were you okay?" I said, "Look, when I die, I'll
10 call you and tell you".

11 But I mean it was just -- I really
12 appreciate the work you guys did in working
13 diligently to bring closure and peace to that
14 family and thank you very much.

15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, thank
16 you, Commissioner Brown.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Through the
18 Chair, I don't have a question, I have a
19 statement as usual. I went to the first Cease
20 Fire and I was very very impressed with how
21 you're going to reduce crime, gun violence in the
22 city.

23 And I like the three things that are
24 involved, community promise, law enforcement
25 promise, social service promises. When you put

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1 all three together you're getting everything that
2 you need and I think that's a great idea.

3 I learned a lot, I can pass on a lot.
4 There are seven precincts that have Cease Fire
5 and I understand by 2019 it will be city-wide, so
6 I will encourage all of you all to take a look at
7 Cease Fire. I was so impressed with all the
8 speakers from the different categories I just
9 named and I was very impressed with the mother
10 that lost her daughter.

11 We should put our guns down and I think
12 with what we're doing in Detroit should be done
13 everywhere, but right now I'm concentrating on
14 what can I do to help.

15 Thank you, Chief Craig and all police.
16 I saw you doing the Jazz Fest, all of the police
17 out there friendly, working hard and I felt good
18 about the city that I live in, so thank you.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any others?

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chief Craig, I'd
22 just like to thank you personally because in
23 watching how our city was seen by the world that
24 we did send the Queen away with love and decency
25 and that was from all people, so your leadership

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1 was appreciated, but we must remember that it
2 took all of us to love on her and to give her the
3 respect that she deserved.

4 She continues to get respect even over
5 in England, but I also want to say to you, sir,
6 Chaplain Wycoff came from No. 11, I'm just asking
7 you by him receiving awards and accolades from
8 the City Council, is there something that we
9 together with you and 11th Precinct to honor him
10 in some way and especially this Board because you
11 just spoke about the service that the chaplains
12 give, so I think Chaplain Wycoff should somehow
13 be honored from us and from the 11th Precinct if
14 you could answer that for me.

15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair,
16 certainly if you get something to me we can make
17 it happen, it's not a problem. If this is
18 something you want done, it's just a matter of
19 either through Todd Bettison or through Comm.
20 Slappy, it's done.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: We'll do it
22 together, right?

23 CHIEF CRAIG: Yep. No, I do by myself.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: We're laughing,
25 but it's good humor.

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1 CHIEF CRAIG: I got to tell a joke or
2 two. I tell you who I like to do it with the
3 most, the Chairman, there's no better, because
4 every time we talk, he tries to hit me with this
5 whole thing about me being in Los Angeles for 28
6 years.

7 I mean, I know he wishes it were him,
8 but it's not too late for you, Commissioner. It
9 never snows or rains in Southern California.

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chief Craig, I've
11 wanted to bring it to your attention in No. 11 in
12 working and talking the last time we met I spoke
13 with DC Barren about the speeding throughout the
14 city, so we know this because I live in No. 11.

15 Everybody live where they live. I'm
16 sure that everybody is just upset with how people
17 ignore speeding and they just zoom through the
18 neighborhoods.

19 So in speaking with DC Barren we've
20 been working together, he's in New York right now
21 -- but been working together with Comm. Slappy is
22 not here either, but we've been given permission
23 to work with Ron Drundrage to see if we can post
24 signs in a different way that it will get the
25 attention of motorists, not just say speed limit

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1 is 30, but maybe you can put speed limit 30, law
2 enforced or maybe you could put underneath \$100
3 fine, \$200 fine, something that would get their
4 attention.

5 So I just want you to know we're
6 working on that in No. 11 to be the pilot as done
7 on the west side. I just want to make you aware
8 that's what's happening. You probably know, you
9 know everything.

10 CHIEF CRAIG: Not everything, but
11 sometimes my staff is very strategic in keeping
12 certain things away from me. Right, Todd
13 Bettison?

14 DEP. CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.

15 CHIEF CRAIG: But at any rate duly
16 noted I will tell you that's a big concern with
17 me when it comes to speeding. As I've indicated
18 in prior meetings I have personally initiated
19 traffic stops. Every time I see an officer make
20 a traffic stop who is by themselves I stop.

21 I even had a neighbor who was stopped
22 by a Detroit police officer appeal to me to
23 convince him. I said, "I don't get involved in
24 that. That's between you and that officer, not
25 me. As his Chief, if he says you were speeding

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1 and he opts to write you a ticket," so he hasn't
2 spoken to me over the last couple of days. I'm
3 okay with it.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: These citizens who
5 think you can do something about something that
6 they did against the law and -- but this is what
7 I want to ask you a question because I did ask --
8 and I'm sorry to take up so much time --
9 Commander -- I mean DC Barren, I asked, "Are
10 officers taught when they're in training, are
11 they taught to use discretion?"

12 What I mean by that is when they see a
13 person maybe parked at their home and they may be
14 parked the wrong way on a one-way street, would
15 that officer approach the citizen to speak to
16 them or do you, Chief, immediately write a
17 ticket? I mean, do they get a chance to share
18 why I'm parked this way and maybe say give you a
19 warning?

