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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

EVENING COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:30 p.m.

1549 MADDELEIN STREET

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48216

- 1 COMMISSIONERS:
- 2 WILLIE BELL, Chairperson (Dist. 4)
- 3 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large
- 4 WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)
- 5 WILLIAM M. DAVIS (Dist. 7)
- 6 JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner At-Large
- 7 DARRYL D. BROWN, Vice-Chair, Commissioner (Dist. 1)
- 8 SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 3)
- 9 LISA CARTER, Chairperson (Dist. 6)
- 10 EVETTE GRIFFIE, Commissioner (Dist. 2)
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- 13 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board
- 14 ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager
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17 REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 February 14, 2019

3 At or about 6:29 p.m.

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5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good evening.

6 ATTENDEES: Good evening.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Happy Valentine's Day to all.

8 ATTENDEES: Same to you.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Especially to all the young
10 ladies in the house.

11 I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell. I
12 represent District Four. I serve as chair of the Board and
13 will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the
14 Board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining us.
15 For people viewing this meeting on your government cable
16 channel, thank you for viewing our meeting. Tonight's
17 meeting is the second community meeting of the Board for
18 2019 calendar year. We will have ten additional community
19 meetings this year. We hope to visit every district within
20 the city.

21 I want to thank the Ford Resource Engagement
22 Center for the use of their facility for tonight's meeting.
23 The Ford Resource Community Center is a community center
24 where people can learn new skills, obtain needed service,
25 devote youth talent and celebrate community.

1 Common known as FREC, it's made possible by
2 grants from the Ford Motor Company fund. The FREC brings
3 together nonprofit partners to serve the surrounding
4 community. We would have the FREC director to discuss the
5 operation later in the meeting.

6 At this time we're going to have invocation by
7 our own Angela Stallworth of the Detroit Chaplain Corp.

8 DC FRAZIER: I'm Deputy Chief Chaplain Audry
9 Frazier in her stead.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I'm sorry.

11 DC FRAZIER: You are quite accepted.

12 For those of you who wish, let us pray.

13 (At 6:35 p.m., invocation given)

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Deputy Chief.

15 I want to invite Justin Kimpson, senior director
16 of Ford Resource Engagement Center to welcome the audience
17 to this facility and provide us with a brief outline of
18 some of the resources available in the community here at
19 the Ford Resource Engagement Center.

20 MR. KIMPSON: Thank you, sir. Good evening
21 everyone.

22 ATTENDEES: Good evening.

23 MR. KIMPSON: It is truly a privilege to have the
24 Detroit Police Board of Commissioners here inside of the
25 Ford Resource Engagement Center eastside. This is the

1 second Ford Resource Engagement Center in the city of
2 Detroit. The first one is at 2826 Bagley in Southwest
3 Detroit at the Mercado. And this facility opened in
4 October of 2017.

5 This is a center focused on creating social
6 mobility. And like you eluded to earlier, we fund a
7 variety of nonprofit partners to provide services to the
8 community. For example, we have accounting aid society
9 providing free tax services here Tuesdays and Saturdays.
10 Last year they had a \$1.8 million impact from this
11 particular site from fees saved and refunds given back to
12 this community.

13 We also have a weekly food distribution in
14 partnership with Gleaners Community Food Bank where we
15 distributed over 200,000 pounds of food in May of 2017 and
16 serviced over 3,700 families from this community. Also a
17 list of other programs from entrepreneurship to work force
18 development services and after school programs. But
19 especially important is the community. So we want a lot of
20 different block club and community associations on a weekly
21 basis and sometimes monthly throughout this greater
22 community of the east side of the 48205 zip code.

23 You can visit our website at www.freccity.org.
24 That's www.f-r-e-c-c-i-t-y-.org. And our telephone number
25 is (313) 733-1240.

1 I'd also like to highlight our great partnership
2 with the great Ninth Precinct of the Detroit Police
3 Department over the past year. We have worked with Ninth
4 Precinct with their Brotherhood Program. They meet here
5 every Thursday. Over fifty young men between high school
6 ages between Denby and Osborn High and some students in
7 middle school, they actually come here and receive
8 mentorship from the actual officers of the Ninth Precinct
9 which you will hear more about later. As a result of them
10 using our space, I provide weekly -- I mean monthly
11 haircuts to the young men for participating in the program.

12 Outside of that, I will let the website do the
13 talking in regards to all the other information in the
14 program. We have a host of information. I have some
15 fliers back here on the back counter, and I give it back to
16 you.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Mr. Hicks, would
18 you introduce the Board staff, please.

19 MR. HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh, let's pause.

21 MR. HICKS: I want to go through the --

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Let's pause for the cause.

23 Let's start to my right for commissioners to introduce
24 themselves.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good evening everyone.

1 Happy Valentines Day to all the ladies. Commissioner
2 William Davis, District Seven.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good evening. Shirley
4 Burch, District Three. Happy Valentine's Day to all.

5 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.
6 Happy Valentine's Day.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Darryl Brown, District One.

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Lisa Carter, District Six.
9 Happy Valentine's Day.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, At-Large. And
11 certainly ditto.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: We are in the Ninth Precinct,
13 as it's been stated. And Ninth Precinct is also in
14 District Four which represents my district. But the
15 service mostly in District Three which is Commissioner
16 Shirley Burch's district. So I'm going to ask her to give
17 a welcome in her own way to the Ninth Precinct and resident
18 meeting.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: To the Honorable Board of
20 Commissioners and to the audience out there, I just want to
21 say welcome to this new center. And we're glad to be here,
22 and we look forward to going out to meet and greet everyone
23 at the end of the meeting. May God bless each of you.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Now we can move
25 to the Board staff, Mr. Hicks.

1 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do want
2 to indicate for the record, you have a quorum present for
3 the meeting this evening. Immediately to my right is
4 Robert Brown. As we go to the first row here, you may want
5 to stand when I call your name. Mr. Wyrick, who is in
6 charge of our legal area; Ms. White, who is in charge of
7 our policy area. And if we go then to the second row same
8 side, Ms. Blossom, who's community outreach; and, of
9 course, our HR Director, Dr. Anderson.

10 And then I do want to indicate -- and I took this
11 a little out of order, and I'm sorry about this -- that
12 tonight's meeting Media Services is providing the
13 audiovisual work. Donna Williams is the court reporter for
14 the night. And then we can go Chief Investigator Dr.
15 Pauline McAllister will introduce herself as well as any
16 other OCI members who are here present.

