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8	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
9	REGULAR MEETING
10	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 AT 3:00 PM
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3	WILLIE BELL, Chairperson (Dist. 4)
4	DARRYL D. BROWN, Vice Chair (Dist. 1)
5	SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 3)
6	LISA CARTER, Commissioner (Dist. 6)
7	WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)
8	ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner, At-Large
9	JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner, At-Large
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10	REPRESENTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S OFFICE:
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12	CHIEF JAMES CRAIG
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14	DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID LEVALLEY
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 October 25, 2018
- 3 About 3:00 p.m.

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- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon, Darryl
- 6 Brown. I represent District 1. I'm so happy that our
- 7 Chairman has now walked into the room and he can take
- 8 over as soon as he sit down. Willie Bell.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 10 Brown, my vice chair, and I apologize to you in terms of
- 11 delaying the meeting by three minutes. We are -- in
- 12 order I explain to you why I'm a little late but
- 13 basically we're going to go right into the meeting.
- 14 Once again good afternoon. I am commissioner Willie
- 15 Bell representing District 4. I serve as chair of the
- 16 board and will conduct our meeting today. On behalf of
- 17 the board for those in attendance thank you for joining;
- 18 for people viewing this meeting on your government cable
- 19 channel thank you for viewing our meeting. Commissioner
- 20 Eva Garza Dewaelsche will not be attending today and
- 21 asked to be excused. And we have a chaplain; I'm
- 22 looking -- just looking at my notes. Good to see you.
- 23 Invocation will be by Kristy Soloman. Thank you. You
- 24 have the mic and as they say in church come to us in
- 25 your own way.



- 1 (Invocation given.)
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I'm going to
- 3 ask the commissioners to introduce themselves starting
- 4 to my far right.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon,
- 6 Commissioner William Davis, District 7.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon, Shirley
- 8 Burch, District 3.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon,
- 10 Elizabeth Brooks at-large.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Oh good afternoon,
- 12 Commissioner Darryl Brown, District 1.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon, Lisa
- 14 Carter, District 6.
- MR. HOLLEY: Good afternoon, Jim Holley
- 16 at-large.
- 17 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Mr. Hicks,
- 19 would you introduce the staff, please?
- 20 MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. Chair. Prior to
- 21 introducing the staff I do want to indicate that
- 22 Sergeant Quinn is taping today's meeting. Media
- 23 Services is providing the audio visual work and Caitlyn
- 24 Mancini is the court reporter today. And I have
- 25 immediately to my right Robert Brown and then if we go



- 1 to the first row, the first seat with our new personnel
- 2 director Dr. Marcella Anderson who's joining us this
- 3 evening. I don't know that people know you, so if you
- 4 could stand just so people have a sense and see
- 5 Dr. Anderson. And then next to Dr. Anderson is of
- 6 course Mrs. Johnson, who's fiscal, and then Mrs. Blossom
- 7 is out of the room attending to some media work and then
- 8 of course Mrs. White for policy and then we go to the
- 9 chief investigator Dr. Polly McCalister who will not
- 10 only introduce herself but the balance of the OCI staff.
- 11 MS. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon, Board. I'm
- 12 Polly McCalister chief investigator and attending
- 13 today's meeting with me today is Senior Investigator
- 14 Cromwell. Investigator Banks. Investigator Nichols.
- 15 Investigator Callaway. Investigator James. I don't
- 16 think she's made it down yet. And our new hire, who's
- 17 not new, new, Investigator Washington.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Dr. McCalister
- 19 and I just want to acknowledge again our staff, newly
- 20 appointed staff member starting with our HR director,
- 21 Dr. Anderson if you'll stand up. It's your day three?
- 22 DR. ANDERSON: Day three, yes, sir. I had
- 23 to process that, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And our newly
- 25 investigator will you please -- thank you. I'm trying



- 1 to get --
- 2 MS. WASHINGTON: Washington.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I should know that name.
- 4 Investigator Washington thank you for joining our team.
- 5 I know the family, so that's why I said that. And we
- 6 going to move on to Deputy Chief David LeValley good to
- 7 see you. Would you introduce DPD staff, please?
- 8 DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: Good afternoon, sir.
- 9 Thank you. Deputy Chief David LeValley, detective
- 10 bureau. And I'll have the staff introduce themselves
- 11 starting with Deputy Chief Fitzgerald.
- 12 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: Deputy Chief
- 13 Charles Fitzgerald, neighborhood policing west.
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Deputy Chief.
- 15 Elvin Barren neighborhood policing east.
- 16 COMMANDER WILSON: Marlon Wilson, commander
- 17 of professional standards bureau.
- 18 CAPTAIN MCGINNIS: Mike McGinnis captain,
- 19 homicide.
- 20 CAPTAIN JOHNSON: Captain Jevon Johnson,
- 21 major crimes.
- 22 COMMANDER BRYANT: Commander Elaine Bryant,
- 23 major crimes.
- 24 SERGEANT HEWITT: Sergeant Gerald Hewitt,
- 25 chief's office.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. The young man
- 2 who's taking a seat now.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Did you say young man?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief James Craig, good
- 5 to see you this afternoon and you are a young man.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, I appreciate that. Best
- 7 thing I've heard all day.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At this time I'd like to
- 9 introduce our elected officials who do not need
- 10 introduction but I want them to stand up given he's from
- 11 the district 2.
- 12 COUNCILMAN MCCALISTER: Councilman Roy
- 13 McCalister Junior.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Afternoon, sir. Any
- other elected officials? If not, any representatives of
- 16 elected officials here?
- 17 MR. MARTIN: Albert Martin with Councilman
- 18 McCalister, too.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. Okay.
- 20 We'll move right on to civic leaders or any other
- 21 persons involved or here; if not, we're going to move
- 22 right on to Commissioners, I'm going to ask the board to
- 23 approve the agenda for this Thursday afternoon meeting.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved and
- 2 supported. Discussion? Those in favor aye.
- 3 ALL: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed? Motion
- 5 carried. The next item would be approval of October the
- 6 18th, 2018 minutes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved and
- 10 supported. Discussion? Those this favor aye.
- 11 ALL: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed? Motion
- 13 carried. The next item is Chairman's report. On behalf
- of the board I want to express our concerns and support
- 15 for fallen and injured officers. Our concern for
- 16 officer safety and citizen protection is continued. Our
- 17 board receive a weekly report from the department
- 18 listing injured officer. I would ask the chief of
- 19 police during his remarks to provide us with any
- 20 additional information related to injured and fallen
- 21 officers. The board of police commission meets every
- 22 week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday
- 23 period. We meet at police headquarters three weeks of
- 24 the month on Thursday at 3 p.m. We also meet in the
- 25 community every second Thursday of the month at 6:30



- 1 p.m. Under the Detroit city Charter Article 7, Chapter
- 2 8 the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to
- 3 provide civilian oversight and supervise control of the
- 4 police department. Our citizens are justified in asking
- 5 how does civilian oversight of law enforcement help the
- 6 citizens within our community. Our answer is we protect
- 7 the civil rights of citizens. Oversight organization
- 8 like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating,
- 9 revealing all individual cases of citizen complaint and
- 10 patterns of operation by police agencies to eliminate
- 11 misconduct, discriminatory police practice, unnecessary
- 12 use of force by police.
- 13 Our work is based on development and
- 14 supporting the effect of policing, mutual trust and
- 15 respect between the police and the community is critical
- 16 towards an increasing quality of life for residents and
- 17 visitors to Detroit. The Board of Police Commissioners
- 18 exist to provide civilian oversight for the work of
- 19 Detroit Police Department. As a board we receive and
- 20 investigate noncriminal citizen complaint; I want to say
- 21 it again noncriminal citizen complaint. Monitor
- 22 operations of department and work with the Mayor and the
- 23 chief of police to make or modify police policy.
- 24 This week several public safety issues have
- 25 appeared in our local newspaper in a Detroit Freepress



- 1 report entitled they look like cops but they are not.
- 2 And they are all over Michigan. The article is about
- 3 the alarming numbers of unregulated civilian reserve
- 4 officer operating in various cities in Michigan. The
- 5 Freepress reported that there are more than 3,000
- 6 civilian officers in Michigan. This report indicates
- 7 that Detroit has 118 such officers. While report
- 8 addresses several important concerns, the report
- 9 highlights problems in connection with the background of
- 10 civilian officer. The report also identify training of
- 11 the officer and potential liability of cities that have
- 12 civilian officer.
- 13 I want to assure -- I want to assure the
- 14 public that in Detroit our reserve officers in fact
- 15 receive considerable training; they do not operate
- 16 without supervision. A few months ago this board
- 17 received an excellent presentation from the department
- 18 about the Detroit police reserves. Presentation
- 19 discussed additional measures, professionalism and
- 20 training our reserve officers, as well as spotlight and
- 21 investment the department has made to establish clear
- 22 authority and operation procedure for reserve officer.
- 23 Chief Craig, we was on the department when they
- 24 initiated the process in the 70s; the reserve officers
- 25 receive the proper training and Chief Craig father was a



- 1 reserve officer.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes, he was.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's a volunteer type
- 4 job and I don't know how we would function without them.
- 5 There's a long history but I'm glad the department took
- 6 the initiative to establish the training for them. We
- 7 got a full fledged uniform accountability reserve unit.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Earlier this year I
- 10 appeared on a public affairs show to discuss opioid
- 11 addiction and affects on people in communities. This is
- 12 National Drug Take Back Day sponsored by the DEA with
- 13 DPD. The objectives of National Drug Take Back Day is
- 14 to help us get a new unused opioid medication out of
- 15 circulation. All Detroit precinct are involved and
- 16 listed participants in the drug take back day. For the
- 17 citizen and visitors we ask your cooperation to take as
- 18 many of these dangerous opioid medication off the
- 19 street. Take them to the local police precinct and turn
- 20 them over to a police officer who will secure and
- 21 eventually destroy these dangerous drugs. This is the
- 22 first year or third year something like this taking
- 23 place?
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: I think it's the third.
- 25 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Third.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I would also
- 2 ask that parents go and take a look in your medicine
- 3 cabinet and collect old prescription drugs that are no
- 4 longer in use by you or your family. You can turn in
- 5 these old prescription drugs and keep them from falling
- 6 into the wrong hands into the illegal drugs market in
- 7 your community. Commissioner Davis, you hear me?
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Absolutely. Need any
- 9 help?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to also
- 11 acknowledge the chief proper response to a concern
- 12 discussed at our latest board meeting wherein I
- 13 challenged officers to take their job seriously and
- 14 uphold the high standards of the department. The chief
- 15 has released an administrative message on ethics. The
- 16 obligation of members of the Detroit Police Department
- 17 the administrative message to correct an emerging
- 18 problem in law enforcement that officers correctly
- 19 convey information in pursuit of law enforcement. I
- 20 think it's a major step. I also want to acknowledge the
- 21 receipt of updated Green Light location list of the
- 22 department. The Green Light program is now up to 418
- locations; we started with how many?
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: We started with eight.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Eight. In a short period



- 1 of time people are really gravitating, not just business
- 2 folks; just not, you know, it's a variety of community
- 3 that are dealing with that. The Green Light program
- 4 with its network of surveillance camera allow for DPD to
- 5 spread eyes across the city without limitation of man
- 6 power. Copy of this list are included in your board
- 7 packet.
- 8 Additionally, in your board package a
- 9 announcement about an annual event sponsored by the
- 10 Public Safety Foundation. The Above and Beyond Award
- 11 Ceremony will be held on November the 29th, 2018 at the
- 12 Marriott in the Renaissance Center. Commissioner
- 13 Elizabeth Brooks is working with the foundation and may
- 14 at the appropriate time want to say something about
- 15 Above and Beyond Awards Ceremony where we'll recognize
- 16 our first responders.
- 17 Under the chief of police report I would
- 18 like to ask the chief to expand on any arrangement that
- 19 the city plan to cover about annual -- let's try that
- 20 again -- the annual Halloween season. I understand that
- 21 several precinct will be sponsoring the events designed
- 22 as engaging the community. The chief you can include in
- 23 your report information on trunk or treat celebration.
- 24 In the same report please update the board on the recent
- 25 officer shooting incident that occurred, an



- 1 investigation involving two local funeral homes. Trunk
- 2 or treat is not new; it's not the first year that we've
- 3 been engaging in trunk or treat for two or three years;
- 4 is that correct?
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Today we have
- 7 a full agenda. We have three important presentation; we
- 8 will hear from a very special guest, United States
- 9 congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, 14th district, my
- 10 district and others. Congresswoman Lawrence will
- 11 provide an update for focus around concern of law
- 12 enforcement and policing. I want to thank Mr. James
- 13 Slaughter; is Mr. James Slaughter here? He said we
- 14 would call his name; just mention I called his name.
- 15 He's probably --
- MRS. SMITH: He's downstairs.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh he's waiting, okay.
- 18 Our senior district outreach coordinator for his help in
- 19 scheduling this event. I think this is rather unique.
- 20 Congresswoman Lawrence will address the board
- 21 presentation. Thank you, Congresswoman who will speak
- 22 to that shortly.
- Following the Congresswoman we receive a
- 24 presentation on neighborhood policing Deputy Chief Elvin
- 25 Barren and Deputy Chief Charles Fitzgerald will make



- 1 this presentation on some of the most conflict work on
- 2 neighborhood policing that were discussed in President
- 3 Obama detailed 21st Century on policing. I ask the
- 4 department to use some of the recommendation included in
- 5 that report to guide the presentation.
- 6 Our third will be from office of chief
- 7 investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister will make this
- 8 report. The officer of chief investigator is charged
- 9 with investigating citizen complaints surrounding
- 10 noncriminal conduct of our DPD. As a reminder at the
- 11 end of the meeting we have oral communication. Please
- 12 make sure you print your name on a speaker's card; cards
- 13 are located back at the table or can be obtained by
- 14 seeing Mr. Brown to my far right. He will need your
- 15 card before the beginning of public comments. We hold
- 16 each speaker to two minutes and the process we'll start
- 17 at the end of the meeting. The next item we move to
- 18 Chief Craiq.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 20 Starting with our crime we're still at or exceeding our
- 21 stated goal for the year. Overall crime as of today
- 22 we're sitting at about 8 percent overall reduction. 4
- 23 percent reduction in violent crimes and 10 percent
- 24 reduction in property. We wish that our homicide rate
- 25 was a little lower. It is lower than it was last year.