20 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, we
21 encourage our officers to use discretion. This
22 is not something that I dictate. One of the
23 things we don't do here, like some other
24 departments have done in the past, I've never --
25 and it's illegal -- don't believe in quotas.

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1 An officer's work is not defined by how
2 many tickets, but if they opt to stop and educate
3 a citizen as opposed to writing a ticket, I'm
4 fine with that. Sometimes tickets need to be
5 issued. Some officers are inflexible who would
6 probably write their own mother if they stopped.

7 My sister got stopped by Detroit police
8 officers for a stop sign violation. To her
9 credit, she never told the officers that she was
10 my sister and if -- the officer did write her a
11 ticket and I appreciated the fact that she didn't
12 name drop.

13 But it does cause me grave concern here
14 in the city when I see some of the flagrant
15 traffic violations, whether it's on the freeway.
16 I'm often asked the question when I'm out in the
17 community how many of you have been tailgated?

18 The speed and sometimes I've had to
19 turn the lights on on my car to get people to
20 back off my bumper.

21 And so it's frustrating for me and it's
22 very dangerous and we have more than our share of
23 fatal accidents. And so one of the things that
24 I've asked the deputy chiefs to look at is how we
25 can have a heightened response and we encourage

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1 community members in the neighborhood as you
2 indicated if there's a speeding complaint we want
3 to know about it, we want to set up on it and we
4 want to take enforcement and/or education as it's
5 related to those violations.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Excellent, thank
7 you.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Before we move on,
9 Chief Craig, I'm glad you brought that up in
10 terms of the traffic stops because Comm. Ewing at
11 the 5th Precinct and that was the same thing that
12 Commissioner Burch always speak about, speeding,
13 speeding, speeding, so he dealt with it and at
14 the next couple of meetings a couple of folks --
15 he said, "Wait a minute, wait a minute, you asked
16 me to concentrate on speeding. Then you name
17 dropping, using my name not -- those are your
18 neighbors" and he said, "I don't play that. I
19 don't play that", what you just echoed.

20 But, however, I'm going to use your
21 name, Chief Craig.

22 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, you
23 can use your own name, that carries some weight,
24 right?

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: But it's an issue

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1 that we all concerned about, but like you said,
2 these are your neighbors that are speeding and I
3 think we definitely try our best to address that.

4 Because I know in my neighborhood
5 people driving like it's on the major artery.
6 Like you say, you see people want to blow me off
7 the road. I know I'm getting old and sort of
8 slowing down a little bit, but people need to be
9 conscious.

10 So Commissioner Burch, whatever we can
11 do as far as a sign, awareness, talk about it at
12 every meeting, then we need to do that to try to
13 send a positive message on that issue.

14 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair,
15 whatever we can do together to work this problem
16 because it is a problem in the city. I know I
17 had Conway -- I don't know if we still have
18 these, I don't know if you've seen them, these
19 electronic signs that as you're going down the
20 street it records and it shows the speed.

21 Now, most of these machines don't have
22 cameras and I know this doesn't happen in
23 Michigan, but I wish that if you had someone
24 driving through it at 60 miles an hour in a
25 residential street and this machine is up, it

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1 takes a photograph of your car and gets the
2 plate.

3 Now, in California they have those kind
4 of cameras. You get -- and there's no
5 discretion. You run a stop sign, red light, it's
6 a \$400 ticket. But that -- I don't know if it's
7 legal in the state of Michigan, but I tell you,
8 that would have a dramatic impact certainly on
9 driving down speeding.

10 I don't know, Conway, we have those
11 electronic signs that we posted up?

12 Let's check on where they are because
13 certainly we can deploy those. Say if you have a
14 complaint, anybody have a complaint of a location
15 we can at least temporarily put it up and it
16 shows your speed and just will cause people to --
17 because I don't know -- well, I won't say this
18 publicly, but maybe there is a camera inside.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We'd like to be
20 one of those persons that receives that.

21 CHIEF CRAIG: Let's work on that.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay, thank you,
23 Chief Craig, thank you Commissioner Burch for
24 bringing that very very important issue up.

25 Now we're going to hear from Police

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1 Academy curriculum, Capt. Williams.

2 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon. Just
3 want to take the opportunity to thank the Board
4 for your vested interest in our recruits.

5 We have a weekly Board of Police
6 Commissioners meeting at the Academy since most
7 of you come to the Academy almost every week, so
8 I appreciate you guys for your vested interest in
9 our recruits.

10 I am Capt. Keith Williams, I am the
11 commanding officer of Professional Education and
12 Training.

13 Professional Education and Training is
14 -- falls up under Support Operations and Support
15 Operations is up under Asst. Chief James White.
16 You have Professional Education and Training,
17 myself as the commanding officer.

18 In charge of Field Training and
19 In-Service Training would be Lt. Bariche.

20 In charge of Recruit Training is our
21 firearms and our firearms training would be Lt.
22 John Widmer.

23 In charge of our firearms training
24 would be Sgt. Anthony Potts and also we have here
25 today in charge of our police tactics and

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1 defensive tactics, Sgt. Jeremy James.