17 DR. MCALLISTER: Good evening Board, and happy
18 Valentine's Day to everyone.

19 ATTENDEES: Good evening.

20 DR. MCALLISTER: I'm Dr. Pauline McAllister,
21 chief investigator; and attending tonight's meeting with me
22 is Supervising Investigator Akbar. That's it.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Mr. Hicks, do we
24 have a quorum.

25 MR. HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. At this time, do
2 we have any elected officials in the meeting? Any elected
3 officials or representatives of elected officials?

4 I will go further. Do we have any community
5 leaders that's involved in this district? I see one or
6 two. Could you introduce yourself, please.

7 MS. TURNER-HANDY: Sandra Turner Handy, president
8 of the Ninth Precinct Community Relations Council and the
9 lead of the Denby Neighborhood Alliance and the Great
10 New -- Unintelligible --

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

12 MR. PRESTON: George Preston, president of the
13 Bleak Regional Residents Association.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. George Preston is
15 a retired police officer. He served DPD for many years,
16 and he's still engaged in this community. So I think
17 that's one of the commitments that he continue to serve.
18 Thank you.

19 Any others?

20 MS. BIDDLE: My name is Reverend Monica Biddle
21 with the Children's Foundation.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

23 MR. BOWMAN: Scotty Bowman, Morningside Boarder,
24 and I'm a member of Fifth Precinct Police Communications
25 Organization and founder and president of -- unintelligible

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2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Anyone else?

3 Yes, ma'am.

4 UNKNOWN CITIZEN: Hi, I'm -- Unintelligible -- I
5 work as the Ninth Precinct Community Relations Council,
6 president of -- Unintelligible --

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Any others? We
8 appreciate you coming out on Valentine's Day. We won't
9 hold you long, because I know you might have to share your
10 Valentine with your loved ones.

11 At this time I'm going to ask the approval of the
12 agenda for this afternoon's meeting.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly moved and
16 supported.

17 Discussion? Those in favor aye.

18 THE BOARD: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Opposed? Motion carried.

20 The next item will be approval of the minutes
21 from February 7, 2019.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved and
25 supported. Discussion?

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Just
2 one thing. It's showing that last week that I was here at
3 6:50, and I spent stuck in this column for two meetings.
4 This needs to be corrected. I was not late.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I can't hear you.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The minutes reflect that I
7 was here at 6:50 p.m. the last two meetings.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Oh.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And that's not correct.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: We'll make the necessary
12 corrections. Thank you.

13 Any other comments? Those in favor.

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
16 carried.

17 I guess we can move on to the deputy chief. We
18 all know he represents Chief Craig, especially in the area
19 of human relations. He's going to introduce himself.

20 DC BETTISON: Thank you, Chairperson Bell.
21 Deputy Chief Bettison, Chief Neighborhood Liaison
22 representing Chief Craig today. So the chief definitely
23 sends his regrets for not being here. He is attending a
24 conference as IVP representing the city of Detroit. So at
25 this time I'll start right up front. I see Director Cheryl

1 Jones of the Detroit Violence Prevention Initiative. Stand
2 up, Cheryl, and everybody wave. And then from there we'll
3 go to Deputy Chief Elden Barron.

4 DC BARRON: Deputy Chief Eldon Barron,
5 Neighborhood Police -- Unintelligible --

6 DC BETTISON: And I'm going to let everybody pick
7 it up from there, because I can't see everyone.

8 (At 6:45 p.m., self-introduction by members of
9 the Office of the Chief of Police)

10 DC BETTISON: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for your
12 attendance.

13 Keep in mind that at the end of our format you
14 have two minutes to speak, and we're going to hold you to
15 those two minutes. Mr. Brown is going to hold up a card.
16 And you can get cards at the back of the room. If you
17 don't have a card, you need to grab a card now. But in
18 that process, if you want to share some of your concerns
19 with DPD staff, they are here. If you want to share some
20 of your concerns with the Board of Police Commissioners
21 staff they are here. So we're not cutting you off; we're
22 just cutting off from the if mic. Is that fair?

23 ATTENDEES: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: If not, that's the way it's
25 going to be. Thank you. Thank you. I know there's a lot

1 of love on Valentine's Day, so we can move on.

2 Next item will be the chairman's report. On
3 behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern for the
4 fallen and injured officers. Our concerns for officer
5 safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most
6 important priorities of the Board. Our board receives a
7 weekly report on the department listing injured officers.
8 I would ask the chief of police to provide us -- the deputy
9 chief to provide us with any additional information related
10 to injured and fallen officers.

11 The Board of Police Commissioners meet every week
12 except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. We meet at
13 police headquarters three weeks in the month on Thursday at
14 3:00 p.m. We also meet in the community every second
15 Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

16 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
17 Chapter 8 the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to
18 provide civilian oversight in supervising and control of
19 the police department. Our citizens are justified in
20 asking, how does civilian oversight and law enforcement
21 help the citizens in our community? Our answer is yes. We
22 protect the civil rights of citizens.

23 Oversight organizations like the BOPC are at the
24 forefront of investigating, reviewing in all the individual
25 cases of citizen complaints in preparing the operation by

1 police agencies to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory
2 police practice, unnecessary use of force by police. Our
3 work is based on development and supporting effective
4 policing. Mutual trust and respect between the police and
5 the community is critical towards increasing the quality of
6 life for residents and visitors to Detroit.

7 The Board of Police Commissioner exist to provide
8 civilian oversight for the work of the police department.
9 As a board we receive and investigate noncriminal
10 complaints, monitor operations in the department, and work
11 with the Mayor and the chief of police to make, modify
12 police policy.

13 I want to point to several important items for
14 your consideration. The Board is continuing to work with
15 NACOLE (National Association for Civilian Oversight and Law
16 Enforcement) to host in Detroit their national conference
17 in September; September the 22nd through the 26th.

18 During the same time, Detroit will be celebrating
19 our 45th year as a civilian oversight organization on July
20 the 22, 2019. I will repeat this message several times as
21 we approach the September conference. We're inviting law
22 enforcement and civic-minded individuals to join us at the
23 conference. The planning process is well underway. And,
24 again, we invite your participation.