- 1 As it relates to the Halloween activities I would ask
- 2 that respective deputy chiefs or one to when you do your
- 3 report talk about the various activities at the police
- 4 stations and their respective side of the city. I know
- 5 you brought up the administrative message; I just want
- 6 to go into some brief points. I did meet with the
- 7 Detroit Police Officers Association about an hour ago
- 8 and there's been a growing concern by both the U.S.
- 9 Attorney and the Wayne County prosecutor's office on the
- 10 Giglio issue as it's referred to. And in simple terms
- 11 Giglio just addresses those officers that have had
- 12 sustained allegations with false and misleading
- 13 statements. If an officer has a sustained complaint, no
- 14 matter what time it has been in their career, what is
- 15 going on now the prosecutors, both U.S. Attorney and
- 16 Wayne County prosecutor are dismissing some of these
- 17 cases. One such case recently was a case involving an
- 18 habitual offender had been involved in a number of
- 19 violent crime incidents, and so it was through that a
- 20 decision was made by the U.S. Attorney to dismiss the
- 21 case because of the officer's prior disciplinary
- 22 history. It was then sent down to the Wayne County
- 23 prosecutor's office who did likewise. It was dismissed;
- 24 they wouldn't even handle it.
- 25 So it's a growing concern. It has been a



- 1 concern in other states; they call it the Brady issue,
- 2 which is more robust than the Giglio. What we're doing
- 3 now we're going through our department files, which we
- 4 will make available to the commission. We've committed
- 5 to making that list available to DPOA, and so it will be
- 6 more information coming but the bottom line is when an
- 7 officer has an allegation like that, prosecutors are
- 8 taking a very firm stand they're not going to use their
- 9 testimony. And so it's a very complex issue that we
- 10 will continue to address.
- 11 First starting with the shooting as
- 12 Mr. Chairman I notified you this morning. Nothing's
- 13 changed, however, I did a news briefing on it. And I'll
- 14 give you the scenario I gave over the briefing.
- 15 Yesterday officers were called to a location in second
- 16 precinct 14900 block of Tireman. They responded to that
- 17 location a priority one call a felonous assault in
- 18 progress. They responded within about 12 minutes. Once
- 19 they arrived at the location the suspect was gone. They
- 20 learned through the preliminary investigation that the
- 21 suspect had been armed with a knife. He was armed with
- 22 a qun. He had returned to this location several times
- 23 through the evening; he's acquainted with the residents
- 24 of this location. They consume alcohol together on a
- 25 regular basis. According to the witnesses they have not



- 1 seen this kind of behavior in the past. At one of his
- 2 visits on yesterday evening he was there; he attempted
- 3 to use a knife to stab one of the residents
- 4 unsuccessfully. He left the location. He returned to
- 5 the location. This time as he was approaching the
- 6 residents he brandished a firearm in the direction of
- 7 neighbors, basically directing them not to get involved.
- 8 He goes into the house and he threatens a female
- 9 resident; he threatened to kill her, pointed a gun at
- 10 her and then he left the location.
- 11 Once the officers finished with their
- 12 preliminary investigation they left and as they were
- 13 getting ready they were approaching a scout car they
- 14 were alerted that the suspect had returned. He did
- 15 return. They directed the officers to an alley. They
- 16 saw the suspect. He had in his possession a bike. He
- 17 was holding it with his left hand and in his right hand
- 18 he, as the officers approached he was going to a hostel
- 19 where he had hostel automatic. He began to turn in the
- 20 officers' direction and the officers believing that
- 21 there was a threat to their life was imminent, they
- 22 decided to use deadly force. He was shot multiple
- 23 times. Right after the shooting he struck the ground.
- 24 The officers did something that I haven't seen in any
- 25 other police departments I worked but they had



- 1 immediately went into a life saving mode. They began to
- 2 try to stop the bleeding. The second officer, team of
- 3 officers arrived at the scene. They quickly placed him
- 4 in the marked scout car, took him to the hospital where
- 5 he was treated. He was initially in serious condition
- 6 but he expired at around 11: 30 last night.
- 7 What we know in the investigation right now,
- 8 I had a chance to look at the video, the officers'
- 9 account appears to be consistent with what I saw and
- 10 what I heard. The fact that he directed the suspect to
- 11 either drop, stop, not sure which I don't recall, but
- 12 several times they warned this suspect who was armed.
- 13 At that point witnesses in the house confirm that in
- 14 fact he was armed with a gun. Witnesses in the house
- 15 confirmed that he did assault several of the residents,
- one with a knife the other with a gun. Witnesses
- 17 outside support the fact that suspect did come out with
- 18 a gun and brandished the gun and so at this point in the
- 19 investigation, which still as you know very fluid, it
- 20 appears that the officers' actions were appropriate
- 21 given the circumstances.
- 22 Certainly as I indicated in my news brief we
- 23 don't look to use deadly force but our prayers and
- 24 thoughts go out to the family of that 47 year old
- 25 individual who was shot fatally. He had no criminal



- 1 history. The only thing we can take from it is that he
- 2 may have been under the influence; that's his connection
- 3 to this; that's what they do, they drink and so on this
- 4 occasion he became violent and the witnesses say they
- 5 had not seen that side of him before. So our
- 6 investigation on that does continue.
- 7 That concludes my remarks. I'll certainly
- 8 take any questions you might have. As it relates to the
- 9 investigation of the fetuses that we found first
- 10 starting with Cantrell and now Perry Funeral Homes this
- 11 is a very complex investigation. Our investigations --
- 12 investigators have been working tirelessly on this case
- 13 and as you may know last Friday I pulled together our
- 14 law enforcement partners, which included the Wayne
- 15 County prosecutor's office, the attorney general's
- office, Michigan State Police, the FBI, DPD, a state
- 17 regulatory agency called LARA, and a couple of civil
- 18 litigators, a couple of attorneys that are investigation
- 19 the case involving Perry because it was these attorneys
- 20 that brought the information forward to the DPD, which
- 21 caused us to open a criminal investigation like Cantrell
- 22 with Perry. So we have two criminal investigations
- 23 going; the DPD has been working it. We have assembled a
- 24 task force, which includes the DPD, Michigan State
- 25 Police and the FBI and that task force will be



- 1 operational on Monday and that will be focussing
- 2 primarily on the Perry Funeral Home. There are other
- 3 issues that we have uncovered that are different than
- 4 Cantrell. Cantrell investigation is going to continue.
- 5 At some point a decision might be made that we will
- 6 combine both the Cantrell and Perry locations in one
- 7 investigation but right now they're separate.
- 8 As it relates to the Cantrell the
- 9 investigators have identified of the number of fetuses
- 10 uses that were located there six were identified through
- 11 hospital identification tags and each of those had the
- 12 mother's name, so of the six three of those parents have
- been contacted and interviewed. We have not spoken to
- 14 the owners of any persons of interest at this point. As
- 15 I indicated the investigation is ongoing and very
- 16 complicated. So we're very -- I am very pleased with
- 17 the phenomenal work that's being done by Detroit Police
- 18 Department. As everybody can attest to this is a very
- 19 different kind of investigation and that's one of the
- 20 reasons why we wanted to make sure that we brought in
- 21 the resources necessary to bring a successful
- 22 conclusion. So with that I'll take any questions you
- 23 might have.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, any
- 25 questions?



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question, sir. I know
- 4 a couple of people have been asking about these scooters
- 5 downtown about them running into people and running --
- 6 and cars and having accidents, can you give us any
- 7 update about what's going with these scooters?
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: They do travel at high rates
- 9 of speed. I personally, I mean, I wasn't saying it --
- 10 it's risky. I mean, I keep my eyes open when I'm out
- 11 walking on the sidewalk. I personally have not heard as
- of recent, and maybe deputy chiefs might have some
- 13 additional information.
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Deputy Chief
- 15 Bettison for the record. So I have a meeting planned
- 16 with city council so that we can get some regulation.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: The specific question have you
- 18 heard of any instances where there's been someone
- 19 injured?
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Not injured I've
- 21 heard of collisions but nothing where a police report
- 22 was made nor anybody going to the hospital, so.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: We're going to follow-up but
- 24 I've noticed it and I've heard loose talk. I've heard
- others say we've had some report with people who have



- 1 been significantly injured. I think those scooters can
- 2 go as high as what?
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: 15 miles an hour.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other, Commissioners?
- 6 Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Chief, the officers
- 8 who were involved in the shooting are they now on some
- 9 type of leave or desk duty or anything like that? Are
- 10 they receiving any kind of help? I'm sure it was a
- 11 traumatic experience; they went right into action after
- 12 the experience, so.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair we're
- 14 following our same protocols; they are restricted. I
- 15 had a conversation with one of the two since that
- 16 shooting incident. I will tell you that the one officer
- 17 graduated from the police academy just two weeks ago.
- 18 Two weeks ago out of the academy and he's involved in
- 19 this situation. The second officer has just two years.
- 20 Both assigned to the second precinct.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other, Commissioners?
- 23 MR. HOLLEY: Can I just ask a question?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- MR. HOLLEY: Chief, how many times was the



- 1 young man -- was he shot?
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: Information I got there was a
- 3 total of 13 rounds most of them center mass chest area.
- 4 MR. HOLLEY: So they trying to revive,
- 5 trying to subdue life support on somebody they shot 13
- 6 times?
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: Absolutely. He was still --
- 8 in their estimation he was alive and I commend those
- 9 officers.
- 10 MR. HOLLEY: I'm not suggesting --
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: I know but I'm just saying
- 12 that I appreciate their efforts to revive and they
- 13 quickly placed him in the scout car, not waiting for EMS
- 14 to get him to a local hospital.
- MR. HOLLEY: Let me ask you this again
- 'cause I appreciate everything that you do. But if we
- 17 oversight -- have oversight and we want to have your
- 18 back should -- when I come here and I hear these reports
- 19 like shootings and so forth and we have the verbal, the
- 20 verbal report that you do. Is there anyway that we get
- 21 a report or written report to us about this incident, so
- 22 that we can report back to our constituents so that we
- 23 all on the same page, so that we will not be having
- 24 misinformation based upon I heard at the meeting but I'm
- 25 not sure at the meeting? I'm asking Mr. Chairman to you



- 1 as well is there something that should be done in terms
- 2 of a police report like this come to us that we might
- 3 have it more succinctly rather than just a verbal and
- 4 then we just move on? I'm concerned about the two
- 5 police officers but I think as the chief has already
- 6 said he's also concerned about the family that was
- 7 involved of the young man. So don't we have some
- 8 responsibility in terms of trying to have that report to
- 9 us so we can have it succinctly in our system as to what
- 10 took place.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair I have to
- 12 respond. I want to remind the commissioner that we
- 13 conduct a criminal investigation and as such we don't
- 14 make informations -- we don't make information relative
- 15 to a criminal investigation. As part of my oral
- 16 briefing I've done something that is not always common
- in a lot of places we wait days before talking about
- 18 these matters; I've been criticized by some members of
- 19 this board, in fact. In some instances been criticized
- 20 by the union. I have a duty and obligation to this
- 21 community to be transparent as best I can, even though
- 22 these investigations are fluid. They are criminal
- 23 investigations and I have to be ever so careful about
- 24 what I release. But if the person is an armed suspect,
- 25 I can tell the community that. If the person's unarmed