2 So for recruit training for the Police
3 Academy there's 594 hours of MCOLES-mandated
4 curriculum. There's also 120 hours of Detroit
5 Police Department curriculum that is extra
6 outside of the mandated 594 hours required by
7 MCOLES.

8 Those courses consist of legal,
9 diversity, ethics, fitness, patrol techniques,
10 dealing with juveniles, detention and
11 prosecution, court functions and a host of other
12 courses.

13 So for recruit training in 2017 we had
14 12 classes graduate for a total of 305 graduates.
15 In 2018 we had a total of six classes graduate so
16 far with a total of 157 graduates. Our next
17 graduation is October 12. We anticipate 35
18 students graduating during that time.

19 Also on September 24 we anticipate a
20 recruit class of 30 people and currently there
21 are three classes in the academy as of now with
22 88 recruits.

23 For in-service training our department
24 members are required to attend a yearly mandatory
25 in-service training. This training is included

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1 but not limited to use of force training, PR-24,
2 legal instruction, mental health, police tactics,
3 cultural diversity, emergency vehicle operations
4 and firearms.

5 And just to back up just a little bit,
6 for five years that Chief James Craig has been
7 the chief, we've had over 750 graduates from the
8 Police Academy for that five-year period. I just
9 want to note that.

10 For specialized training, I note this
11 is near and dear to Commissioner Brown's heart,
12 the tactical medical training. As a part of the
13 academy we look to expound on that and I'll talk
14 a little bit more about that on the next slide.

15 Emotional survival, verbal defense and
16 influence, mental health first aid, Below 100,
17 and social media training is also one of the key
18 specialized training that we do at the Police
19 Academy.

20 So to expound on the tactical medical
21 training that we do at the academy, we're
22 certified by the Federal Law Enforcement Training
23 Center. We have as of today approximately 30
24 saves for tourniquet using for police officers on
25 victims as of today.

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1 Mental health first aid and QPR is also
2 a highlight for our specialized training. Mental
3 health is critically important that is near and
4 dear to Commissioner Burton's heart. We've had
5 several conversations. We have a national
6 certification training.

7 We've trained over 850 since 2017 and
8 upcoming we're going to expound on our CIT
9 training, that's our Crisis Intervention
10 Training. That's the next step, we've had two
11 meetings so far in 2018 and we're going to
12 expound upon that in 2019.

13 So with our specialized training
14 mountain bike training, Taser training. We've
15 trained since May 1,650 people since May in
16 Taser. Interpersonal skills, instructor
17 development, lockout training which is physical
18 training, active shooter edged weapons defense
19 and officer survivals.

20 We don't only train police officers, we
21 train our DOSOs, our desk operation support
22 officers, 9-1-1 operators, our telecommunications
23 officers, reserves.

24 We also train the student interns which
25 is a great program for the recruiting unit. Our

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1 traffic control operators, our crime analysis and
2 we also train transit and DDC.

3 We require all of our students to
4 participate in community service. We want the
5 students to have a positive interaction with the
6 community prior to them putting that badge on.
7 So we require 48 hours of community service for
8 our students. We started that a couple of years
9 ago. It's serve and protect program.

10 We've participated in the Man of Steel
11 Program, Community Impact Day which was last week
12 where our officers got involved with the
13 community and handed out backpacks and painted
14 nails for the young ladies as you can see in the
15 picture. We also -- and some of that was
16 vice-versa, so some of the officers was getting
17 their nails painted as well.

18 But we try to build a positive
19 relationship with the community before the
20 officer have that negative interaction with the
21 community when they get that first phone call
22 which is absolutely going to happen.

23 So we -- Bridging the Gap is also one
24 of the things that our officers do. Motor City
25 Makeover, we participate in every single Motor

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1 City Makeover. Our students get out there as
2 well as our staff, we make a day out of that.

3 Our officers also participate in
4 Gleaners and the Connor Community Food Giveaway.
5 We do that every single month. It's definitely
6 something that the student police officers
7 appreciate. Again, they get that positive
8 interaction with the community prior to getting
9 the negative phone call that they're absolutely
10 going to receive.

11 I'm going to play a video for you which
12 kind of sums up --

13 (VIDEO IS SHOWN).

14 ASST. CHIEF WHITE: This is Asst. Chief
15 White for the record. Before we get into Q&A I
16 just wanted to add one thing. But I would be
17 remiss if I didn't take a moment to, A, thank the
18 Chief. When he got here five years ago our
19 academy was marred in bureaucracy and in order to
20 do anything you had to have five requests and 20
21 approvals.

22 One of the things that I do appreciate
23 is the fact that when the Chief and I talk about
24 the Training Academy it's what's best practices,
25 what are we -- what can we do to be better.

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1 And in doing so, the Chief has
2 handpicked a number of people who are at the
3 academy, believe it or not. One such person is
4 Lavar Green which has added immensely to our
5 physical fitness training. Officers are coming
6 out much more fit since we implemented weight
7 training, something that we wouldn't have done 20
8 years ago when I went through the academy.

9 And then another big -- and they're all
10 outstanding people -- is the work that Lt. Widmer
11 is doing, Lt. Bariche is doing, but specifically
12 Widmer with firearms, our firearms systems, and
13 the work they're putting in.