25 I remind board members that in the month of

1 March, 2019, our plans are to conduct two community
2 meetings. The first will be on March 7th at the Western
3 International High School at 1:30 p.m. Also we have our
4 regular community meeting on March 14th in the Ninth
5 Precinct.

6 I want to acknowledge this is the first community
7 meeting in the month of February, Black History Month.
8 Over the course of Black History Month, I will try to
9 highlight on the critical involvement of Detroit in
10 relationship to black history.

11 Last week I shared with you information about
12 some of the black pioneers in local policing. This week I
13 want to correct a widely held misconception of history that
14 slavery only occurred in the south. At Governor Gretchen
15 Whitmer state address in Lansing, she told stories of the
16 many contribution of emigrants who helped build the state
17 of Michigan. She talked about the migration of people from
18 the European continent who came to build a better life for
19 their families.

20 The governor emphasized the need for corporation
21 from all of the people of Michigan across racial, economy,
22 sexual orientation, age, and geographic barriers.
23 Unfortunately, the governor made the same error in the
24 address as does other liberal leading nonblack host
25 figures. The governor indicated that black's first

1 introduction to Michigan was one of northern migration to
2 find jobs in the automobile industry.

3 This misconception is at the foundation of the
4 profile confusion that Dr. Charles G. Woodson sought to
5 correct in creating black history month [sic]. Dr. Woodson
6 works in an effort to show when and how Africans came to
7 the Americas and many contribution made by Africans in
8 America.

9 We first came as a result of the triangle slavery
10 trade and the demand for slavery. Our forced labor built
11 many parts of the world including America. Michigan is not
12 an exception that stand apart from the worldwide practice
13 of slavery. African slavery still remains the only system
14 of exploitation lasting for hundreds of years while lacking
15 recognition or compensation.

16 Most historian study the forced migration and the
17 voluntary migration of blacks from five to six million
18 people that migrated from the south because of the
19 oppressive condition of the south. Isabelle Wilkerson in
20 the Warmth of Other Suns point to a broad picture of the
21 movement to the north by African Americans.

22 Professor Kyle Miles, historian with University
23 of Michigan, in her book The Dawn of Detroit: A Chronicle
24 of Slavery and Freedom in the City of the Straits document
25 slavery practice by the French as far back as the northwest

1 activity -- try that again -- northwest territory which was
2 imposed from the coasts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,
3 Michigan, and Wisconsin.

4 To misrep history to the Americans as far as
5 slavery is to trivialize all the contributions to just a
6 modern racial practice like dressing in KK hoods or wearing
7 white faces is a modern inconvenience for black people.
8 The truth would only come to light in Black History Month
9 is that blacks were in all vital to the operation of the
10 country.

11 I note the 15th Amendment to the United States
12 Constitution, the right to vote. The 15th Amendment was
13 passed in 1869 and ratified in 1870 following a bloody war
14 initiated by processions in the south.

15 Also in 1964 the 24th Amendment abolished poll
16 taxes, a practice that is very similar to disenfranchising
17 of blacks and native-born people today. To date from 1817
18 or thereabout freedom fighters abolitionist Frederick
19 Douglas was born.

20 While these are only a few of the contributions
21 that African Americans have made to our society, I
22 encourage each of us to take stock of Black History Month
23 and spread the word about our contributions.

24 I want to call to the public's attention that the
25 Board of Police Commissioners web page BOPC.gov continues

1 to evolve towards a more user friendly cite. The most
2 recent changes are restoration of two buttons related to
3 how to file a citizen complaint and how to assess watching
4 police commissioner meetings. These changes should be made
5 to make it easier for the public to access the Board's
6 work.

7 Today on the agenda we will take our outstanding
8 Community Service Award nominated by the Ninth Police
9 Precinct recognizing Kathleen Marie Dux.

10 We also have two presentations to the Board. The
11 first will be the DPD Personnel Director Dr. Anderson. The
12 personnel report was distributed this past Tuesday to each
13 commissioner as part of the Tuesday package. The second
14 presentation will come from Ninth Precinct Commander Eric
15 Decker. I hope that Commander Decker will discuss with the
16 Board some of the hotspots -- Unintelligible -- underway in
17 the Ninth Precinct to fight against crime.

18 We will also have our regular report from the
19 chief of police -- the deputy chief in this case. The
20 deputy chief reviewed some of our current crime stats and
21 updates us on any additional police personnel injured in
22 the line of duty. I also ask the deputy chief to update us
23 on any critical issues facing the department.

24 Specifically I ask the deputy chief report on the
25 recent incident involving the retired detective who somehow

1 kept homicide records in his home. We are interested in if
2 this is as breach of confidentiality has compromised any
3 past investigation or might impact any past case prosecuted
4 on behalf of the department.

5 Towards the end of the meeting, we will have oral
6 communication from the audience. Please make sure you
7 print your name on the speaker card. They are located in
8 the back of the room, and Mr. Brown -- this is the second
9 time I just mentioned it. So that is the format.

10 We're going to have the resolution at this time.

11 Pause. Commissioner Griffie, you joined us.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for your
14 attendance. From District two.

15 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Now, would you call
17 the person up. I assume she might be here.

18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Ms. Kathleen Marie Dux. Is
19 she here?

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: She's here.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Please come up.

22 I said good evening once before, so I'm just
23 going to start reading.

24 WHEREAS Ms. Kathleen Marie Dux is a Registered Nurse,
25 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from

1 the University of Texas. Kathleen and her
2 husband Bob have been married for 35 years and
3 have three adult sons; and

4 WHEREAS Ms. Dux has volunteered countless hours working
5 with the Ninth Precinct Neighborhood Police
6 Officers and is very active parishioner at
7 Assumption Grotto Catholic Church in the Ninth
8 Precinct where she and her family attend; and

9 WHEREAS Ms. Dux has centered her life around her faith,
10 her family and the community. She volunteered at
11 Above and Beyond, the largest gala of the year
12 honoring First Responders. Ms. Dux has always
13 had respect and admiration for Police Officers
14 and the Military; and

15 WHEREAS Ms. Dux believes, we all need to work together
16 throughout our lives, to help each other and to
17 respect everyone we meet. She believes it is
18 important to stay close as a family, to embrace
19 each other and to acknowledge our differences
20 while recognizing our common interest in order to
21 build a stronger community. She believes that -
22 with hard work and dedication - much good can be
23 accomplished but that the greatest success can be
24 built over a simple smile and a friendly
25 conversation; and