- 1 and we use deadly force, I need to tell that.
- 2 MR. HOLLEY: I guess I'm saying chief --
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: But as far as your role we are
- 4 doing a criminal investigation and I cannot give you
- 5 specifics regarding a criminal investigation. I can't
- 6 do it.
- 7 MR. HOLLEY: You just gave it.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: I didn't give you all the
- 9 specifics.
- 10 MR. HOLLEY: Okay. All right.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: I gave you a narrative that I
- 12 made public earlier day.
- MR. HOLLEY: I know. And I hear you.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: So I'm charged with the duty
- 15 and obligation --
- MR. HOLLEY: I'm also --
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: -- to conduct a criminal
- 18 investigation.
- 19 MR. HOLLEY: I also feel I'm charged as a
- 20 oversight person to have, in fact, information you just
- 21 gave. If it was -- and I'm trying -- Chief, you know, I
- 22 don't want to -- this -- if I'm wrong, then I'm sure
- 23 they would tell me. I'm not trying to be adversarial; I
- 24 just feel like as an oversight person I have some
- 25 responsibility here by the charter to basically just to



- 1 have the information you just gave. So that when I go
- 2 back or if I'm talking to someone or in a meeting with
- 3 my constituents that I have the same information you
- 4 just gave. Then ask maybe next two or three weeks
- 5 you'll give an update, that's all.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: But if the chair can
- 7 interject. We in the process the leadership team and is
- 8 really after the investigation is a criminal
- 9 investigation, the chief is correct after the
- 10 investigation is completed, we want to weigh in in terms
- 11 of some type of report in terms of what transpired since
- 12 a person has been shot or killed or shot whatever it is.
- 13 We in the early stages of discussion of policy with the
- 14 chief and the Mayor, we just in early stages I think we
- 15 we haven't brought it to that extent but we in the
- 16 process of trying to have that type of discussion but
- 17 not to intervene or seek information in reference to an
- 18 ongoing criminal investigation. Once the report is
- 19 completed we're trying to have -- reach that gap which
- 20 you're speaking of.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I'll
- 22 interject too. Also Reverend Holley, Commissioner
- 23 Holley, there was an e-mail that was sent out to the
- leadership and I don't know if it went to the entire
- 25 about the press conference, which I made it down there



- 1 to the press conference that the chief did. And the
- 2 same information he did that he gave at the press
- 3 conference about this and the funeral homes issues is
- 4 the same information he's releasing now. And I know we
- 5 go back and forth with wanting to know all the details
- 6 of some things and some things just we cannot. I think
- 7 the true facts that the chief did allude to the point to
- 8 discuss in the face of transparency was that yes, he was
- 9 armed. And the officers acted appropriately. Right now
- 10 as it seems. So until all the rest of that is
- 11 investigated, I think he's at the point where he just
- 12 cannot release the rest of the information.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair you're
- 14 absolutely correct. These things are fluid. Sometime
- 15 they change. They evolve. The other component to this
- 16 is that once we finish our criminal investigation that
- 17 investigation is forwarded over to the Wayne County
- 18 prosecutor's office who then does a separate
- 19 investigation, so I have to be very careful; I mean,
- 20 there's a balance. Each and every one is a balance.
- 21 It's a balance for the involved employees. There's a
- 22 balance for the community. And so and then the
- 23 subsequent decision that the prosecutor will have to
- 24 make as to whether or not the actions by the officers
- 25 were determined to be criminal or not criminal. And so



- 1 that decision is always made in every officer-involved
- 2 shooting. Again, I think it's important for me in this
- 3 role when you talk about continuing to build trust in
- 4 the community that I come out of this as quickly as I
- 5 can. One of the things that I always applaud
- 6 Cincinnati; Cincinnati was a city that had number of
- 7 officer-involved shootings, which led to a civil unrest
- 8 and federal oversight. One of the grievance that came
- 9 out of that is that within 24 hours of any
- 10 officer-involved shooting, that the Mayor, city manager
- 11 and police chief would provide a briefing to the
- 12 community via a press conference. 24 hours. No
- 13 exceptions. And so part of my orientation is to do
- 14 that. I usually do it sooner than that and also caveat
- 15 understanding that these things will change but the
- 16 basic facts and I also get to talk about, you know, what
- 17 I personally saw as it relates to now that we have
- 18 body-worn cameras. So it's a real delicate place to be
- 19 but I think it's one that works in the best interest of
- 20 our community.
- 21 MR. HOLLEY: I appreciate that. The other
- 22 question I have, Chief, through the chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. You have the
- 24 floor.
- 25 MR. HOLLEY: Yeah, I know. I just -- a lot



- of times, Chief, when you make your reports each week
- 2 and I walk away feeling good in terms of crime is down,
- 3 crime is down and then I look at the Freepress and it
- 4 said Detroit ranks the most violent city, big city,
- 5 second violent big city and I thought, so what's the
- 6 difference between what they see and what we see?
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair. In those
- 8 reports it releases per capita, so our per capita crime
- 9 is still high. I mean, for example, city where I lived
- 10 Los Angeles 4 million people they may end the year with
- 11 roughly 300 homicides. Last year Detroit, 700 thousand,
- 12 we ended the the end with the lowest number of homicides
- in 50 years and I think it was 267. So if you calculate
- 14 per capita that's what -- how the story presents. It
- 15 doesn't mean that -- and then there's other ways to
- 16 really go down and peel back what does that really mean?
- 17 Do we find that Detroit has random individuals being
- 18 killed? I mean, people just driving down the street
- 19 shooting? No. Is the murder rate still down? And
- 20 again I talked about last year's murder rate. Would I
- 21 like the murder rate much lower for our population?
- 22 Absolutely. But are we making progress? Yes, we are.
- 23 But there are a lot of other dynamics when you look at
- 24 why our crime is historically, now this thing about
- 25 being the most violent city just didn't start a year or



- 1 two ago. This has been a historic challenge for the
- 2 city. Again, we've moving in the right direction. I'm
- 3 optimistic that we talk, and I know that Mr. Chairman
- 4 talked about Green Light. We talked about the work
- 5 we're doing with our youth community. Things are lining
- 6 up in the right way but I'm not going to put my feet up
- 7 and say we're there 'cause we're not.
- 8 MR. HOLLEY: Thank you very much. Thank
- 9 you, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 11 I would caution us as commissioners do not engage in
- 12 that type of dialogue with the public or the media
- 13 because I just refer to the chief of police and its
- investigation underway; it is not our role; it's not our
- 15 capacity, therefore, you should not weigh in or have
- opinion whatever that is on 'cause you don't know the
- 17 circumstance. Like you say it's different and that will
- 18 take time. So we just basically refer to the chief of
- 19 police like the vice chair you can attend the press
- 20 conference but I don't really have a comment of any
- 21 nature in reference to that is undergoing a criminal
- 22 investigation of a shooting by a police officer. That's
- 23 strictly for the mayor and chief of police but as I
- 24 stated when all the dust clears six month, whatever that
- is, we would like some, you know, some capsule wherever



- 1 that is and I think that will be forthcoming. We're
- 2 going to move on; I'm going to ask Mr. James Slaughter
- 3 to come to the podium to introduce our congresswoman
- 4 Brenda Lawrence properly. I think she deserving of
- 5 that. He's the liaison person that's been working with
- 6 us extensively. Before he do that I want to recognize
- 7 the city of Dallas, what Station is that?
- 8 UNKNOWN PERSON: NBC station in Dallas.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The NBC station in
- 10 Dallas. They are here covering the board of police
- 11 commission Chief Hall, Renee Hall made a recommendation
- 12 that they would go through a process of oversight in
- 13 Dallas, so this station took the initiative to call and
- 14 they are here to tape and do a lot, whatever they do, in
- 15 terms of the media, so I appreciate them in terms of
- 16 coming out and that's why I did a brief interview in
- 17 person also by telephone and it's ongoing action. So
- 18 they are covering this. If you know any good folks in
- 19 Dallas besides the chief of police, encourage them to
- 20 take a look at oversight how it can have an impact in
- 21 Dallas, so we trying to be a resource for them. Now,
- 22 Mr. Slaughter, you have the mic please.
- MR. SLAUGHTER: Good afternoon. Again my
- 24 James Slaughter. I work for Congresswoman Brenda
- 25 Lawrence who is here today. I appreciate you all



- 1 letting us work with you all. I've learned a lot coming
- 2 here on Thursdays and really gained a knowledge of
- 3 what's going on but today I'm going to introduce the
- 4 person, the leader of the 14th congressional district.
- 5 She's on transportation and infrastructure; she's on
- 6 oversight and a host of other congressional titles that
- 7 she might mention today. I would like that introduce to
- 8 you U.S. Congresswoman Brenda L. Lawrence 14th
- 9 congressional district.
- 10 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: It's such an honor
- 11 to be here with you today. To the chief to the Board of
- 12 Commissioners I want to say thank you for what you do
- 13 and let you know I'm here out of respect; respect for
- 14 your day to day responsibility to the chief and all of
- 15 the -- our first responders. I have such gratitude.
- 16 Many of you know I served as a mayor for 14 years and
- 17 had that unique responsibility and duty to know
- 18 everything that moves when it comes to law enforcement
- 19 and just really know the sacrifices that are made on a
- 20 daily basis to protect us and I want to say thank you.
- 21 Thank you for your leadership, Chief.
- I wanted to give you a brief update so that
- 23 you can kind of get a snapshot. Some of the things I'm
- 24 talking about will be on a national level and I think
- 25 it's important for you to think about what you do as it



- 1 relates and we have another city here. On a federal
- 2 level we're looking at the movement of prevention, crime
- 3 prevention and also how do we support our community.
- 4 How do we support our police on a national level.
- 5 Nationally, we have seen rise in violence crimes and
- 6 rise in car thefts, a rise in rapes and aggravated
- 7 assaults here in Michigan. We have serious concerns;
- 8 we've talked about some of the statistics. But I want
- 9 to highlight one area and that's neighborhood policing,
- 10 which I know we talk about a lot in and it's an
- 11 expectation of this commission. It's important that
- 12 communities know that they can trust and work with their
- law enforcement and to keep their communities safe. On
- 14 a national level we've dealt with what it looks like
- 15 when the community does not respect their police. I've
- 16 been so proud of the city of Detroit because we have not
- 17 seen the rioting and the results of a lack of trust and
- 18 so many times we forget to realize that it doesn't
- 19 happen just with one incident. It's repeated over long
- 20 period of time where there is not that communication.
- 21 People will be heard one way or the other.
- 22 History has taught us that and so it has to be the
- 23 continuous investment in that police communication and
- 24 relationship building and so it feels good to be sitting
- on the national platform as we address these issues



- 1 around the country where we can stay at home that we're
- 2 not perfect but that sense of respect, and you will hear
- 3 me; you will listen to me and that you will show up when
- 4 I need to talk, it is addressing a lot of the issues
- 5 that we see. And it focuses on community members are
- 6 not police officers. And that's something that develops
- 7 that respect and we don't need everyone taking the law
- 8 into their hands but we have to trust that our law
- 9 enforcement officers are looking out for us. And so I
- 10 just, I know that we're doing that in Detroit. I want
- 11 that to continue to be something that you can hang your
- 12 hat on and continue to make sure. When you see some
- 13 lapse and this happens a lot when we talk about budget
- 14 cuts. So one of the first things communities want to
- 15 cut is their community policing. And so we have to make
- 16 sure that we keep our eye on the prize with that.
- I wanted to talk to you about some
- 18 statistics on a national level, something that's very
- 19 important to me and that's gun violence especially when
- 20 it involves children and youth. Since Columbine more
- 21 than 150 thousand students and at least 170 elementary,
- 22 middle and high schools have experienced school
- 23 shootings. 91 percent of the children in high income
- 24 countries who were killed with firearms live in the
- 25 United States of America. So around the world these



- 1 people who have certain amount of affluence and
- 2 resources we in the United States are 91 percent of
- 3 that. Guns are now the third leading cause of death for
- 4 all Americans under 18 years of age. That's a
- 5 staggering statistics. For Americans 14 through 17 the
- 6 rate of lifelong -- lifetime exposure to shootings
- 7 including hearing gun shots as well as seeing someone
- 8 shot is 17 percent. Nearly 60 percent of all high
- 9 school students report fears of shooting at their school
- 10 or in their community. And nearly 40 percent of
- 11 children exposed to a shooting will develop PTSD. And
- 12 7th and 8th grade students who reported direct exposure
- 13 to gun violence had a 36 percent increase in the number
- 14 of aggressive episodes.
- 15 Now let's talk about domestic violence.
- 16 Abused woman are five times more likely to be killed by
- 17 their abusers if the abuser owns a firearm. Women in
- 18 the United States are 16 percent more likely to be
- 19 murdered with a gun than any other country in the world;
- 20 16 times more likely to be killed. In 2011 nearly
- 21 two-thirds of women killed with guns were killed by
- 22 their intimate partners. Highlights and statistics and
- 23 follow-ups from previous district meetings, I wanted to
- 24 tell you how I've been working on a federal level. So
- 25 you all know, and we have so many task force, and I'm