14 Very very proud of our Training
15 Academy. I won't say they're the best in the
16 Detroit Police Department because we got a lot of
17 hard-working men and women, but I have yet to
18 meet any better than Keith Williams or Lt.
19 Widmer, Lt. Bariche, Lavar Green, all of the
20 staff over there and I want to highlight the work
21 that Jeremy James is doing that really didn't get
22 highlighted.

23 Not only is he our go-to person for use
24 of force and has been for a number of years, but
25 he puts in hours and hours on mental health and

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1 mental health fitness for our officers as well as
2 making sure that our officers have top notch
3 training and mental health training and
4 responding to mental health crises, so much so
5 that we had a lot of criticism recently about our
6 training curriculum as it relates to mental
7 health and I cannot remember the gentleman's
8 name, but he represents one of the more
9 power-packed groups in the community.

10 Sgt. James came in with the captain, we
11 met with the gentleman, we presented our training
12 to him and he was more than impressed, stopped a
13 very negative story and was very happy to know
14 that we are one of the best agencies in the state
15 as it relates to mental health.

16 I just wanted to provide that
17 additional information for the Board and I will
18 turn it over for questions. Thank you.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: And I just wanted to,
20 through the Chair, I wanted to add just a bit.
21 All of what James White said is accurate. I want
22 to thank him for his leadership. Certainly any
23 time a chief comes in, especially from a place
24 like Los Angeles, there's a lot of resistance to
25 change.

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1 I will tell you, they stepped up and
2 exceeded well beyond my expectations. One part
3 of my career, I ran the academy in Los Angeles
4 which is, without a doubt, one of the finest
5 police academies in the country.

6 This academy stands head and shoulders
7 with the Los Angeles police department.

8 (APPLAUSE) .

9 CHIEF CRAIG: As you prepare to ask
10 questions, I want to bring one incident to your
11 attention and kind of show you what we do.

12 As Asst. Chief White talked about, we
13 do talk about best policing practices. We're
14 constantly evaluating our training. Some of you
15 may have read recently in Cincinnati, my old
16 home, an 11-year-old little girl was Tasered in a
17 Kroger grocery store and she was doing nothing
18 more than stealing candy.

19 She wasn't offering any resistance and
20 the officer deployed the Taser and the response
21 from the department while they had questions
22 about the amount of force used, but what about
23 the age of this little girl, 11-year-old little
24 girl. It's just unimaginable.

25 So James White and I had a conversation

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1 about it. Certainly our policy totally restricts
2 that behavior. I mean, you know, of course if an
3 11-year-old was violent and had a weapon, there's
4 things we could do, but we're talking about a
5 police officer that had been a police officer for
6 a long time in Cincinnati and he couldn't in some
7 way -- she's walking away and he opts to deploy a
8 Taser.

9 And so we look at what happens in other
10 cities, whether it's an officer-involved
11 shooting, we will call out -- I know Barren does
12 it a lot, I know the captain, we'll call and find
13 out what happened. So we need to make
14 adjustments in how we train, so I appreciate
15 certainly the leadership and making us one of the
16 best in the nation, so thank you for that.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, any
18 questions or concerns for the captain or AC
19 White?

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
21 Cap, I got like 50 questions -- no, I'm just --
22 excellent presentation. I really appreciate the
23 work that went into that. I know I've been over
24 there once and I will be coming back.

25 But can you expound upon your Below 100

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1 program, the little tab you had next to that
2 because I really couldn't see that. What is
3 that about?

4 CAPT. WILLIAMS: So Below 100 is an
5 initiative. We have over 100 officers that die
6 most from traffic accidents, so Below 100 is an
7 initiative that we teach our officers to put
8 their safety belt on, to make sure they go
9 through traffic lights and obey traffic signals
10 prior -- and look both ways before they go
11 through a traffic signal, so it's the safety --
12 about the safety of the officer and that's what
13 that initiative is.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you and I
15 really appreciate the work you guys are doing
16 over there with turning out those fine recruits,
17 even though you know --

18 CAPT. WILLIAMS: And thank you and
19 Commissioner Dewaelsche for the promised paint,
20 we appreciate that as well.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Oh, we're going to
22 get it done.

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Well, can we
24 elaborate a little bit on that? As many of you
25 know, I work for a workforce development

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1 organization called Sir Metro and we have a
2 youth-built program which is an apprenticeship
3 program to teach youth in the construction
4 industry.

5 And at one of the meetings Commissioner
6 Brown approached us and asked us if we would be
7 interested -- not us, the Commissioners,
8 interested in helping to paint some of the
9 classrooms at the academy.

10 And I just happened to remember that we
11 have as part of our construction training a
12 painting session that Sherwin Williams conducts
13 for us, so they donate all the paint, they donate
14 all the teachers and they come in for one day and
15 they teach our students how to paint.

16 And so we usually have to choose a
17 project and that just happened to be an excellent
18 idea and so now we've been working with the
19 captain and trying to get that to happen and
20 we've chosen a date October 22 and we'll be there
21 if the Chief will be agreeable to that and maybe
22 come and help us.