1 WHEREAS Ms. Dux considers it an honor to work with the
2 Ninth Precinct assisting in numerous community
3 events held to bridging the gap between the
4 community and officers. She participated in the
5 Police Week luncheon and talent show by students
6 honoring the Ninth Precinct and Metropolitan
7 Division of the Detroit Police Department, Senior
8 Luncheon, National Night Out, Turkey Giveaway,
9 and good Fellow gift box distribution, and
10 Trunk-or-Treat. Ms. Dux and her family provided
11 their own vehicles filled with chocolate candy
12 for over 3,000 children in the community.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

14 RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
15 speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit
16 and the Detroit Police Department acknowledges
17 the dedicated, diligent, committed support of
18 Ms. Kathleen Dux. Her service and devotion to
19 improving the quality of life for the citizens in
20 the Ninth Precinct and throughout the city of
21 Detroit, merits our highest regard.

22 DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

23 We thank you.

24 (APPLAUSE)

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're going to ask the

1 commissioners to come up front and take part, please.

2 (PHOTO SHOOT)

3 DC BETTISON: So I have two awards for you as
4 well. First, on behalf of your City Council, you're being
5 honored with a Spirit of Detroit Award.

6 Ms. Kathleen Marie Dux, the Spirit of Detroit
7 Award is presented herewith as an expression of the
8 gratitude and esteem of the citizens of Detroit to
9 Ms. Kathleen Marie Dux in recognition of exceptional
10 achievement outstanding leadership and dedication to
11 improving the quality of life. Signed by all of your
12 Detroit City Council members. All nine of them.

13 And then also this will be held with the City
14 Clerk in the archives so that your grandchildren, your
15 children and from now on they can come see the great work
16 that you've done. So this is my esteemed pleasure on
17 behalf of Chief Craig and all the members of City Council
18 to be able to give you a Spirit of Detroit award.

19 Now I will say on a personal the note, I have
20 almost 25 years. I have not got a Spirit of Detroit Award
21 yet. I'm just going to keep on working so maybe one day
22 I'll get one. But you have gotten one, so here you are,
23 ma'am.

24 (APPLAUSE)

25 DC BETTISON: And if I could ask Commander Decker

1 to come up as well. Commander Decker wanted you to be
2 recognized and put this in and told us about all the great
3 work you're doing over here at the Ninth Precinct. And
4 this award right here is going to be presented to you. And
5 it's signed by Chief Craig. But the good commander, and
6 the NPOs, and the folks here at the Ninth Precinct thought
7 that you deserved this.

8 So the Detroit Police Department Certificate of
9 Recognition to Ms. Kathleen Marie Dux, resident of the City
10 of Detroit, in recognition of following outstanding service
11 in cooperation. Signed by Chief of Police James E. Craig.
12 So here you are, ma'am.

13 (APPLAUSE)

14 (PHOTO SHOOT)

15 MS. DUX: I'd like to thank all of you for this
16 great honor, especially the Board of Police Commissioners;
17 the Detroit Police Department, Ninth Precinct; the
18 Neighborhood Police Officers: Officer Wade, Officer
19 Pacheski (Phonetic), Commander Decker, and Deputy Chief
20 Barron, thank you very much.

21 When Anna Ramano told me about this award, I felt
22 a little bit awkward. I was very honored, but I felt a
23 little awkward, because I felt like I should be giving an
24 award to the police officers instead of them giving an
25 award to me - for all that you do everyday. The Bible says

1 that "Greater love has no man than he who lays down his
2 life for his friend," and that's what you do every single
3 day for all of us. And I am very grateful to you and very
4 honored to volunteer beside you at your community outreach
5 events.

6 In lieu of an award for you, I a went to the
7 Capuchin Monastery in Detroit and got a Perpetual Advance
8 Card for the Detroit Police Officers living and deceased.
9 So they'll be praying for you everyday from now on at Mass,
10 and when they're doing their missionary work, and during
11 their prayer time. Thank you very much.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Let's give her another round
13 of applause.

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: We'd like to recognize
16 Commissioner Willie Burton from District Five. It's good
17 to have you in attendance.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
19 want to acknowledge Barry from District Five from the
20 President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield's office.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

22 We're going to move on to the Deputy Chief's
23 report on behalf of Chief Craig.

24 DC BETTISON: Okay, thank you. Through the
25 Chair, we'll first start out with crime where we are.

1 We're still in the first quarter. We're trending down with
2 most of our categories. So in the category of Homicide we
3 have a 23% reduction. Sexual Assault, we're up 3%.
4 Robberies, we're down 4%. Carjacking, we're down 63%. And
5 this is at the same period of time compared to last year.

6 To give you an example what that looks like. So
7 in 2018 last year at this time we had 30 carjackings. This
8 year same period in time we have 11 carjackings.
9 Aggravated Assault, we're up 10%. Nonfatal shootings is up
10 5%. Total violent crime, we're up 6%. Burglary, when we
11 talk about property crimes, we're down 5%. Larceny, 19%.
12 Stolen vehicles, 3%. Total property crime, we're down 6%.

13 Also through the Chair, you wanted me to speak on
14 fallen and critically injured officers where we are. And
15 with that, the update is Officer James Kisselburg, he's
16 recuperating at home. He suffered a gunshot wound back on
17 March 25th. Waldis Johnson currently in special treatment.
18 He's at a nursing care facility. Justin Marroquin,
19 currently working restricted duty. Also Police Officer
20 Christopher Thurston, car accident. He's currently being
21 carried disabled. Police Officer Lemuel Sims, who's
22 assigned to the Eight Precinct, he popped his knee during a
23 foot pursuit chasing a perpetrator. He's on disable
24 currently getting treatment. And Police Officer Don
25 Painter, who's assigned to the Third Precinct, was involved

1 in an on-duty altercation that resulted in critical
2 injuries. He's been placed on disabled. And Robert
3 Churzack (Phonetic) from the Third Precinct was involved in
4 an altercation as well that resulted in critical injuries,
5 and he's on disabled as well.

6 And then, through the Chair, I know you wanted an
7 update on a recent incident that was reported in the news
8 regarding the retired detective where he was being evicted
9 from his home, and the bailiffs found a locker with
10 evidence from Police Homicide in his property involving a
11 case.