- 1 sure the chief can give you an update on this on how you
- 2 interact with federal agencies, the FBI, the border
- 3 patrol, which is extremely sensitive for us with all the
- 4 discussions on immigration and we are one of the busiest
- 5 points of borders, the international borders, in the
- 6 country, ICE, AFT. And I wanted you to know I had a
- 7 very interesting conversation always interacting. Few
- 8 people know that border patrol has the jurisdiction for
- 9 50 miles from a border. 50 miles. And border patrol
- 10 can go anywhere in relationship to a defined area of
- 11 protecting the border. So few people realize that. So
- 12 all of the city of Detroit the border patrol agency has
- 13 jurisdiction.
- Many -- one of the most enlightening
- 15 meetings I had recently was with the AFT. The AFT works
- 16 with any level when it comes to illegal guns, including
- 17 being a resource for any gun shootings that they can
- 18 track, monitor and work with the Detroit Police
- 19 Department. When I met with them they informed me that
- 20 they have 40 agents for the city of Detroit. That
- 21 meeting was very enlightening to me. I would think that
- 22 through the chief's direction really learn the resources
- 23 that we have as we look at budgets and we look at what
- 24 is the expectations because one of the things that I was
- 25 very clear in I do not want border patrol, AFT or anyone



- 1 operating in a silo without having that communication
- 2 and collaboration with our Detroit Police Department.
- I want to talk a little bit about
- 4 immigration because that's a big hot issue. So I was
- 5 out on the Detroit river with border patrol in the boat
- 6 and there's an invisible international border that's
- 7 being patrolled and there is a park, it's not a lot of
- 8 activity but most of the activity is in an abandoned
- 9 park and people can go there, drop off drugs, do other
- 10 things that's illegal. And so when it comes to our
- 11 border, when its comes to who we are as a city of
- 12 Detroit, understand you have a role in border protection
- 13 as well for this country. We have very a lot of -- we
- 14 have a large number of investment when it comes to
- 15 border patrol and heightened security issues and,
- 16 surprisingly, I was surprised to hear that human
- 17 trafficking happens on our border. And so as another
- 18 issue that's going to become very interesting if we
- 19 legalize marijuana in this state, if you're passing
- 20 through a federal point of entry in this country, it is
- 21 still an illegal drug. We need to be very clear in
- 22 making sure if this bill, if it passes and is legal, it
- 23 is not legal to transport at any federal point of entry
- 24 because marijuana is still a federally illegal drug. So
- 25 we have some work to do on that.



- 1 The neighborhood policing I talked a little
- 2 bit about that. We know that the central goal of
- 3 neighborhood policing is to police and build
- 4 relationships with the community. And I am again very
- 5 proud of the city of Detroit and what they've done. I
- 6 just want to talk about this because it's a national
- 7 issue and that's how do we protect civilians in our
- 8 communities? We do have a federal responsibility in
- 9 laws and policies that we pass in our expectation and
- 10 we've been confronted with how do we protect civilians
- in their community. So I wanted you to know that the
- 12 technology police body cameras, which was HR344, it
- 13 makes existing grants available to local governments and
- 14 Indian tribe for the purpose of purchasing the body
- 15 cameras. We also required diversity and sensitivity
- 16 training, which was HR1870, which will require diversity
- 17 and sensitivity training as a requirement for local
- 18 governments to get grants. So it's always that balance
- 19 of what can the federal government mandate in local
- 20 communities. And we had some very heated discussions
- 21 about this but if you want federal dollars, then you
- 22 will train your police department in diversity and
- 23 sensitivity training 'cause we saw in a lot of the
- 24 communities that had the riots and the unrest it was
- 25 because there had been no investment and training of



- 1 their police force. And it would encourage efforts to
- 2 increase hiring or retention of diverse law enforcement
- 3 officers. We also -- I cosponsored -- these are bills I
- 4 cosponsored by the way. I cosponsored HR4 -- 1495 and
- 5 that's end of racial profiling, act of 2017 which
- 6 defines and prohibited racial profiling by federal,
- 7 state, local or tribe enforcement agency. The term
- 8 racial profiling is defined as a practice of relying on
- 9 the actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national
- 10 origin, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation
- in making a routine law enforcement decision.
- 12 And another bill I cosponsored is the gun
- 13 violence retraining order, which act of 2017, which is a
- 14 federal law which amends the federal criminal code to
- 15 prohibit the sale, transfer or receipt or possession of
- 16 a firearm by a person who is subject to a gun violence
- 17 prevention order. We normally call those -- you can't
- 18 come around me what is that called? Personal protection
- 19 order. We hear that a lot. Thank you.
- Then the other thing I'm want to talk to you
- 21 about and then I'm going to wrap you is how do we
- 22 protect -- we need to protect our civilians and our
- 23 communities but we also need to protect our police and
- law enforcement. So the body cameras so many people
- 25 view that only one way but as I said it protects the



- 1 community, it also protects the officer. And that was
- 2 very important to me. And so HR344 the police camera
- 3 act, again, it gives us the grants for the body cameras
- 4 and we know, the police just mentioned it today, now
- 5 it's routine so when officers are in any case of where
- 6 we have to review a situation of law enforcement, that
- 7 we have the cameras.
- 8 The last thing I wanted to bring to your
- 9 attention and I also cosponsored is the Fair Chance Act.
- 10 It seeks to reduce post-incarceration employment
- 11 barriers. I can't tell you how important it is is that
- 12 this is all connected. So when it reduces employment
- 13 barriers which would likely increase that recitizism
- 14 that we see where criminals who have done their time and
- 15 trying to reenter into society and we are now
- 16 prohibiting them from getting employment because we are
- 17 still punishing them, although they've done their time
- 18 and they normally end up back in prison again committing
- 19 crimes. So I'm going to wrap up with this. We have a
- 20 lot of work to do. You are the citizen part of this.
- 21 And so when we talk about neighborhood policing and all
- 22 of that you're very much a part of that. I was just
- 23 recently doing a hearing with the U.S. Conference of
- 24 Mayors, which you all know I was a part of, and I told
- 25 them I'm a congresswoman with a mayor's heart. And so



- 1 as a mayor I have this very high level of sensitivity of
- 2 how we treat our law enforcement. How do we train them?
- 3 You know, Commissioner Carter, you made a comment. Few
- 4 people realize that when a police officer goes through a
- 5 shooting like that we have to take care of them. You
- 6 know, we have to take care of the community but we got
- 7 to make sure that we are investing the time and the
- 8 resources to allow them to emotionally process through
- 9 what they've been through. Because you will see some
- 10 issues come up with that as well. And it's not just a
- 11 debriefing conversation, but it's counseling. It's
- 12 reconnecting them to their job and to the community
- 13 despite of what they have confronted. I want you to
- 14 know I'm so excited to be your humble servant, to
- 15 represent the city of Detroit and 18 other communities
- in the 14th district. And I thank you and I'll open up
- 17 for any questions you have for me.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, any
- 19 questions.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Welcome. And thank
- 21 you. I'm commissioner Shirley Burch. You really
- 22 touched my heart today because you won't believe this as
- 23 the commissioner in the 3rd district I just had a
- 24 meeting with those two gentleman right there and our
- 25 commander. What I shared with them that we are a team.



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- 1 We're family. But we want that respect from the
- 2 officers, in turn the citizens must respect. And what
- 3 Chief Craig said about giving out too much information
- 4 some things are not for public to know. We know of the
- 5 incident in Washington what happened. So you have to be
- 6 very careful what you speak, so sometimes it's best just
- 7 to say it's an ongoing situation and we're not allowed
- 8 to speak but I want to commend number 11 'cause that's
- 9 where I live. I can say what they do but there's always
- 10 room for improvement.
- 11 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Always.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Hi Dallas because I
- 13 know Chief Renee and I have a young girl out there that
- 14 just moved there. Hi Rosemary Harris and the baby. So
- thank you for coming out; they'll send you a letter; I'd
- 16 like to speak to you later.
- 17 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Thank you,
- 18 Commissioner.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioners?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. Thank you so
- 21 much. That was very enlightening. My concern are guns.
- 22 When we put drugs and guns and people whose minds are
- 23 not right together we're going to have something on our
- 24 hand. What is being done in Washington D.C. about
- 25 purchasing of guns? How do you -- what's the age, who



- 1 can buy them, what's being done with the retailers that
- 2 are selling these guns? I know you can buy them on the
- 3 street, that's always been there. But could you kind of
- 4 elaborate or tell me a little bit what's going on in
- 5 terms of guns.
- 6 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: I absolutely am
- 7 very passionate about this and some will view this as
- 8 being partisan but I will absolutely tell you. I
- 9 personally believe this from my experience of being a
- 10 mayor and now on a federal level. We in America have a
- 11 problem and it's with guns. There is this variation
- 12 from our second amendment right where everyone in this
- 13 room, if you're an American citizen, have the right to
- 14 own a gun. But in no place is there a need to own a
- 15 military gun and we have people who own, I don't know if
- 16 this is proper term, bazukas, and these very high
- 17 powered assault weapons. You are not in the military
- 18 and you're not at war. Why would you need the same type
- 19 of equipment that we use in a battlefield? Bump stops.
- 20 Good example. We should never allow that to be sold.
- 21 People who own -- I like to give you this
- 22 example. Please bear with me. In America if you buy a
- 23 car in America you can't just go buy a car. You have to
- 24 have a license to drive it. You have to have a legal
- 25 document that says who owns it. And then once you buy



- 1 it, it's your car you bought it they mandate that you
- 2 put a seatbelt on even though it is your car. And we
- 3 will give you a ticket. And we mandate you cannot drink
- 4 and drive a car. And we're okay with that. But when
- 5 you start talking about guns who are you to tell me
- 6 about my guns and I need to have my guns. No one's
- 7 trying to take away your gun, but just like we have a
- 8 responsibility when we own a car not only do you have to
- 9 have a license you have to get it renewed. You can't
- 10 have a lifetime license to drive a car. Things change.
- 11 And if you're not physically able to operate a car we
- 12 will not give you a license to drive that car. So now
- 13 let's talk about guns. Only one purpose for a gun and
- 14 that's to kill something. That's the only reason for a
- 15 gun. And you're going to tell me in America that you
- 16 will not mandate that every single person that owns a
- 17 gun is licensed and so don't give me that push back,
- 18 well, you know, most of the guns are illegal. If that
- 19 was the case, we wouldn't need police. Because the
- 20 crimes that are happening on the street are illegal.
- 21 They're not in compliance with our laws but we in
- 22 America do not even have the law that says in America to
- own a gun you must have a license; it doesn't say you
- 24 must know how to operate a gun and perform the safety
- 25 responsibilities but we do that with a car. In America



- 1 we have not laid down and positioned a law that would
- 2 prohibit assault weapons. We don't allow somebody to go
- 3 out and get, what's that big Hummer truck and drive it
- 4 down the highway. We would say no, that's
- 5 inappropriate; that's for the battlefield but we'll say
- 6 you can go out and get you a submachine gun and carry it
- 7 around. It's common sense. It's like we can't even
- 8 have a conversation without the NRA coming up saying,
- 9 you know, you're trying to take away my guns. Nobody's
- 10 trying to take away your guns but if we had the common
- 11 sense to regulate automobiles in America, we clearly
- 12 should have the common sense and compassion to regulate
- 13 guns and this is where it's going to sound partisan. We
- 14 as Democrats have put forth so many bills. Every time
- 15 there's a shooting we want to stand up and do a moment
- 16 of silence. Moment of silence does not fulfill our
- 17 requirement as law makers and every time we bring a bill
- 18 forward it is suppressed by the Republicans 'cause they
- 19 do not want to bring the bill forward because the NRA is
- 20 a major, major influencer on the Republican party. They
- 21 give each of us a grade. I have a F and I'm proud of my
- 22 F grade that I get from the NRA. And I tell you I have
- 23 some very good friends who are gun owners and gun -- the
- 24 qun stores. I know all of them and none of them are
- 25 against background checks. You shouldn't be able to buy



- 1 a gun without you getting a background check. And 60
- 2 percent of America agreed with that but we will not
- 3 bring the bill forward. There's going to be an election
- 4 coming up and I can tell you if we get in the majority,
- 5 those bills will come forward.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So what can we do as
- 7 citizens?
- 8 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: What you can do is
- 9 continue to be supportive of saying these are the things
- 10 that we need. Everybody reacts and start writing
- 11 letters and protesting when there's a shooting and then
- 12 everyone else goes home. Another thing is a lot of
- 13 people, and I haven't talked to the chief about this,
- 14 but everybody here has a smart phone know that you can
- 15 put your fingerprint on your phone and activate it. We
- 16 should have that same technology on guns. Someone said
- 17 well, that will make the price go up. Well, you know
- 18 what, you have a Mercedes. Everybody can't buy a
- 19 Mercedes but you can still own a car. So if you don't
- 20 want to get that technology but think about these babies
- 21 who are killed in their home 'cause they pick up a gun
- 22 playing with it and they're able to discharge it where
- 23 if it had that fingerprint -- and the technology is here
- 24 available but it's being blocked. If you have -- you
- 25 should have your guns locked up, first of all, but if



- 1 we're advancing in technology everywhere else if you had
- 2 that fingerprint on there, there's people who break in
- 3 homes, take the gun of the homeowner and shoot them or
- 4 assault them but if you had that technology on there,
- 5 they would not be able to do it. It's so many areas
- 6 that we can do but I need your voice. I need your
- 7 letters. I need you to stand up and say we are
- 8 supportive of these bills. You will get the opportunity
- 9 when we go into the new congress and I hope that you all
- 10 will please be supportive and be there. I'm very
- 11 passionate about this. Thank you for those moments.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- COMMISSIONER BROWN: Congresswoman, thank
- 14 you for that information. What you just said you see
- 15 states are challenging the federal government with
- 16 marijuana issues.
- 17 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Yes
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So now we take a back
- 19 seat when it comes same thing with the gun issues. So I
- 20 just think that we just hiding behind the pink elephant
- 21 in the room on the entire issue. The states can mandate
- 22 these things, background checks and stuff like that,
- 23 they're just not doing it. Secondly, my biggest thing
- 24 is this, cities are some of them are cash strapped. The
- 25 churches came out of bankruptcy.