23 CHIEF CRAIG: I'll come to paint.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: But we're
25 excited -- we'll probably have about 10, 15

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1 students and Sherwin Williams, they will provide
2 everything.

3 So thank you, Commissioner Brown, for
4 bringing that idea forward and we're looking
5 forward to that.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: Great. And through the
7 Chair, could you touch on your -- or James White
8 about the most recent announcement, I mean, you
9 advised me on last week about these homes or
10 buildings and maybe you can talk about it.

11 CAPT. WILLIAMS: So -- and most of the
12 Commissioners have been over to take a look at
13 the area, so again appreciate your vested
14 interest. We have a training area that is first
15 of all, dedicated to the officers who -- so that
16 to keep officers safe we have to have realistic
17 training locations.

18 We have an area upstairs in the academy
19 that most of you have seen, that has a bank, a
20 store, a house to create realistic scenarios for
21 the officers to receive their training.

22 But just recently we have donations for
23 two modular homes to go outside in the parking
24 lot and we will be able to utilize those areas
25 for training as well for realistic training so

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1 that officers can be safe and get the necessary
2 training, the best training that they can
3 possibly get, so that's coming as well.

4 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair,
5 through specifically, a barricaded suspect, an
6 active shooter, our officers get called and it's
7 usually SRT comes in after the fact, but it's our
8 first responders that respond to an active
9 shooter, a domestic violence incident where shots
10 have been fired.

11 So they create a realistic scenario and
12 they go in and use this house and approach it as
13 if it's a real situation so that's really a great
14 gift, look forward to it.

15 CAPT. WILLIAMS: And I want to, again,
16 personally thank the Chief and the Public Safety
17 Foundation, Asst. Chief White. We have those
18 coming soon, and we hope that you will come and
19 take a look at it after we set those up.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner
21 Carter.

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the
23 Chair, I did have -- I thought I would have a
24 bunch of questions, but you guys do a phenomenal
25 job. And I just want to commend you on that.

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1 I do have a question about the
2 curriculum and so make sure -- I know that the
3 Commissioners have been allowed an opportunity to
4 come out and speak with the Chief Investigator,
5 but is that a part of the curriculum?

6 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It is? It's sent
8 to the State, so the State knows the
9 Commissioners are --

10 CAPT. WILLIAMS: No, it's not a part of
11 the State curriculum.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I know it's not a
13 part of the curriculum, but you have to submit
14 your curriculum to the State?

15 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes, yes.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Whatever is in
17 the additional 120 hours that you have, you have
18 to submit that to the State, so I'm asking you is
19 the part that the Chief Investigator and the
20 Commissioners when we go in and speak to the
21 recruits, is that a part of the curriculum that's
22 submitted?

23 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: And how many
25 hours is allotted?

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1 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Eight hours, eight
2 hours for the Commissioners.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Eight hours? Oh,
4 okay.

5 CAPT. WILLIAMS: But the Commissioners
6 utilize a little bit more time than that.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Normally two and a
8 half.

9 CHIEF CRAIG: You talking about
10 President Bell?

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh, no, that's not
12 the case. If we can lock down two and a half
13 hours with advance notice of the time frame
14 because we'll make sure all the Commissioners
15 that want to attend can attend in that two
16 and a half hours, mostly 30 minutes on a
17 commissioner and the focal point is really the
18 OCI.

19 And since we're talking about OCI, I
20 don't know if you mentioned that every year that
21 they receive a 40-hour block of training?

22 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: We want to make
24 public know that our investigators receive that
25 40 hours of training that the officers go through

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1 every year so they will be up to speed and up to
2 date and have that in-service training, be aware
3 of the issues and concerns in reference to
4 policy, procedures and etc.

5 So that's part of the OCI training
6 concept every year so I think that's crucial that
7 you work that in in terms of --

8 CAPT. WILLIAMS: That's correct.

9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: I did
10 actually have a question as well. But I first
11 wanted to commend you on the video. This video
12 is of the highest caliber. I love the videos
13 that you show at the graduations, they're
14 fantastic.

15 I think they're a real excellent
16 recruiting tool as well, so I hope that you're
17 showing those out in the community because they
18 are fabulous.

19 CAPT. WILLIAMS: I have to give credit
20 to Police Officer Eddie Torres who films all of
21 the videos for the academy as well as Media
22 Relations who assists as well, that I definitely
23 want to commend them.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Excellent,
25 excellent job. I just have a quick question.

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1 When you make reference on Page 4 to CIT, that's
2 crisis intervention?

3 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Crisis intervention
4 training.

5 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I have that
6 question and then you also talk under specialized
7 training edged weapons defense. What exactly is
8 edged weapons?

9 CAPT. WILLIAMS: So basically -- I
10 don't know if you remember this, several years
11 ago -- actually it was probably about two or
12 three years ago we had an officer who was slashed
13 in the face by an edged weapon, so edged weapon
14 defense is basically knife defense or any edged
15 weapon and it's for an officer to defend that
16 attack, so that's basically what that is.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I wasn't sure
18 what that was. And under the officer survival
19 then, is that more physical? Are those like
20 techniques that you train officers into --

21 CAPT. WILLIAMS: So officer survival
22 training is a week-long course and it encompasses
23 physical training, it encompasses tactics. We
24 actually partner with the Detroit Fire
25 Department. The fire department comes in, they

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1 spray the officers down. It's a fun training,
2 but it's very resilient. So the officer get a
3 lot that day, a lot of tactics, a lot of defense,
4 a lot of physical training.