12 So I know we have Chris Graveline here. And I
13 don't know if you can step up and kind of give a little
14 update. But I know that one of the things; this happened
15 prior to Chief Craig's tenure here. And I know we have
16 things in place so that that doesn't reoccur again. But at
17 this point Mr. Graveline, if you can, you know, step up and
18 update the community with whatever you can.

19 MR. GRAVELINE: Good evening. Once again, my
20 name is Chris Graveline. I'm the Director of Professional
21 Standards and Constitutional Policing here at the Detroit
22 Police Department. So what we found was this particular
23 officer, who's been retired for a number of years now, was
24 being evicted from his house. And what we have found; the
25 landlord had hired people to come remove some of the

1 property. So when they were removing some of the property
2 and throwing it into a dumpster, someone noticed an
3 evidence tag, and that's what brought it to our attention.

4 Unfortunately, they had already done quite a bit
5 of work. So officers had to get into the dumpsters,
6 recover any paperwork, anything that they found within that
7 house. That's been brought back to the Detroit Police
8 Headquarters. We've sorted out all the paperwork, looked
9 to see what evidence, if any, was found there. And what
10 we've found is, he had at least portions of at least
11 sixteen cases at his house. Not evidence with all of them.
12 Some just paperwork, the file. But we had found some
13 pieces of evidence there, and -- to include some cell
14 phones that were in evidence, some clothing that was in
15 evidence, and at least one handgun that was in evidence.

16 So we're going through that right now. We're
17 processing that to figure out what cases have been closed,
18 if any of them had gone to trial; if they weren't closed,
19 what status those are in. And so we've been going through
20 that the last several days. We've been in contact with the
21 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to talk about what case
22 files we are talking about. And this goes back a number of
23 years. I don't have all of the case numbers to memory
24 right now, but I think the furthest back that I remember
25 one going was 1997. And so it was a '97 year case filed

1 all the way up.

2 I believe, this particular officer left Homicide
3 around 2008. So that's the span we're looking at right
4 now. No, it's not a good news story. But what we're doing
5 is going through and finding out what the status is of
6 those investigations and to see if anyone was either
7 brought to trial on it, and then we'll be informing the
8 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office about that.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir, for that
10 update.

11 DC BETTISON: And before you leave, just to
12 update the community as well as far as the investigation
13 out of Number Six. I know that the Chief reported out on
14 it at the last board meeting involving Officer Steele.
15 Without going into any particulars or anything like that,
16 we are moving forward with that investigation. We're
17 moving forward with it swiftly. And if there's anything
18 that you may want to add.

19 MR. GRAVELINE: Sure. So anyone who's aware of
20 this situation; this is the officer who posted the Snapchat
21 video back on January 29th. And I believe at the last
22 board meeting, Chief Craig said that we were trying to wrap
23 up this investigation within approximately two weeks. That
24 two weeks would be tomorrow. We very close. We have
25 spoken to, I believe -- at this point, we have conducted

1 over 50 interviews as part of our Internal Affairs
2 investigation. And we have spoken to the two officers who
3 are the subject of that investigation as well. I believe
4 we still have about four or five people we want to talk to
5 tomorrow, but we're on track, I think, for wrapping up that
6 investigation very shortly.

7 DC BETTISON: Thank you. That concludes my
8 report. And for the community, Commander Decker will be
9 giving a report pertaining to the crime stats and other
10 things that are going on at the Ninth Precinct.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any questions or concerns --

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- for the deputy chief.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Deputy Chief, question: As
17 it relates to officers in the past having access and taking
18 custody of evidence, is there an investigation to make sure
19 there's not a lot of other evidence out there that could
20 adversely affect our citizens?

21 DC BETTISON: We have procedures in place right
22 now that Chief Craig started that -- it's a checklist that
23 before a member retires or gets assigned out or moves on
24 that they have to turn that evidence in. They're not
25 allowed to take it home period or anything like that.

1 That's completely a violation of department policy.

2 In regards to every possible thing that could
3 have happened in the past because we weren't aware of this,
4 we are looking at it. And we'll see what we're able to
5 find. But as far as -- since Chief Craig has been here,
6 we're confident that it hasn't happened. But with this
7 being a new development with this one situation, we're
8 going to look at all avenues to make sure that it wasn't in
9 any other members at that time that participated in that
10 practice. So we are doing a thorough investigation, and
11 we'll be able to report to the Board as to what our
12 findings are. Because we definitely are very very
13 concerned when it comes to that type of the behavior.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: We look forward to getting
15 those findings.

16 DC BETTISON: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am, go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I apologize. I was not
20 here last week when everyone spoke out about the outrage
21 regarding the officers in the Sixth Precinct. And part of
22 our duty under Section 7.7-803 is that the Board will act
23 as final authority in imposing or reviewing discipline of
24 any employee.

25 And at this time, I move that we schedule a

1 hearing to review whatever the police chief has regarding
2 officer Steele and his partner so that we can make a
3 determination for ourselves at this time.

4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So moved.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly moved and
6 supported. Discussion? Those in favor, aye.

7 THE BOARD: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
9 carried.

10 Thank you, Commissioner Carter.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Deputy Chief.

13 DC BETTISON: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're going to hear from Dr.
15 Anderson as far as the HR Report.

16 DR. ANDERSON: Good evening Honorable Board and
17 citizens. I'm going to give you the HR Report for the
18 month of January. We are budgeted for a total of 2,639
19 sworn positions. Out of those positions, we have 2,454
20 that are filled, which leaves us with 185 vacant positions.
21 We also are budgeted for 683 civilian positions, and we
22 have 609 of those positions filled, which leaves us with a
23 vacancy of seven before. We have a total of 3,063
24 positions for the police department civilian and sworn
25 total.

1 Our recruiting numbers are for the fiscal year
2 starting July 1, 2018. We have received 2,187 applicants.
3 We have 294 applicants in process, which includes 234 that
4 are awaiting their maloxy. We have 302 applicants that are
5 listed as lack of interest; 1,125 that are temporarily
6 disqualified, and 414 that are permanently disqualified.
7 We've hired since the fiscal year 52 officers. Some of
8 those candidates came in before the fiscal year. So that's
9 why we put the verbiage at the bottom that the process,
10 it's continuously changing.