- 1 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Yes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: What is the federal
- 3 government's plan? I know they had the Safer Act with
- 4 firefighters and stuff like. What is plan, if any, to
- 5 give cities dollars to hire more police officers 'cause
- 6 I just begged the chief for a couple more NPOs. You all
- 7 know your NPO? So, I mean, we have a robust community
- 8 policing program here and it can get better, and it's
- 9 going to get better, but it's really great right now,
- 10 but they don't have the man power, the department
- 11 doesn't have, to allocate officers to -- more officers
- 12 to do the things that they need to do. So what can the
- 13 federal government do to help with the finances for
- 14 hiring officers for three to four, five years? I know
- 15 the Safer Act done it but are they still doing it and we
- 16 still have those dollars and how can the cities qualify
- 17 for those dollars? Because I think we get diversity
- 18 training.
- 19 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Yes. We get grants
- 20 for that. So ladies and gentlemen this is what I call a
- 21 state moment, so everyone -- not everyone but the
- 22 Republican party and the president passed the budget
- 23 cut -- sorry, the tax cut. So they popped champagne,
- 24 went to the rose garden and we have cut taxes. All of
- 25 you have budgets, your home or your place of work. So



- 1 you get a certain amount of revenue in and you plan your
- 2 budget accordingly. The only way the government gets
- 3 money is through taxes. So when you hear tax cut that
- 4 means there's less money coming in. We have the highest
- 5 deficit and the largest amount of debt that we've ever
- 6 had as a country and then we cut taxes. We cut revenue
- 7 that's coming into our government. The president has
- 8 just instructed all of his secretaries to cut their
- 9 budgets by 10 percent and report to him. In that 10
- 10 percent this is where when I stay woke we're -- it's
- 11 going to be a big fight this next congress of what we
- 12 cut.
- 13 So there is a sense of this certain amount
- 14 of independence that should come from cities and from
- 15 states and so I can tell you I'm one of those -- when I
- 16 say I have a mayor's heart I know the Safer Grant saved
- 17 my city. Safer grant saved Detroit; it saved a lot of
- 18 communities that had no resources to hire new police
- 19 officers or firefighters. So I can't tell you that
- 20 answer. I can tell you it's going to be on the table
- 21 because we're going to have to cut. We have less money.
- 22 And, you know, the fight becomes which department can
- 23 take it more than others. And so another thing that as
- 24 we weigh the options what is our federal agencies doing
- on the ground and how can we collaborate, how can we



- 1 invest in reducing the amount of crime; if we can't hire
- 2 another police officer, then we need to give money on
- 3 how we can reduce the crime. One of the thing is
- 4 stopping this recitizenism.
- If I could just mention this program;
- 6 governor and I don't get along on a lot of things but
- 7 the governor of this state started a skill trade program
- 8 in prisons. If you're in prison for a non-violent crime
- 9 you are eligible -- and you're eligible for parole --
- 10 you can start a skill trade training program in prison.
- 11 Do you know these young men and women are receiving job
- 12 offers before they even hit the street? So can you
- imagine coming out of prison, instantly being employed.
- 14 Being able to have a sense of pride and have ability to
- 15 work? Just think about if we reduce the amount of money
- 16 we're spending in prison and actually have someone
- 17 working and paying taxes, you may not need as many more
- 18 police officers. So I'm looking at it wholistically but
- 19 I can't give you the answer 'cause I know we're going to
- 20 be in a major fight to cut the budget.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Congresswoman.
- 23 I have witnessed your work throughout not just the
- 24 district but throughout the city.
- 25 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And outstanding. I think
- 2 what you saying to us not just be a voice but we need to
- 3 vote. We need to vote; we need to vote. And I think
- 4 this is a moment if you come before this board and have
- 5 this type of interaction I'm just surprised I didn't
- 6 know about the border patrol authority. And wow that's
- 7 interesting. So you raised some interesting points; we
- 8 need to act on that. We really need to act on it. Once
- 9 again on behalf of this board thank you, thank you. We
- 10 appreciate you.
- 11 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: Thank you so much.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just want to say
- 13 thank you. Brenda, we go way back. And it's good
- 14 seeing you and I learned a lot and I hope that I can --
- 15 whatever I've learned that I can give back to the
- 16 community.
- 17 CONGRESSWOMAN LAWRENCE: And my love and my
- 18 prayer's with you and your family. Thank you so much.
- 19 And I'll just close with this elections has
- 20 consequences. Thank you so much.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We should have if we
- 22 could take one minute this is a unique occasion with
- 23 Congresswoman. We have a lot of respect so those who
- 24 want to come around and take a picture I think can we do
- 25 that right quick. If you want to move, you got to move



- 1 now.
- 2 (Off the record at 4:15 p.m.)
- 3 (Back on the record at 4:17 p.m.)
- 4 BY CHAIRPERSON BELL:
- 5 O. Let's give our Congresswoman another round of
- 6 applause. We go to the neighborhood policing.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: Good afternoon.
- 8 For the board it's always fun to follow-up with
- 9 Congresswoman here at the podium. Deputy Chief Charles
- 10 Fitzgerald neighborhood policing west. My partner.
- 11 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Elvin Barren
- 12 neighborhood policing east.
- 13 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: Given this task
- 14 yesterday to talk about the 21st century task force that
- 15 President Obama's team put together and as we were
- 16 discussing, we were going through it, we looked at all
- 17 the things we've been doing and we said we've been doing
- 18 since Chief Craig came to town; we do everything and
- 19 then some. So instead of just addressing those our plan
- 20 was to run through a Power Point and then hit us with
- 21 any questions you have.
- 22 So introduction, neighborhood policing
- 23 bureau is comprised of obviously east and west along
- 24 with the metropolitan division. We focus on community
- 25 cops and crime for improving the quality of life for



- 1 those that live, work and play here in the city of
- 2 Detroit. That commitment to the neighbors was evident
- 3 from, again, when Chief Craig took over, when he
- 4 implemented the neighborhood policing officer. For us
- 5 that were here prior to Chief Craig we didn't have
- 6 community policing. We had what it took to -- we had
- 7 nothing like the neighborhood police officer. So to
- 8 this point we've appointed up to 56 neighborhood police
- 9 officers all across the city.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Before we get up to
- 11 the next slide, even bigger than that when the chief
- 12 came the idea upon hiring was changing of culture. And
- 13 so I think that changing of with simple things like the
- 14 name from patrol operations bureau was where we sit at a
- 15 different administration to neighborhood policing east
- 16 and west. So, again, those small things by the change
- 17 in name what did that do? What that did was encourage
- 18 the gap bridging between community and the police
- 19 department. Again, neighborhood policing bureaus east
- 20 and west inclusion in the community.
- 21 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: So we've already
- 22 talked about -- I'm going to skip through here 'cause
- 23 you've already met us. I will point out though that,
- 24 you know, the mission statement for DPD it's everything
- 25 that the 21st century task force was looking for.



- 1 Detroit Police Department has the model of sustained
- 2 policing excellence, that places our neighborhoods and
- 3 our people first. It's not just, I mean, it's
- 4 everything that we do as we move forward. Every single
- 5 day we put our boots and our uniforms on, that is our
- 6 main focus.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: So neighborhood
- 8 policing east is comprised of the 5th precinct, 7th
- 9 precinct, 9th precinct, 11 precinct and of course the
- 10 metropolitan division and so periodically throughout the
- 11 year this board is given presentations by each of the
- 12 precincts where we talk about a lot of our community
- 13 initiatives, a lot of our processes. More specifically
- 14 we talk about metropolitan division that is your support
- 15 duties. Our special response team, most folks refer to
- it as SWAT, our bomb squad, air support and of course we
- 17 have two helicopters. Our canine units responsible for
- 18 a lot of the canine detection. A lot of events downtown
- 19 deploy our canines who do bomb sweeps. Our traffic
- 20 enforcement, there was a lot of concerns about traffic
- 21 conditions and expectations and as you know very
- 22 recently the chief of staff the neighborhood traffic
- 23 neighborhood police officers east and west. And as you
- 24 would find and we reported about that earlier with
- 25 commissioner, we had a meeting earlier and so we didn't



- 1 invite the neighborhood policing east officer there to
- 2 make sure that our good commissioner knew him and he was
- 3 there to be responsive.
- 4 So just more initiatives, more bridge
- 5 building and as the Congresswoman was speaking and it's
- 6 not captured on these slides, it is important that we
- 7 talk about how in the interest of the president's task
- 8 force and 21st century policing how Detroit Police
- 9 Department manages protests that could turn into civil
- 10 unrest. When you look at cities like Ferguson, very
- 11 candid, had an opportunity to sit on a panel a while
- 12 back through the chief's direction and the commissioner
- 13 was there; it was called the Do Not Resist and one thing
- 14 that we are tasked with is constantly learning from
- 15 different agencies and what things we could do better;
- 16 and one thing we found that occurred in Ferguson was
- 17 that there was no community and policing awareness. No
- 18 real conversation, no real meetings and so when the
- 19 incident happened and the protesters assembled, by them
- 20 not having relationships this police agency treated
- 21 those citizens with a lack of respect. It's all
- 22 captured on video. And so what I mean by lack of
- 23 respect, they had peaceful demonstrator assembling and
- 24 they launched tear gas into this crowd, so people asked
- 25 well how do these things turn to riots? You know, if



- 1 the police agency acts too aggressive too soon and,
- 2 again, deploying munitions on innocent citizens,
- 3 conflict can arise.
- 4 Through our efforts, through the leadership
- 5 of this department we engage protesters. Make no
- 6 mistake all our protesters are not just 15 dollar an
- 7 hour, we have an intense protests in our history. More
- 8 specifically one that occurred in west Chicago and
- 9 Evergreen. It was by two things that happened the
- 10 police chief immediately called for a town hall meeting
- 11 to help settle those conflicts or those questions and
- 12 then the officers on the front line who managed the
- 13 protests did so with patience, direction, and we got
- 14 over that without any further civil unrest. So these
- 15 are things that we're doing to, again, ensure we
- 16 engaging our community and we learn from mispractices of
- 17 other agencies.
- 18 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: So move to the
- 19 west side. I have all the even number precincts; we
- 20 have 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Along the same line, and I
- 21 would remiss if I didn't mention D.C. Bettison. He does
- the commanding officer of the 3rd precinct in downtown
- 23 services. It's recently been moved under him, so we all
- 24 as a team work together. I don't want you to think
- 25 we're not -- we're neglecting three and downtown. But



- 1 we all work as a team, the entire senior management
- 2 team, our lock step in everything we do. So the
- 3 neighborhood police officer we talked about earlier they
- 4 serve as the liaison between the Detroit Police
- 5 Department and the community. And they are assigned to
- 6 as you all know predetermine, preassigned scout car
- 7 areas. They're responsible for the area within that
- 8 precinct. They have flexible schedules; they can attend
- 9 meetings; they do attend all the meetings and keep
- 10 abreast of all the emerging crime and community
- 11 concerns. This is a quick break down of all the NPOs.
- 12 There's an NPO sergeant at every precinct with the
- 13 exception of the downtown services and there is a
- 14 minimum of four NPOs and upwards of six in every
- 15 precinct as well. You know in the old policing days we
- 16 would have sometimes a part-time sergeant and two or
- 17 three officers back there. This is as robust as I've
- 18 ever seen it in the almost 25 years I've been with DPD.
- 19 Moving into some of the other programs
- 20 'cause part of the president's task force talked about
- 21 like what other programs; how do you bridge the
- 22 community. These are just some of them, we'll get more
- 23 into the next one. We talked about neighborhood police
- 24 officers. The spirit of service is all for our new
- 25 recruits. When the new recruits come to the academy