5 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHE: In the video
6 when there was a female officer being sprayed,
7 was that Mace?

8 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHE: And then
10 finally just one -- I did have a lot of
11 questions, I'm sorry.

12 One final question. How does an agency
13 or a non-profit group or whatever participate in
14 your community serve and protect -- is that what
15 it's called, serve and protect?

16 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes, serve and
17 protect. So we partner with several people,
18 several agencies. We are open to partner with
19 basically anyone. We reach out to Gleaners, we
20 reach out to organizations, so if there's an
21 organization that you may have in mind, I'll send
22 a request through the Assistant Chief to the
23 Chief requesting that our students have the
24 opportunity to do something with that
25 organization if it's beneficial to the police

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1 department and that organization as well.

2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you
3 very much.

4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the
5 Chair, there was no mention of the Civilian
6 Police Academy. Is that through your --

7 CAPT. WILLIAMS: The Civilian Police
8 Academy is through Lt. Potts. We do assist her
9 with that, but she is the lead with the Civilian
10 Police Academy.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay, thank
12 you.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to
15 ask Mr. Chair, you said that group, the group of
16 kids, they do things in the community for
17 organizations? Would that include blight if you
18 had an area?

19 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes, we participated
20 in Motor City Makeover. We also participated
21 in a community block club event over at 16th
22 Street Block Club and cleaned that area around
23 the academy as well, so we partner with churches
24 and community organizations that reach out to us
25 and we reach out to them as well.

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1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's what I'm
2 saying, so if we have an organization in No. 11
3 we could reach out to you and if they're
4 available, they would come?

5 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes, yes.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Another comment I
7 wanted to make. The police department is a great
8 great organization that's needed, we appreciate
9 you because you're the first people we call when
10 we get in trouble, but being real in the
11 situations that you hear as a citizen all the
12 time about how they don't like you, some people
13 like you, so I'm just speaking what you hear.

14 My point is, are they trained to
15 address women and men and children like she was
16 saying about the 11-year-old, are they trained on
17 how to address a person with respect?

18 I'm just saying so as they get on into
19 older, the years of being a police officer,
20 sometimes that power comes in them and they get a
21 little arrogant, do you understand what I'm
22 saying?

23 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Tell me that.

25 CAPT. WILLIAMS: So our officers -- and

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1 I'm thinking that you're speaking of recruits and
2 officers that has time on the job -- our officers
3 have to go through communication classes, verbal
4 judo, verbal defense and influence, cultural
5 diversity training.

6 But our police officers have to go
7 through the same thing as well. So we require
8 them to go through 40 hours of in-service
9 training. That 40 hours consists of training to
10 be able to communicate with people in a positive
11 way, so it never stops.

12 We always are trying to add something
13 on, but it's a consistent training that happens
14 at the academy, and not only with us, but the
15 supervisors and the command staff in the
16 precincts reiterate what we teach them at the
17 academy, they reiterate that with their training
18 sergeants at the police stations, so it's an
19 ongoing training that never stops.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Because there's
21 always room for improvement.

22 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Absolutely.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I thank you.

24 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other comments

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1 from Commissioners? I just want to give credit
2 in terms of where we should recognize where it's
3 properly due. Chief Craig took the Training
4 Academy to another level and I witnessed that
5 after joining the Board in 2014.

6 One of my first orders of business was
7 to interact with the academy to see what was up
8 to date and where we are with that whole training
9 process, and I have to admit in my years of
10 national involvement with LAPD officers, they had
11 a superior academy training to DPD and I think
12 the Chief witnessed that once he was -- he went
13 through that training in Detroit, then he also
14 went to LA, but I recognize that too in my
15 interaction in dealing with that.

16 So in the last five years it reflects
17 overall even advanced training that we go through
18 every year, we didn't have that in my career. I
19 mean, you're limited in terms of qualifying once
20 a year. I think the last several years we
21 qualified twice a year through changes, but
22 basically we have come a long way and you see a
23 better product, but you also see the caliber of
24 people that we're recruiting because most of
25 these officers have two or three years of college

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1 if not a degree, work experience, coming from
2 various walks of life.

3 When we interact, we want to get a
4 profile not just on graduation day, we want to
5 get a profile or understanding of what we are
6 witnessing on graduation day.

7 And therefore once you witness that you
8 can speak clearly to the caliber of officer, you
9 can dispel all of that because we recognize that
10 we have come a long way in that area.

11 So I want to commend Chief Craig, Capt.
12 Williams and the entire staff, AC White in terms
13 of -- I was embarrassed in my last years because
14 we used to be in the Palm Building, OCI, and
15 people could barely make it around the block and
16 they call themself an academy.

17 So you can see there's a change,
18 there's a change, so I just really -- like you
19 say, you're on the cutting edge and you're
20 modifying as we go along in terms of what we have
21 witnessed throughout the country.