11 If we go over to page two; for the M-code testing
12 for January, we had 31 applicants scheduled for the
13 written. Only 25 appeared; 21 passed; 4 failed, and 6 were
14 no shows. For the agility we had 132 scheduled. Only 80
15 appeared; 40 passed; 40 failed, and 52 were no shows.
16 Total hired for the month of January: 33 sworn; 10
17 civilians; one police assistant. We also had a graduating
18 class of 32.

19 Listed below the Total New Hires, we have our
20 Detroit Residency. We have total sworn that live in
21 Detroit, 575. Total sworn that are not Detroiters 1,819.
22 Our civilians that live in the city, 353. Nonresidents,
23 255. Police assistants: Detroiters, 32. Nonresidents,
24 28.

25 We're still working on the Student Intern

1 Program. I hope to have that up and running by the end of
2 spring.

3 And our attrition for officers. We have lost
4 twenty-six sworn officers; six civilians and one police
5 assistant, which gave us an attrition of thirty-three for
6 the month of January. I believe that I included the list
7 of the officers that we left to include the departments
8 that they went to.

9 Also at the last community meeting, I believe it
10 was, Commissioner Brown asked about the DROP program. We
11 have 528 officers that are in the DROP program. The list
12 for the DROP program is the last sheet under Staffing and
13 Employment.

14 That's my report, Chair.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Commissioners,
16 any questions or concerns for Dr. Anderson?

17 Yes, sir. Mr. Brown.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. Dr. Anderson, under
19 Recruiting, I'm just trying to make sense of some numbers
20 here. Of your total applicants you got 2,187.

21 DR. ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So are those numbers -- so
23 you have like a lack of interest, temporarily disqualified,
24 and the disqualified permanently. That's a total of 1,800
25 applicants. Is that number included in the total

1 applicants, which will leave you about 346 applicants. Is
2 that -- am I looking at that correct?

3 So those numbers down at the bottom where you
4 have those lack of interest, Temporary Disqualified, and
5 Disqualified Permanently they're part of that total
6 applicant number.

7 DR. ANDERSON: That's right.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So you had 346 would have
9 been your people that's waiting or in the process. But
10 then I guess my next question would be, if you got the one
11 that's awaiting M-code and process, you got 231 and 294;
12 those are two separate categories, right? So that's almost
13 500 applicants.

14 DR. ANDERSON: No, the -- I'm sorry. I didn't
15 mean to cut you off. But the awaiting M-code, that number,
16 231, is in the in process number of 294.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you for the report.
21 You know, I'm one of the few people, I guess, that
22 basically when I don't hear -- when I hear unfamiliar terms
23 and acronyms, I just don't sit here and act like I'm smart
24 and bright. So I want to show people just how probably I'm
25 not bright at all. But what is the DROP program, and what

1 is -- what is DROP program? And what is that? I just
2 don't like the word drop. What's DROP program? How does
3 that work?

4 DR. ANDERSON: Commissioner Holley, that's a very
5 good question. The DROP program.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Oh, it is?

7 DR. ANDERSON: Yes. The DROP program is a
8 program where officers that are eligible for retirement,
9 they can actually retire but stay on with the department
10 under the DROP program.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So you mean to tell me, I
12 can retire and stay and get paid and decide to go any time
13 I get ready to go and, therefore, may cause a problem in
14 terms of being protected in the city of Detroit?

15 DR. ANDERSON: Actually I have a different look
16 at it.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

18 DR. ANDERSON: I look at it this way, that
19 they're staying. And I'm thankful that they are. Because
20 if they did not stay, we would really be shorthanded. And
21 it's not only the Detroit Police Department, the fire
22 department does it as well.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Same thing?

24 DR. ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. I know whenever I

1 see -- ask a question -- and the Chairman, because he's
2 been here 115 years, so I know he wants to say something.
3 So make me feel a little bit better about this.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes. It's an incentive to
5 prolonged their police career with DPD. In the past
6 officers might retire in 25 years, and they're out the
7 door. Now we're able to keep them, because they're
8 qualified to protect their interest in that. So it's a
9 good thing.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm asking, does this give
11 me -- do I rely on them to the point where I don't really
12 try to replace them?

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, no. We have a hundred
14 and something openings.

15 DR. ANDERSON: Yeah, we have 185 openings.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah, so we're aggressively
17 recruiting all the time. And as you well know, we're doing
18 joint task force, even with Wayne County Sheriff's
19 Department and DPD have joined.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're trying to address this
22 shortage, and DPD and Wayne County Sheriff's Department are
23 working together.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: DC Bettison you want to

1 respond?

2 DC BETTISON: Through the Chair, Commissioner
3 Holley, that is an excellent question and concern. But the
4 reason we went to the DROP program, and many departments
5 do, is so that we're able to retain officers with a certain
6 skill set, with historical knowledge, and not have that
7 massive brain drain. Because when we hire, we typically
8 hire in mass groups. So when we hired those groups
9 25 years ago, they were all eligible to retire at one time.

10 So without the DROP program we're put in a
11 situation where you will have 300 officers come in on
12 January 1st and retire. So the DROP program is an
13 incentive to spread that out. It allows those officers to
14 participate in the DROP program. And what that stands for
15 is it's called deferred retirement option program. So they
16 defer retirement and continue working. And they're still
17 active members and participate within the system. So it
18 allows us to still deliver quality services to citizens of
19 Detroit. The Michigan State Police Department, they have
20 the DROP program. And many other major departments have
21 the DROP program across this country.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other commissioners?

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Thank you. I'm
2 actually a little concerned about staffing. You know, I
3 see that we -- you know, we still have a shortage of
4 officers. But each year there's a few officers, you know,
5 a few applicants that may apply to become a police officer
6 for the City of Detroit, and they are denied. I see that
7 they may be M-code certified, but Detroit Police Department
8 has its own standard or qualification.

9 I was wondering if you could explain that.
10 Because, you know, if we have the shortness that we are
11 experiencing here, why are we turning folks away that wants
12 to be officers and we're also looking for them to be M-code
13 certified? So I would like for you to explain that.

14 DR. ANDERSON: We don't look for our officers to
15 be M-code certified, because we certify them. We send them
16 through the Police Academy, so that's not exactly true.
17 And I'm not sure if you had a specific example of someone
18 you know that was already sworn and had a good history, was
19 not terminated from another department that we turned down?
20 I'm not familiar with that.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well each officer in this
22 room is M-code certified, right?