- 1 they get a block of instruction on volunteering their
- 2 time. What can they do in the community? Can they do
- 3 cleaners, soup kitchen, that kind of stuff. So they can
- 4 put themselves in the community so they can get a feel
- of what the community actually sees, what they do and
- 6 they can try to relate and understand what goes on prior
- 7 to even getting on the street. And then when they come
- 8 on the street we bring them back another week and repeat
- 9 the process and try to find something different for them
- 10 to do. Whatever, it could be boarding up houses,
- 11 cleaning up lots, finding another charitable event to go
- 12 to. But it's us getting some of the officers that have
- 13 never been in the city of Detroit let alone be a police
- 14 officer and be working and doing that.
- 15 Under Chief Craig we started an LGBTQ
- 16 liaison Corporal Woods is an amazing asset to our police
- 17 department. Everything she does -- before I go off of
- 18 that -- I just want to point this out more. Chief, this
- 19 is more for you. When I Googled neighborhood policing
- 20 D.C. Coleman comes up I think 60 times in the first so
- 21 many. I thought for sure it would have been you, sir,
- 22 but D.C. Coleman is just all over it. I'm sorry to get
- 23 back to LGBTQ. It's just been fantastic. We have, as a
- 24 matter of fact, I just -- a project at school in one of
- 25 the people in my class with one is doing a paper on it



- 1 and I connected with Danielle, this woman, and they met
- 2 the very next day. She's that responsive so it's great.
- 3 And then a cease fire. A lot of people see cease fire
- 4 as this huge enforcement component and it is but it's a
- 5 lot of the service stuff on the back end that most
- 6 people truly don't understand. This is trying, you
- 7 know, it's giving folks an option, it's giving people a
- 8 way out. It's allowing them to say, hey, listen put the
- 9 gun down, stop the violence and we can help with any
- 10 other issues you have. If you want to get your driver's
- 11 license cleaned up, you want to take care of some
- 12 warrants, job skills, that kind of stuff. We do peace
- 13 marches, peace walks. It's just so much to cease fire
- 14 that most don't understand.
- 15 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: And also throughout
- 16 the summer and spring months particularly, we have a lot
- of specialty units, you know, our SWAT team, helicopters
- 18 so a lot of the church communities will reach out to us
- 19 for their annual events; those units go out with
- 20 displays and they engage the community to talk to the
- 21 children. When you talk recruiting efforts for the
- 22 Detroit Police Department it's huge. Seeing a female
- 23 SWAT officer. Seeing a female canine handler in a
- 24 male -- predominantly male dominated field give the
- 25 females who are interested in law enforcement an



- 1 opportunity to see, you know, their gender reflected in
- 2 these critical roles.
- 3 So, again, a lot of engagement with the
- 4 community, our community programs and also out of
- 5 respect for D.C. Bettison again a strong relationship
- 6 between us three. What goes on in either of our
- 7 precincts does mirror over into what he's doing in
- 8 chief's liaison. Why don't you come up.
- 9 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Deputy Chief
- 10 Bettison for the record. We're seamless. We get it
- 11 done together along with the community and one of the
- 12 things I want to say about the protest component is our
- officers are very well trained. But we have community
- 14 activists that we work with that has said no violence in
- our city and they make sure that they're third party
- 16 validaters for the Detroit Police Department to let the
- 17 whole world know that we do it different in Detroit, so
- 18 it's all of us as a team effort and just by great
- 19 policing and just great community regulations under
- 20 Chief Craig leadership. When we see other chiefs of
- 21 police when things went bad they always say we got
- 22 start -- we got to have a relationship with the
- 23 community. In Detroit we got a relationship with our
- 24 community.
- 25 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: That's why I think



- 1 it's important to talk about some of the programs
- 2 sometimes you don't see these often will start with the
- 3 real talk with Chief Craig. The chief will go into the
- 4 neighborhood whether it's a barber, a hardware store and
- 5 have real conversation with the community. It's aired
- 6 live on DPD Facebook as you know. DPD is expanding our
- 7 reach to the community not waiting on the local news
- 8 outlets but with our own Facebook page and we go live
- 9 and tell our story whether that's at a critical incident
- 10 whether that's community engagement but it gives the
- 11 chief and a commander or the precinct opportunity to sit
- down with the community, have a direct conversation and
- answer and come up with solutions in a timely manner.
- 14 National Night Out all three years, particularly during
- our festivities and community always comes out to the
- 16 precincts where we mainly have those events. The NPO
- 17 summit, and again I'm going to let the good deputy chief
- 18 talk about NPO summit, 'cause that's really his area.
- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: So this will be our
- 20 next NPO summit is scheduled for the spring of this year
- 21 or I should say next year but our neighborhood police
- 22 officer summits have been great. Community, many folks
- 23 in this room attend them and there it's all about
- 24 connecting with the community, the stakeholders and,
- 25 furthermore, coming up with solutions, solving problems



- 1 that are important for our community. DPD Field Day
- 2 that's up under our collective shop where once again we
- 3 took it from the old field day of just police athletics
- 4 where now we allow community to participate and be
- 5 engaged in the competition as well. Our CITI camp,
- 6 that's the chief's baby, he brought it to the city of
- 7 Detroit because our children are facing. CITI Camp is
- 8 Children In Trauma Intervention. Right now we're
- 9 full-time at Henderson Middle School which is a feeder
- 10 to Cody and we're making significant gains. Our
- 11 children in our CITI camp attendance has improved
- 12 tremendously. The principal Mr. Barclay says that the
- 13 kids who have been involved in CITI camp now they're no
- 14 longer fighting and they're leaders teaching conflict
- 15 resolution to the other students at the school.
- 16 Citizens police academy, how many folks been
- 17 through our citizens police academy by a show of hands?
- 18 We got some more work to do then. Got one person. We
- 19 currently have a citizens police academy that's going on
- 20 right now and it's actually held in this room. This
- 21 past Monday they all got ride-alongs in the police
- 22 precinct and then just NPO time with bridging the gap
- 23 just doing tremendous stuff in the community, movies in
- 24 the park. We do a lot in the community as far as
- 25 bridging the gaps, coat drives, et cetera.



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: You know, this
- 2 year and it's, again as we were reading that it's been
- 3 the chief and his team designed this the annual report
- 4 it doesn't get a whole lot better when you look at the
- 5 interim report and look how many community members are
- 6 actually on the cover of the DPD annual report. Inside
- 7 that as well is that we picked community ambassadors.
- 8 The community ambassadors were hand picked by the
- 9 command teams in each individual precinct. These are
- 10 the folks that actually lead the way in their community
- 11 that the commanders and captain said without them they
- 12 would have a very difficult time doing their job. Like
- 13 and I look, you know, for our very own second precinct
- 14 Mrs. Butler who is here week in and week out, you know
- 15 her. And that's the person that the second precinct;
- 16 they said that without her it would be difficult to do
- 17 their job as well as they do. So again this is another
- 18 way for us to reach out to the community to bring these
- 19 important pieces in so we can work together.
- 20 Before you go to questions just a couple
- 21 things that came up were the Halloween festivities.
- 22 Every precincts going to have trick -- trunk or treat,
- 23 excuse me, at the 12th precinct; we're going to have the
- 24 haunted little forest back there, a little haunted thing
- 25 inside. At number 10 we have the haunted DDOT bus as



- 1 they had last year. Number 4 is at Patton Park, it's
- 2 not actually at the precinct but they have a little
- 3 haunted bus as well. Plenty of candy and stuff for all
- 4 the kids to come out.
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: For the east side
- 6 we'll start with the 5th precinct on the 31st trunk or
- 7 treat 5 to 9. 7th precinct from the 30th and 31st 4 to
- 8 7. The 9th precinct on the 31st 5 to 8. The 11th
- 9 precinct the haunted house will go from the 26th through
- 10 the 31st from 5 to 11 and then trunk or treat from 4 to
- 11 10. So a lot of activities, a lot of success; the
- 12 community loves it and with that.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair if I could
- 14 just say one thing.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: I just want to publically
- 17 acknowledge if Deputy Chief LeValley would also stand.
- 18 This team is one of the best of the best. Many times
- 19 when you come as an outside police chief and you bring
- 20 all these different initiatives; I always tell Todd's
- 21 story. He lost I lost my mind when we talked about
- 22 neighborhood police officers. He said it won't work --
- 23 well, he didn't say it. He went along with it but he
- 24 thought it was crazy. So I just want to publically
- 25 thank all of them for a job well done.



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: A few more things
- 2 before I open up for questions. The man power for the
- 3 Halloween as well. We did the numbers; we actually did
- 4 restricted but we went heavy on afternoon shift and
- 5 midnight shift. So for 29th and 30th, okay, we staffed
- 6 very, very heavily. The organized crime deponent will
- 7 also have a large contingency as well and so will major
- 8 crimes. So we have plenty enough people outside of our
- 9 normal numbers.
- 10 And then lastly Commissioner Carter you
- 11 discussed the officers from last night. Actually, we
- 12 had a debrief at the precinct for the entire shift with
- a doctor and then both officers will meet individually
- 14 with a doctor I believe on Thursday.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF FITZGERALD: Now, I'm sorry,
- 17 any questions.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, any
- 19 questions?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: To the chief and to the
- 21 team. I had the opportunity to sit in for NPOs getting
- 22 their new badges and I kept hearing this statement that
- 23 said it only took a year. It only took a year. But it
- 24 was nice to see, you know, a lot of them that, you know,
- 25 can't think of the gentleman's name, he was on the east



- 1 side. Matter of fact he's one in the picture but he was
- 2 just so happy to get it and the badge of an NPO, they
- 3 say neighborhood policing officer on it, and a lot of
- 4 them well received that and it was almost like a pat on
- 5 the back for doing a job well done that they really --
- 6 they didn't need it but it was just something to give
- 7 them something that they were being recognized that
- 8 they're doing a good job and here's the recognition for
- 9 that from the department and the chief. And I really
- 10 enjoyed being there even though I had on a firefighter's
- 11 jacket.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I'd just
- 13 like to thank the chief 'cause you do have a good team.
- 14 I just want to say how working together united and I
- 15 want to ask since Reverend Holley is a commissioner how
- 16 do you interact or how do you pull in the faith-based
- 17 and whatever do you in whatever precinct, how do you get
- 18 the faith-based organizations to participate or do they
- 19 already participate?
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair I'm going to
- 21 let Todd handle it. We probably have more of a robust
- 22 chaplain corps. We just had a ceremony I want to say
- two months ago and graduated how many new chaplains?
- 24 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: 20 new chaplains.
- 25 Goal is to get to 100 and we have got to that goal;



- 1 we're at 100 now, so we have one of the largest chaplain
- 2 corps probably in the country. And they come out,
- 3 matter of fact, even with recognizing our fallen
- 4 officers in May for the InterFaith and Moral Ceremony
- 5 they actually go out and raise the money to put on that
- 6 function and just give back to the Detroit Police
- 7 Department and the citizens as well so they wrap their
- 8 arms around us; all we have to do is call. And through
- 9 that vehicle right there with the chaplain corps we can
- 10 teach out and touch even more faith-based, so it's
- 11 always room for more and that's what we'll do.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I haven't seen it yet
- in my church. I want to see some paperwork, you know,
- 14 that we're invited, that's what I'm saying. So you send
- 15 out notices, right?
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I will definitely --
- 17 I'll connect you with Chief Foster who over our
- 18 chaplains and we'll have a work shop; we'll get
- 19 together.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. One other thing,
- 21 Chief. This might be way out in left field but that's
- 22 kind of what I do. I want to ask you this, what do you
- 23 think of the idea that we do so many events in Detroit,
- 24 I'm talking different organizations, the police
- 25 department, right? And we always need the porta potties



- 1 at the event? Is there a way through your leadership or
- 2 however you could or do you think it's a good idea that
- 3 each precinct should have their own porta jon and loan
- 4 it out to different people; they're responsible to clean
- 5 it but it should be available for organizations so we
- 6 don't have to keep buying them every time or rent them
- 7 every time. So stop shaking your head. He's shaking
- 8 his head.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair I don't want
- 10 to get into the porta potty business. I think the
- 11 community rather I focus on continuing to reduce violent
- 12 crime although, Todd, we'll see what city entity I think
- 13 it's general services.
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah, general
- 15 services. We have ordered porta potties via another
- 16 department for certain events just to make sure that we
- 17 keep the peace. Be like at fire works and other places
- 18 and parks to make sure that our community has enough of
- 19 them but it's another department.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there's no other
- 22 question I want to thank you -- could you give us an
- 23 update on the take home cards for NPO that live in the
- 24 city? I know BC with the flag ship for that; how is it
- 25 going otherwise?