22 So just pay attention. It's not a lack
23 of training. Sometimes just people do what they
24 do, but the training is ongoing and I just can't
25 say that enough. People say what about training,

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1 what about training.

2 Well, sometimes people just make bad
3 mistakes or incidents, so it's not training, it's
4 just something that innately that we do
5 sometimes.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, one of
7 the areas I think we could use your help and
8 certainly both the Captain and Assistant Chief
9 have heard me talk about the necessity to upgrade
10 our precision driving.

11 The reason why right now we use Belle
12 Isle, it's kind of a comical show, and not that
13 it's not good for what we have, but we really
14 need -- it doesn't have to be state of the art,
15 but we need a place where we can really teach
16 precision driving like they do in LA, like the
17 Michigan State Police.

18 Michigan State Police, as you know,
19 they have a driving track and why that's
20 important as it was already indicated, police
21 officers die more often in traffic accidents and
22 precision driving does make a difference, and
23 that's one area I think we can really improve,
24 but we got to have a right -- I think we have the
25 right instructors, we just don't have the right

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1 location.

2 I don't have an answer for it, but if
3 some of you come across someplace that maybe it
4 would be gifted or whatever we -- because I think
5 you would appreciate a new driving range.

6 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Absolutely.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Hopefully we can
8 identify and I would think about the General
9 Motors Proving Grounds or whatever, but we can
10 keep that in mind; I agree with you. It was one
11 of my worst fears is officer behind the wheel
12 besides me.

13 CHIEF CRAIG: It's still my fear. My
14 APU will tell you that I don't really like their
15 driving, isn't that right, sarge?

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, thank you
17 academy and all the concerned parties. We're
18 looking for more interaction and we're looking
19 forward to our next visit, perhaps in the next
20 two or three weeks to the academy.

21 CAPT. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you again.

23 (APPLAUSE).

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Do we have any
25 standing or ad hoc committee reports at this

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1 time. If not, we'll move on to Mr. Hicks, the
2 Board Secretary.

3 SECRETARY HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
4 I do not have any report for this evening.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Any
6 old business?

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair,
8 I'd like to kind of remind the commission that we
9 had talked about several months ago possibly
10 asking the attorney, legal counsel from the City,
11 to come and give us an update about the medical
12 marijuana facilities.

13 You know, we have an election in
14 November and, you know, I don't know that we can
15 do anything and what all the Commissioners'
16 positions are about medical marijuana facilities
17 increasing and the legalization, but I personally
18 -- I think there's not anything that we can do.

19 The law is probably going to pass for
20 recreational marijuana, just seems like it is,
21 but I personally want to make sure that no more
22 medical marijuana facilities are allowed to open
23 other than the cap that we, the Mayor and
24 everybody in the city has said we're going to
25 adhere to and that's 70.

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1 And I would just like to have a report
2 possibly from Mr. Garcia on what is the status of
3 that. I know that every once in a while I'll
4 read articles in the paper about the licensing
5 and how many applications there are and how many
6 are outstanding, and there are still some in the
7 process.

8 So I just don't feel clear as to
9 whether we're staying at that 70 cap, and that's
10 just me personally.

11 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: No, I agree.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: So you would like
13 to have that report before the November election?

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHE: Well, if at
15 all possible, if we can get an update on the
16 numbers that exist now and are we still going to
17 maintain that cap to the best of our ability.

18 Maybe there are some legal reasons why
19 we can't, but I think the community needs to be
20 aware. And then I would like us to talk about
21 what our position is on the legalization of
22 recreational marijuana, if that's something we
23 could do or at least inform the public.

24 If you vote no, that means you're
25 against it. If you vote yes, that means you're

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1 for it, so I think the community just needs to be
2 educated on this proposal that's coming in
3 November.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, one thing we
5 can do, Commissioner Dewaelsche, is to have the
6 corporation counsel or designee to report out
7 before -- perhaps in September -- well, we in
8 September now -- October before we have an update
9 in terms of your concern, our concerns on that
10 issue.

11 I don't know if we want to expound how
12 we feel about it personally, but I think we could
13 have that reporting out to the Board, is that
14 possible?

15 SECRETARY HICKS: We'll work that out.

16 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you
17 very much.

18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Is it possible to
19 also ask somebody from City Council to be here?

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, it's in the
21 hands of the corporation counsel. My
22 understanding, they would be the proper person,
23 but if that's appropriate, but Mr. Hicks will
24 look into what your concerns are with the
25 Council, but I think it's the corporation counsel

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1 that's leading that, and the Council have impact
2 to that decision process, so basically it's the
3 Mayor and the corporation counsel.

4 But definitely we will try to get that
5 in place.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Mr. Chair, if
7 I could just add along with Commissioner Burch's
8 comments, Councilman Tate is doing quite a bit in
9 the area of the medical marijuana facilities as
10 well as Councilman Spivey.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: You're correct,
12 Councilman Tate is leading the community effort
13 and we can request his presence too if that's
14 appropriate. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you
16 very much.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any knew business?
18 I'd like to -- the Chief mentioned the Chaplain
19 Corps. I want to ask Mr. Hicks to make sure that
20 we include the Chaplain Corps with our NACO
21 conference next year in terms of our planning and
22 we want really to have them involved in that
23 whole process since he mentioned that we have a
24 large group of dedicated chaplains and I think we
25 want to showcase and have that type of

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1 involvement because we're talking about officer
2 issues, concerns and stress. I think they're on
3 the cutting edge of trying to negate that, trying
4 to be involved, so we need to make sure.