23 DR. ANDERSON: Absolutely.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So that's the bar, that we
25 want our officers to be M-code certified, right? So you

1 have folks that happens to be applicants that are applying
2 to be officers here in the city of Detroit. They don't
3 have a problem with, you know, M-code or getting the M-code
4 clearance, but it seems like the Detroit Police Department
5 has its own criteria or standards, because now they're
6 being rejected or turned away. And I would like if you can
7 explain things.

8 DR. ANDERSON: Lieutenant Cole is going to --

9 LIEUTENANT COLE: Through the Chair, Lieutenant
10 James Cole with Recruiting. The total -- Unintelligible --
11 is we would have officers who are if they might leave the
12 department in lieu of termination. So if something happens
13 with them at a different department, they leave before that
14 department can adjudicate it. Or the department, they can
15 have an understanding if they leave that, you know,
16 whatever happens won't be pursued. So when they come to
17 the Detroit Police Department, we have to verify where they
18 worked and why they left. And if we find that they leave
19 under circumstances such as that, we wouldn't take them.

20 We judge every officer as they come in own their
21 own merits. We go through an extensive background check
22 just like we do for the citizens. And if those individuals
23 don't meet up with the standards that we have then we
24 wouldn't take them. If somebody else has liability with
25 them, we don't want to have them be ours as well.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Here since I've been on the
2 Board, I recall a few incidents where an applicant didn't
3 have a problem going through M-code; therefore -- but they
4 was pushed back from DPD from coming on. But as far as
5 M-codes, you know, they didn't have a problem going through
6 that.

7 LIEUTENANT COLE: Yes, sir. Just so you'll know
8 also, our stand -- just as you repeated, there are federal
9 standards that are different from state standards, which
10 are being a little more restricted, which are different
11 from city standards, which are a little bit more
12 restricted. Our standards may be a little more restrictive
13 than M-code.

14 So there may be some items that M-code would say
15 they could accept, but Detroit Police Department has other
16 standards, including higher standards, that we would not
17 accept them. And, again, without you having a specific
18 instance that we can point to and I can probably brief you
19 on, I can't speak as a blanket statement that, you know,
20 these officers who are M-code certified are not being able
21 to join the Detroit Police Department. I would again just
22 have to say that we would have to judge each one on its
23 merits.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sorry. Go ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Thank you. Great report
3 again. I think it's getting better and better. One thing
4 that I think would be great to see -- because I was just
5 calculating it by hand -- for the attrition part, the
6 summary where you have the number of officers who were
7 trended out this month, it would be great -- because I went
8 to the back page and counted how many of them left because
9 they went to another department, how many left because they
10 retired, and have a little summary that says out of the 33
11 that attrited, you know, seven of them were -- resigned to
12 go to other departments and maybe ten of them were
13 retirement so I can see the whole picture.

14 And so I just want to confirm. So we brought in
15 33 new hires sworn, and we attrited out 26 sworn officers.
16 So we have a net of around 7 additional to the force.

17 DR. ANDERSON: That sounds about correct.
18 There's times when we will have seven or eight officers
19 come in on the same day and resign.

20 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay. So I'm just trying
21 to -- I'm looking at when -- Unintelligible -- against our
22 target here, and that helps. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, DC Bettison.

24 DC BETTISON: Through the Chair, I would just
25 like to also address the issue Commissioner Burton that

1 with any specific cases, I think you bring up a good point.
2 With any specific cases, you can always get them to me, and
3 we will work to get you an answer and look at the
4 background of an individual and take a second look at them,
5 okay.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Appreciate you, DC
7 Bettison. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Keep in mind that the Board
9 of Police Commissioners -- the applicant always can appeal
10 to the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners too. We have
11 reviewed quite a few cases in the last four to five years.
12 They have an opportunity, and we make the final decision in
13 reference to that whole matter.

14 I just want to make one other point. Mr.
15 Blackmore, who's from M-code, appeared before us last week
16 and explained to us the whole process and indicated that
17 the state certification is one thing, but Detroit is a
18 higher standard. And I think that's a good thing. We want
19 the best. And you see the best in this room, and you see
20 it on the street.

21 What's always amazed me is that when any instance
22 of an officer doing something wrong, they always say he
23 needs more training; she needs more training. But when
24 doctors have issues, when lawyers have issues, when nurses
25 have issues --

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Preachers.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- when preachers have issues
3 you don't say, they need more training. But you put us in
4 that ballpark. But we are doing great training, and we do
5 yearly training. Training is more intense now versus when
6 I was around, Commissioner Holley, as you well know. The
7 standard is there, and we're not -- even on Affirmative
8 Action, the standard was there to hire the best.

9 So keep that in mind, that we address the issue.
10 You're doing a great job. And that's why Recruiting is
11 here. We're recruiting. We're aggressively going after
12 the best of the best. And that's what you get when you
13 support. And you witness them when they graduate, but you
14 also witness when they get to the precinct. When something
15 goes wrong, what about his training? Well what about it?

16 Thank you. Thank you, Dr. Anderson.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Just want to make the point
20 about the use of certified. The term is actually licensed.
21 Like a doctor, like a nurse, like a physician's assistance,
22 police officers are licensed not certified. So I just
23 wanted to make that point, that they are professionals.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: This is a training lieutenant
25 from Wayne County Sheriff's Department. She knows the

1 inner workings of the whole process. And you are correct.
2 We don't use that term lightly.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No. Only if you say
4 certified. It's not certified; it's licensed.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.
6 Great report.

7 And now we're going to move on to the Ninth
8 Precinct, Commander Decker.

9 CMDR. DECKER: Good evening Board.

10 THE BOARD: Good evening.

11 CMDR. DECKER: First, I'd like to start with a
12 thank you. You see I'm up here by myself. Normally we
13 have a commander and a captain. My captain, Mark Thornton,
14 retired last Friday, thirty-two and a half actual years.

15 Mr. Brown delivered a resolution from the Board
16 for his party. I called Kinkaid last Friday, and I might
17 be killing myself up here. From me and from Mike Thornton,
18 thank the Board for that resolution.

19 One other thing before I go into this. Again,
20 I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Dux. You notice that she's a
21 member of the Assumption Grotto Church, I think, since the
22 1920s in the Ninth Precinct on Gratiot. A lot of members
23 here. And they have also provided, along with the Board, a
24 big spread of food next door in the Mustang room. So I'd
25 like to thank all of Assumption.