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair it's going
- 2 very well. I think we took a count when we were giving
- 3 out the new NPO badge. I think we're up to, what, 5 or
- 4 6.
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Like about 7.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: It is 7? So we have 7 and
- 7 it's a good program. I asked, the one question I asked
- 8 if they've had any problems with, you know, marked
- 9 police cars being in the neighborhood have there been
- 10 malicious destruction of property and I found out there
- 11 was one on the east side unfortunately.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Oh you heard about it?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: I didn't know about it but so
- 16 it was that one single incident but generally speaking
- 17 nobody bothers the police cars.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you. I just
- 19 want to say that we've come a long way. I was skeptical
- 20 too when we first came on board as commissioner in 2014
- 21 people was talking about the mini stations but you don't
- 22 hear that dialogue. That dialogue is history now. And
- 23 what do we talk about is the NPOs and to me they got a
- 24 whole lot on their plate 24/7, so we don't need porta
- 25 potties or any other potties for the NPO or DPD; they



- 1 have enough. They have enough on their plate already
- 2 trying to respond to all the requests they engage in. I
- 3 just want to thank you. I'm glad that you are here, you
- 4 are making a difference and you are a land mark type of
- 5 program. Thank you.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Mr. Chair, I'd just
- 8 like to make one statement about the police chaplain.
- 9 They will let me go before them in their meetings and
- 10 speak about recruiting and they also will help by
- 11 churches and things in the neighborhood. So along with
- 12 you all and the chaplains I think we're doing quite a
- 13 bit and thank you all for what you do.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Hicks, would you
- 15 allow the chaplain was here not too long ago, a couple
- 16 months ago. Would you roll out the report to the
- 17 commissioner again for them to be familiar with how
- 18 they, you know, their program? 'Cause they was here
- 19 before this board months ago, so if you share that and
- 20 you can get the whole thrust of their committee. We're
- 21 going to move now to OCI report. Dr. Polly. Thank you.
- 22 DR. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon again Board,
- 23 Chief Craig. I'm Polly McCalister, chief investigator.
- 24 Before I get started I just wanted to say I'm always
- 25 impressed when people come to me with their staff



- 1 because I try to do it as much as possible. When you
- 2 see this next slide you will see how much work my
- 3 investigators actually do and they go above and beyond.
- 4 It's a thankless job but it's a priceless job. So for
- 5 the month of September 2018 we had 91 complaints versus
- 6 in 9/17 we only had 86. A 6 percent increase. But
- 7 don't panic. So this slide just represents we put this
- 8 together so the precincts could actually see where they
- 9 fall as far as complaints. What I want to also
- 10 highlight is that the 7th precinct participated in our
- 11 pilot program Think Before You Speak. And they've come
- 12 down to two complaints. Downtown services had 12 and
- 13 now they're down to 2. We have number 9 set up for
- 14 November 13th from 2:30 to 4. So we suggest any
- 15 commissioners that want to come out and that's your
- 16 district, come out and support the training team. They
- 17 want to work diligently to get those complaints down for
- 18 number 9.
- 19 So these are our CC allegations received in
- 20 September and this just gives you a clear break down.
- 21 So arrests are always low. Demeanors, you know, we fall
- in between there but our highest are always procedure
- and we're really working on training for the officers.
- 24 I know Commissioner Bell you wanted us to start training
- 25 supervisors, but I think if we attack the first line



- 1 officers first and get them in line I think we'll do
- 2 better. And this is our map where we show you guys
- 3 where the complaints actually fall. It looks higher
- 4 than the graph you just saw and that's only because we
- 5 put unknowns in the areas where we actually get them
- 6 from. So if you see in the second precinct it only had
- 7 two prior that was not unknowns classified in there but
- 8 if you see on here it's actually put in there, just so
- 9 that you can kind of like see where you're at, so if you
- 10 have a lot of dots like District 1.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We just have a lot of
- 12 people over there. My commander over there is doing an
- 13 excellent job.
- 14 DR. MCCALISTER: And district 5 so it just
- 15 gives you an opportunity to see where your complaints
- 16 are actually at. So this is our use of profanity, so
- 17 for July we were up 9. August we came down to 5. For
- 18 this month we're at 3. Overall profanity we have four
- 19 that means they use a cuss word. The blue boxes mean
- 20 that they actually just used the F word. We're actually
- 21 declining so that's a plus plus. These are the hit and
- 22 run investigations. I got a call from the last
- 23 presentation the lady said no there's more hit and runs;
- 24 these are just complaints. These are not actual hit and
- 25 run cases. These are only the complaints that people



- 1 have filed with our office that we're investigating. So
- 2 it may saw two but that only means that we just only
- 3 received two complaints for hit and run investigation.
- 4 These are the type of complaints that we
- 5 investigate, arrest, demeanor, entry, force, harassment,
- 6 procedure, property, search and service. As you can see
- 7 procedure is at 58 but if you go over for sustained it
- 8 was only 13. So even though those numbers are really
- 9 high when you look at the sustained box kind of like
- 10 brings it down and kind of like brings it all home so
- 11 you get a better understanding that we are not as bad as
- 12 it looks. Numbers can be deceiving.
- So this is what I like. So we just started
- 14 capturing this data last month and these are actually
- 15 allegations that we have been able to prove false by
- 16 officers wearing the body worn cameras. This is
- 17 excellent for us because when we go into the academy
- 18 this is what we show them and we tell them, you know,
- 19 out of all the allegations that we've had 116 have been
- 20 proven totally false by you wearing your body worn
- 21 camera. And that says a lot especially for a new
- 22 recruit coming out of the academy going to a scout car
- 23 and hearing something like you don't really have to wear
- 24 that. Yes, you do. It protects you and it protects the
- 25 department.



- 1 So this is our electronic evidence. So out
- of 86 complaints body worn cameras 52 which was 60
- 3 percent which means we're actually wearing our body worn
- 4 cameras. In camera videos 8 percent. Actually captured
- 5 83 percent. Not captured was 17 percent and
- 6 inconclusive 56 percent. What is not captured it could
- 7 be the camera was malfunctioning. Maybe it didn't
- 8 download or maybe a person filed a complaint after our
- 9 90 day review and we were not able to capture it.
- 10 So here's our data as far as our senior
- 11 officers, our new officers. So last month we talked
- 12 about how high as far as senior officers, which is
- 13 typically not standard but for our 10 to 19 years we're
- 14 actually up 16 from last month but we're actually down
- 15 with our new officers with two years. So when we first
- 16 started out in March we were excessively high with new
- 17 officers getting complaints. Now we've shifted gears
- 18 and we have senior officers that are getting the
- 19 complaints. Commissioner Dewaelsche did ask us to do
- 20 some background research and we're still doing that now.
- 21 So we should have something by the next session.
- 22 So our overall goals. We just had
- 23 Investigator Sheila (sic) she's part of the language
- 24 ambassador program. She speaks a couple of languages,
- 25 which really is beneficial for us, so what we want to do



- 1 is send them our Power Point and have them put it in
- 2 Spanish and Arabic for us. The only thing that we're
- 3 running into is the time constraint where we only have
- 4 30 days, you know, to present and it may take them a
- 5 little bit longer to get the data all the together so we
- 6 would either have to go to a every other month report to
- 7 get that done. Senior Investigator Charlene Jones she
- 8 works on our legal team but she's now our ADA
- 9 coordinator which is Americans with Disabilities Act
- 10 coordinator. And what she would do is monitor our
- 11 complaints to make sure that we didn't violate anybody's
- 12 disability and then she would notify HR as far as any of
- 13 her findings. We just had our citizen complaint
- 14 meeting, which is awesome. And we talked a lot about,
- 15 you know, the unknowns. We had I think about 32
- 16 unknowns and we were able to identify 27. That's good
- on one hand, because we're identifying officers and
- 18 hopefully we can correct their behavior. But it's also
- 19 a lot of man power hours that we put into that and we
- 20 need to figure out a way to streamline that process and
- 21 that's what we talked about as well.
- So we're going to continue to monitor the F
- 23 word for Commissioner Bell. And we're also monitoring
- 24 offensive slurs and we're going to continue to monitor
- 25 our hit and run complaints. We're actually down; we



- 1 only had two. And to continue to build a relationship
- 2 with DPD. I've been trying to work with the leadership
- 3 team to work on training for precincts where we can go
- 4 in and train your officers on how to prevent complaints.
- 5 We're going into community meetings and we're actually
- 6 talking to citizens as far as compliance; how not to run
- 7 red lights, stop at the stop signs; if an officer pulls
- 8 you over, comply. So we're trying to educate not only
- 9 the officers but the community as well. And we'll be at
- 10 the 9th precinct like I said earlier November 13th from
- 11 2:30 to 4 and we picked that time because we're covering
- 12 the day shift and the afternoon shift.
- 13 And also next Thursday we will have a
- 14 student here who's participating in the Lakeshore High
- 15 School law enforcement program and she's going to do a
- one day shadow, so we're hoping that after the meeting
- 17 the board can kind of like interact with her. Her
- 18 objective is to become a police officer. So she has a
- 19 lot of knowledge about law enforcement because of the
- 20 program but she doesn't have that background as far as
- 21 our office, so we're excited about that. We're moving
- on with our SOP revision; I think we're in 35 pages and,
- 23 hopefully, we'll have it done by February 2019. Our
- 24 committee team talked a lot about working with the
- 25 commissioners to do a career day, going to the schools



- 1 and talk about what the board does and what our office
- 2 does as far as oversight. And it's really just to
- 3 connect us with the youth and get a better understanding
- 4 of what the police department does and try to bridge
- 5 that gap as well as going into nonprofits. We do have a
- 6 couple of nonprofits that have reached out to us. And
- 7 it's really trying to go in and talk to those that
- 8 really don't get a lot of attention and really know
- 9 their rights; and our whole focus is always to create
- 10 awareness of who we are and what we do. So I will open
- 11 it up for any questions.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, any
- 13 questions for the chief investigator?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just as always, Dr.
- 15 Polly McCalister excellent report. I love the
- 16 information and tracking. You know how I feel about
- 17 those unknowns.
- DR. MCCALISTER: I know.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: In case you were
- 20 wondering I just think that the investigators are doing
- 21 an extraordinary job, we're doing it but we need to look
- 22 at the man hours that are put into tracking down and
- 23 trying to figure these things out and we need to put
- 24 more responsibility on the person making the complaint
- 25 to get the information we need to get an accurate



- 1 report.
- DR. MCCALISTER: Yep.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.
- 4 DR. MCCALISTER: Senior investigator
- 5 Cromwell is actually putting together some data analysis
- 6 for that and he's doing a complete break down for me.
- 7 He's not completely done 'cause it's kind of tedious, so
- 8 we're working on that. We're trying to figure out a
- 9 streamline process that will benefit the department as
- 10 well as the citizens of Detroit.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Investigator, do you
- 13 remember when we discussed or remind me we discussed the
- 14 secondary employment and did we say they don't have to
- 15 wear the body cam or it was in one case where like
- 16 they're in Greek Town and they may not have enough of
- 17 them available, that was it. And that's a problem,
- 18 Chief. Why we don't have enough body cams for police
- 19 that do secondary or when they're in Greek Town if you
- 20 have a crowd or something, you run out of the body cams.
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair we do deploy
- 22 body cams for the officers who are working secondary.
- 23 This is the first time I've heard that we don't have
- 24 enough. I'll verify that; that's not something I've
- 25 heard. We do give out, our secondary officers do wear



- 1 body cams.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So you can check that?
- DR. MCCALISTER: Yes, ma'am.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there are no other
- 5 questions or concerns for chief investigation, thank
- 6 you.
- 7 DR. MCCALISTER: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on to
- 9 standing or ad hoc committee reports at this time. If
- 10 not, we're going to move on to the board secretary
- 11 report.
- 12 MR. HICKS: I'm sorry. Thank you,
- 13 Mr. Chair. I did want to indicate that there are four
- 14 items that are listed on the agenda. These are our
- 15 communications larger coming into the office. The first
- 16 one that you have in your packet is an update on the
- 17 Green Light list. And as the commissioner had indicated
- in his opening remarks your items are fairly routine. I
- 19 do want to call your attention that we did receive a
- 20 grievance from the Detroit Police Officer (inaudible.)
- 21 And this was a grievance pursuant to a closed meeting in
- 22 which you participated in last week. We're in the
- 23 process of one researching the grievance itself. We're
- 24 preparing a response for the chair and this will be
- 25 reviewed of course by the leadership committee and we



- 1 expect to have something next Wednesday. We have seven
- 2 days in order to respond to that grievance and we sure
- 3 will make it well in advance at the time for our
- 4 response. But with that that would be the items in
- 5 which I wanted to bring to the attention of the board.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Any questions
- 7 or concern for Mr. Hicks? Old business? New business?
- 8 Announcement, next meeting going to be Thursday,
- 9 November the 1st, 2018 3 p.m. public safety
- 10 headquarters. Next community meeting is going to be
- 11 Thursday, November the 8th, 2018 at 6 precinct Second
- 12 Grace United Memphis Church at 18700 Joy Road on the
- 13 west side.
- Moving on to the oral communications from
- 15 the audience. You have two minutes. Please give your
- 16 name and we appreciate if you respect the process.
- 17 Mr. Brown.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I currently have
- 19 three cards. Your first speaker will be Ms. Tanya Brown
- 20 followed by Mrs. Bernice Smith and your last speaker
- 21 will be Mr. Eric Blunt.
- MS. BROWN: Good afternoon everyone. My
- 23 name is Tanya Brown. Thank you for allowing me to voice
- 24 my concern. I am here representing my family and the
- 25 District 2 neighborhood association. MacDowell