5 And also let's make sure that our
6 Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence will be included in
7 that type of involvement with NACO in some role
8 that she could play and even ask her early on in
9 terms of her calendar or involvement in some
10 capacity, as you mention co-chair -- something,
11 wherever how she can be supportive of us, that
12 would be a plus.

13 Announcements. Our next meeting is
14 going to be on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at
15 6:30 PM in the 4th Precinct, Marathon Petroleum
16 Michigan Headquarters, 1001 South Oakwood, that's
17 in Southwest Detroit and make sure you read your
18 map on how to get there.

19 Our next community meeting is going to
20 be Thursday, October 11, 6:30 PM , 7th Precinct,
21 location forthcoming, perhaps that might be the
22 meeting that we give that update in reference to
23 the issue you just raises about the marijuana if
24 that's feasible at a community meeting, if not it
25 could be at our 3 o'clock meeting.

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1 Now we move to oral communication from
2 the public. Please give your name and limit your
3 comments to two minutes and I'm going to ask
4 Mr. Brown to read all the names and call the
5 first one or two to prep you in terms of coming
6 forward.

7 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have one card
8 and it's Ms. Bernice Smith.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair, if I
10 may while she's coming to the podium, next week
11 the meeting will be in the 4th Precinct which is
12 in the 6th District, but however I will not be in
13 attendance as I will be in Washington accepting
14 an award for the program that I work with.

15 We received a national award for the
16 program, so I will not be there.

17 (APPLAUSE).

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I will not be
19 there, but I would ask that Commissioner Brooks
20 since she lives in the 6th District if she would
21 be prepared to welcome the residents next week.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Better write that
23 down.

24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you,
25 Commissioner Brooks.

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1 COMMISSIONER BELL: You give my regards
2 to the President, okay.

3 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Bernice
4 Smith, to the Commissioners, Chief, good to see
5 you.

6 I just want to let you know we all know
7 what happened next week. We had a sorrow in our
8 city and in the world. My participation in it
9 was to report to you a certain incident that I
10 thought was very important for all of you to
11 know.

12 Of course, the Chief did mention it,
13 but I want everyone to know, Comm. Petty and his
14 men not only at the funeral, they were there
15 Wednesday and Thursday I believe at the museum
16 which is the area where I live. I couldn't
17 hardly get home getting through all the traffic,
18 but I want you to know that commander did a hell
19 of a good job I must say.

20 The crowd that was there as all around
21 the corner as much of you saw in the paper and on
22 TV. When I went up to him there and I said, "I'm
23 very proud of you and welcome to my
24 neighborhood".

25 Also the, officers that was with him

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1 that he was in charge of, they were very
2 mannerly, they treated the people -- I stayed
3 there and I watched for about 30 minutes, and I
4 watched how they treated the people in that area,
5 both black and white, and it was just wonderful.

6 Then at the funeral I saw -- one of the
7 things I saw what he did he was walking down and
8 then all of a sudden he pulled up his pants like
9 he was ready to do the good work, and I told him
10 then, I said, "I am so proud of you and your
11 men", so I just want you to know, Chief, and the
12 Commissioners we got a hell of a force here in
13 Detroit and I'm very very proud of them and I
14 just love to commendate then all the time and you
15 may think about putting him as an AD, Chief?

16 CHIEF CRAIG: He's back up there, Capt.
17 Petty. Capt. Petty, you can go ahead and --

18 (APPLAUSE).

19 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your
20 last speaker.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
22 Mr. Brown and thank you for coming out this
23 afternoon. I wish you the best. I would hope
24 that you continue to pray for our DPD family and
25 police and civilians and all involved in public

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1 safety in this day and age, and we just want --
2 Chief, are you going to have a special
3 recognition for those who participated in those
4 three or four days of Aretha Franklin award?

5 CHIEF CRAIG: Look, we're already above
6 -- past you on this. We talked about a ribbon
7 like what we did with Rosa Parks because of the
8 phenomenal work anybody involved, certainly we
9 talked about a ribbon. We don't know what kind
10 of a ribbon and maybe pink Cadillac -- maybe a
11 pink ribbon, I don't know.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Maybe pink for the
13 ladies and blue for the --

14 CHIEF CRAIG: No, we have had that
15 conversation and I do plan to move forward.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: I figured you
17 would.

18 CHIEF CRAIG: Being on the world stage
19 and --

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir,
21 definitely.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just want to
23 know if there's anyone out there from Recruiting,
24 Field Recruiting. I have a place I'd like for
25 you to pick up. If not, I'll go up to the

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1 office. Bridget, would you take - okay, thank
2 you.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you again.

4 The Chair will entertain a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
8 moved and supported. Those in favor, aye.

9 Commissioners: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: We stand adjourned.

11 (Proceedings concluded at

12 4:25 p.m.)

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