- 1 Community Council Incorporated. I do -- I am grateful
- 2 for all of the work of our officers and first
- 3 responders. So I'll just apologize now for getting up
- 4 here and complaining but this is what I have to say. So
- 5 at the August meeting for the 12th precinct community
- 6 relations when I spoke up about safety issues in our
- 7 neighborhood and especially about traffic issues
- 8 excessive speeding on St. Martins between Meijer and
- 9 Wyoming and also on West Outer Drive; when I spoke up
- 10 about those issues I was told that there wasn't enough
- 11 man power to deal with it. And I've heard that like two
- 12 times again today. And I heard Congresswoman Lawrence
- 13 speak about federal funding and why there are not enough
- 14 officers but that's kind of unacceptable.
- 15 So anyway, I live on the corner of Grace and
- 16 St. Martin's, so every day, all day and night, I can
- 17 hear and I see also the reckless driving. So the reason
- 18 why it's so important to me is because those streets
- 19 that are mentioned -- that I mentioned are streets that
- 20 surround Bates Academy and MacDowell and Van Antwerp
- 21 Park, so that's like very important. I think it's not
- 22 only disrespectful to our officers but it's
- 23 disrespectful to the residents and especially the
- 24 children in the neighborhood.
- 25 So I'm trying do all I can do that I know to



- 1 do. I'm doing radio patrol. I try -- created a safety
- 2 zone project. I'm trying to work with Safe House school
- 3 project. But these -- the improvements and actions are
- 4 not coming quick enough, so thankfully I haven't heard
- 5 about or seen any children being injured but I don't
- 6 want it to come down to one of these kids have to be
- 7 injured or killed before some action is taken. So I
- 8 just want to know as our neighborhood -- can I ask a
- 9 question please?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead.
- 11 MS. BROWN: Is our neighborhood, that
- 12 neighborhood Meijer and Wyoming, around Bates Academy
- and McDowell Elementary are we slated for speed bumps
- 14 and if so when? That's the question.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, let me respond in
- 16 this manner. D.C. LeValley will have you talk to one of
- 17 the command officers as you close out, which you already
- 18 closed out, to speak to that issue, any concern about
- 19 speeding in the 12th precinct around the schools, et
- 20 cetera, and about speed bump; he can address that. We
- 21 don't have the answer at this table. I know they
- 22 working their way through that process, but they can
- 23 help you in that particular area of concerns. Thank
- 24 you, ma'am.
- MR. BROWN: Mrs. Bernice Smith.



- 1 MRS. SMITH: Sorry, I was in the back. Good
- 2 afternoon to the commissioners, to you, Chief. I
- 3 enjoyed our meeting tonight. Because of the fact it was
- 4 very interesting and my favorite officers were up here
- 5 presenting the commentaries and everything that we
- 6 needed to know about the police department. I have my
- 7 notes there but I don't need to go through all that
- 8 'cause I did catch the chief out there to tell him next
- 9 week we're going to have a convention here of mayors and
- 10 I want to make sure that we put on a good show for the
- 11 people that the mayors going to come in from other
- 12 cities. We have the former Mayor Bloomberg. Yeah,
- 13 that's his name, from New York. He's going to be one of
- 14 our leading speakers. I definitely intend on being down
- 15 there so I can give him some tip totes about Detroit and
- 16 especially the mayor from Chicago is coming, as you know
- 17 that's my city. That I always talk about. But anyway I
- 18 want them to know about the Green Light, if they don't
- 19 know, and I want them to know about our officers and
- 20 what jobs that they do in our NOP.
- 21 So anyway I just want to let the audience
- 22 know we have a hell of a police department. I'm not
- 23 saying that just to be saying it; I've been dealing with
- 24 them since '73 and you had that raised of 7 percent; I'm
- 25 not satisfied with it and I wanted to tell the chief



- 1 that but he took off and I didn't get a chance to tell
- 2 him. I want him and the mayor to get together and give
- 3 them 10 percent and I'm going to keep on talking about
- 4 10 percent for the police department because they
- 5 deserve it. What has happened with the last 24 hours
- 6 all this killing going on and people acting crazy,
- 7 drinking and shooting I can't stand it. And I just want
- 8 it to stop. We have a hell of a good city here; all we
- 9 need to do is take care of it and we do have efficient
- 10 police officers that are on board and I definitely want
- 11 them to take care of themselves and their families and
- 12 be careful out here like I always say. I thank you very
- 13 much.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Eric Blunt followed by
- 15 Mr. James Stevens.
- MR. BLUNT: Good afternoon, board. For the
- 17 record my name is Eric Blunt. My wife and I are
- 18 lifelong Detroiters. As I begin to challenge the city
- 19 to find more money for the police officers, I attended
- 20 last night's budget review meeting and there were
- 21 obvious, in my opinion obvious, resources that could be
- 22 transferred to the city police department from other
- 23 areas. My concern is I guess expenditures are the way
- 24 the city is funded. The police officers, and I do want
- 25 to commend Commissioner Carter when she was chairperson



- 1 demanding that the city tell us how much money is being
- 2 spent on lawsuits created by police officers. I don't
- 3 know if you ever got that answer but I remember your
- 4 challenge that we need to know.
- 5 These two lead me to my question and maybe
- 6 I'm showing my lack of knowledge on this Get Low (sic),
- 7 am I pronouncing this right? Where police officers who
- 8 have a history of making false and misleading statements
- 9 and information are -- their testimonies are no longer
- 10 considered credible evidence by the U.S. Attorney's
- 11 office and prosecutors. If a police officer has that
- 12 type of history, how do they even remain still on the
- 13 force? I mean, and creating lawsuits and robbing this
- 14 noble department of resources that it needs. Can
- 15 someone please help me understand how these type of
- 16 police officers stay on the force?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, Mr. Blunt, the
- 18 chief indicated and he just sort of highlighted a little
- 19 bit but the chief of police in Detroit is moving towards
- 20 addressing the issue you just raised. And it's long
- 21 overdue. Long overdue. In my police career unfortunate
- 22 even today some police officers raise they right hand
- 23 and they do not tell the truth. But that's just the way
- of life in our society in a way, you know. People take
- 25 the oath, doctors, lawyer whatever and sometimes but



- 1 basically this is long overdue is to look at that how
- 2 can you continue on, you know, in that capacity. So the
- 3 chief is aggressively addressing that and I think that's
- 4 something we would hear more in reference to how they
- 5 going to approach that. Deputy chief?
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yes, sir. Through
- 7 the chair. That is correct. We've encountered a
- 8 situation where we have a number of members that
- 9 throughout the years have had administrative hearings
- 10 where they've been charged departmentally with making
- 11 false statements and some of those members remain on the
- 12 department and these date back several years, some of
- 13 them 20, 30 years ago. So the chief is going through
- 14 those individuals' records and addressing those cases.
- 15 Some of those people because those cases are already
- 16 adjudicated we will be moving them away from patrol
- 17 duties into other functions but the chief has taken a
- 18 stance since he's been here that filing false statement
- 19 charges are very serious and he has terminated
- 20 individuals from the department for those charges.
- 21 So that's his position right now is that if
- 22 you aren't credible to testify in court, you certainly
- 23 can't be a police officer. We can't put somebody on the
- 24 street, make an arrest and then have a situation where
- 25 we don't trust that they're either telling the truth or



- 1 if we do get to court on that arrest, we're not able to
- 2 put the officer on the stand and we have to let somebody
- 3 who should be incarcerated out because of that. So the
- 4 chief has taken a very strong position on that right
- 5 now. And that's how he's addressing it.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And other area Mr. Blunt
- 7 is lawsuits that you mentioned Commissioner Carter. We
- 8 are aggressively working with the cooperation of mayor
- 9 and the chief in reference to finding out, you know,
- 10 significant number of lawsuits. In terms of the trend
- of policy, whatever that is, we want -- that's the area
- 12 that we can weigh in on. And we've been seeking that
- 13 for quite some time and we're not there yet and I think
- 14 the council and you as citizens can have an impact
- 15 because that has a tremendous impact on our budget. And
- 16 that's getting back to Mrs. Bernice who wanted the 10
- 17 percent raise. Well, you got the 7 percent and I
- 18 mentioned that we need more accountability from police
- 19 officers to do their job the right way. And I see
- 20 majority of officers 99 point whatever that is do it the
- 21 right way, but there are instances that we witness and
- 22 Chief Craig and DPD's dealing with that, more so now
- 23 than ever. So but we want to try to identify how can we
- 24 impact in terms of training, procedure, policy et cetera
- 25 so we are aggressively -- and I don't understand why



- 1 it's so difficult to share information of that nature.
- 2 MR. BLUNT: It's got to be so doggone
- 3 embarrassing. Okay? It's going to be that obvious.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, we trying to turn
- 5 up the heat in reference to but you as citizen this is
- 6 your tax dollars; we talking about the budget. I'm glad
- 7 you participate in that process. I can't say enough
- 8 that we want to know, then we can impact it and you can
- 9 impact it. Thank you.
- MR. BLUNT: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. James Stephens followed by
- 12 Mr. Albert Martin and Mr. Chair I received three more
- 13 cards.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: There's three more cards?
- 15 We going to take two more cards; we not going to take
- 16 another three.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Okay. Mr. James Stephens
- 18 followed by Mr. Albert Martin will be your last.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been a long meeting
- and we have a procedure that we have to abide by. I'm
- 21 not going to keep you here any longer. Yes, sir go
- 22 ahead.
- MR. STEPHENS: I apologize to everybody for
- 24 making paper noise back here. The last two days I've
- 25 been busy so. Hope you'll accept my apology. I came



- 1 here last week and when I came here last week I gave you
- 2 guys a sample of what was going on at the second
- 3 precinct. So with that said I talked to the second
- 4 precinct captain. He wanted, you know, a little bit
- 5 more and I said you want all of it? So today see all
- 6 that stuff back there, that's like one or two-thirds of
- 7 it. I have a lot. I have a lot of people and also
- 8 American Legion. So if you guys want to see something
- 9 to show how much corruption's in the second precinct
- 10 that goes all the way up to --
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir. Sir, we don't need
- 12 -- we received a file from you last week.
- MR. STEPHENS: Right.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And DPD received a file;
- 15 we looking at it. So in your time allotment, would you
- 16 finish up your remark.
- 17 MR. STEPHENS: I just want yo guys to look
- 18 this later. They cannot find what I found.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You can talk to one of
- 20 the command officers afterward but --
- 21 MR. STEPHENS: Okay already.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is that fair enough?
- MR. STEPHENS: Oh yes, sir. Sorry. Well
- 24 anyway the main thing is this. I serve this country,
- 25 combat vet and all that -- this is what I get; I got



- 1 shot, my arm is jacked up. I got a bullet next to my
- 2 heart. I mean, one-third of my lung is collapsed; I
- 3 can't breathe. These guys from second precinct attended
- 4 low zone and they have the other one --
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir.
- 6 MR. STEPHENS: -- technician Mitchell
- 7 Douglas --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, we received your
- 9 file. You talked to the proper people; we have it so
- 10 you don't need to further elaborate. We trying to --
- MR. STEPHENS: This is something totally
- 12 different, sir.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, speak to the
- 14 command afterwards and --
- MR. STEPHENS: Okay, I'll do that.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can we do that?
- 17 MR. STEPHENS: Yes, sir.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I respect you're a
- 19 veteran; we respect that, okay.
- MR. STEPHENS: All right.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Yes, sir.
- 22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Albert Martin. Mr. Chair,
- 23 that will be your last speaker.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chair, members of the



- 1 congression, good afternoon. Councilman McCalister
- 2 asked that I express to you his apologies for having to
- 3 leave early before the end of the meeting but he was
- 4 called away to another meeting but he asked that I
- 5 repeat to you the invitation that I extended last week
- 6 for the work shop that he is sponsoring mental health
- 7 and how it affects our communities. This coming
- 8 Saturday morning, Wayne County Community College campus,
- 9 west Outer Drive and Southfield expressway. This
- 10 invitation is extended to the board and to everyone in
- 11 this room. There will be informative data that will be
- 12 shared concerning this very critical issue. Thank you,
- 13 Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 15 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last
- 16 speaker.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We apologize but we've
- 18 been here since 3:00. It is about 5:15. We are
- 19 scheduled to meet next week at 3:00. Please come on
- 20 time if you have a question or concern but you can
- 21 always e-mail or telephone call or whatever it is if we
- 22 missed -- if you missed this opportunity. If there's no
- 23 other business -- before this business the chair will
- 24 entertain a motion for adjournment.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.



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2		CHAIRPERSON BELL: Properly moved and	l	
3	supported.	Those in favor aye.		
4		ALL: Aye.		
5		CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion carried. T	'hank	
6	you.			
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