1 So quick overview of Number Nine. We started off
2 fairly slowly. You know, we're looking about a month of
3 statistics. It was cold that last week. But really
4 January was actually a little better this year than last
5 year, but crime is a little bit up; probably about 16% for
6 the month of January. But what wasn't up was shootings.
7 Three shootings in the month of January. That's very very
8 low in the Ninth Precinct.

9 Comparable -- and I put my glasses on. Don't
10 laugh at me. Comparable to last year, 2008 [sic], we had
11 six homicides, twelve nonfatal shootings. Eighteen
12 shootings in the month of January. This year three
13 shootings. One of which were fatal. Eighty percent
14 reduction.

15 So as a police commander, is anything different?
16 Are we doing something right? Are we doing something
17 wrong? What's the difference? I know this Board is aware
18 of Cease Fire. It's a great program. It's law
19 enforcement. It's community. It's faith-based. So,
20 again, the police commander goes what's different? Look
21 back. There's one thing that's different. Really it
22 spawned from Cease Fire; something we didn't have at this
23 time last year.

24 So give you a little history. November 2017
25 there's a quintuplet shooting. Five people shot, one

1 person shot fatally. Unfortunately, the target of that
2 shooting, sixteen years old. Shooters also -- we're
3 talking high school aged kids involved in this terrible
4 shooting.

5 So our Cease Fire team immediately -- it's kind
6 of gang related. Two groups fueled by social media.
7 Somebody said something on social media, and now we're
8 talking people getting shot. Our Cease Fire group goes in
9 to the schools at that time, starts talking to people.
10 Starts talking to these kids. We're talking to fifteen,
11 sixteen-year old kids. I came here as a sergeant in 2000,
12 Ninth Precinct.

13 My guys come back; they tell me -- they go, hey,
14 Commander, you know, these kids are telling us about stuff
15 that happened in 2000, 2002. They weren't even born yet,
16 but they know the history of gangs in the Ninth Precinct.
17 They know people that I have arrested. They know scenes
18 that I was on that I probably didn't even know what truly
19 happened. But here's kids in high school that had this
20 information. So light bulb goes off.

21 And this is my input in this great program that
22 we're going the talk to you about. I basically told my
23 sergeant; said, okay, get back in the schools, make it
24 happen. I waved my hands; said, make it happen.

25 I'm looking at it's pure intelligence. I mean,

1 all these kids have information that none of us have. So
2 that sergeant runs by Cease Fire. That's all. Hey, make
3 it happen. What has become -- this program now is so far,
4 so fast beyond what I ever thought it would have been.

5 So instead of me sitting up here and stumbling
6 through my words -- like I said, I just can't phantom how
7 far and fast this program has gone. So I brought here I
8 have brought Sergeant Marcus Thirdkill. He's going to tell
9 this esteemed Board about the Brotherhood. Sergeant
10 Thirdkill.

11 SGT. THIRDKILL: Good evening.

12 ATTENDEES: Good evening.

13 SGT. THIRDKILL: So I'm going to talk to you guys
14 about how the Brotherhood started. But first, I want to
15 say thank you to my commander. Thank you to Captain
16 Thornton, who's no longer with us. He retired last week.
17 To the deputy chief and also Chief of Police Chief James
18 Craig for them allowing me to have the opportunity to
19 develop a program.

20 And for the commander and the captain and my
21 Lieutenant Mitchell, for them to trust me to be innovative
22 and get out and experiment takes a lot of courage on their
23 behalf. And they didn't ask a lot of questions. They just
24 said, hey, go make it happen. Do what you need to do. So
25 from there I went back to my team. I said, hey, you know,

1 this is the Ninth Precinct. We really want to make a
2 difference in the Ninth Precinct. We don't want to do
3 anything that is traditional. We want to do something
4 that's new, innovative, exciting; and we just took it from
5 there.

6 So my team and I started developing and looking
7 at data that we had under the Cease Fire umbrella. And
8 from the data that we had started to discover, we looked at
9 a particular age group that was causing the crime in our
10 precinct to go up. From that we developed -- and we went
11 out in the streets. We started to talk to individuals in
12 the streets; started to talk to these young males at our
13 traffic stops, at our street investigations. And from
14 there we realized one big problem. And that big problem
15 was the problem of decision making.

16 So from there my team and I went back to the
17 drawing board, started drawing up different ideas to
18 address the decision-making process. We drafted up a
19 PowerPoint. We spent two weeks, countless hours drafting
20 up the right PowerPoint that would convey the message that
21 we wanted to relay, which is think before you act. Think
22 before you do something. Don't be so quick to throw a
23 punch in the school. Think about it before you do it.

24 And from there we started making connections in
25 the school. We went to the local high school, Denby and

1 Osborn, which is in our precinct. We also looked at the
2 data that drove us over to East English Village High
3 School. We began partnering with the school's
4 administrators, building up those relationships. And from
5 there they allowed us to come into the school to display
6 our presentation on decision-making.

7 From there the commander was kind enough to just
8 go along with me. I said, hey, commander, captain, I need
9 you guys to go along with another experiment and try this
10 PowerPoint and see where it takes us. We're going into the
11 schools and displaying the PowerPoint at Osborn, which was
12 the first school that we stopped at. The results from
13 there were mind blowing. Because from there we saw the
14 disconnect between the community and the police, between
15 the young males and the police.

16 And from there they conveyed a message to us;
17 that we never thought the police cared about us the way you
18 did until you came and put a powerful presentation and a
19 powerful PowerPoint. We began to build up these
20 relationships at all these local schools. From there we
21 put on a Listening Session at the Ninth Precinct. We
22 invited ten boys to come in and do a listening session with
23 some of the members in the audience that we invited from
24 the community to come in and listen to the problems that we
25 were hearing. But we wanted the people in the community to

1 actually make the decision to come in and hear this.

2 So with the assistance of Director Cheryl Jones,
3 Justin Kimpson, and a couple other people from Parks and
4 Rec, from different entities around the Department, from
5 the Mayor's Office -- Unintelligible -- and Bishop Ford and
6 Toussaint at that moment, at that time, and put on this
7 powerful presentation and packed the precinct.

8 We invited ten males, but we had over twenty-five
9 show up for the listening session. From there one of the
10 males came to me at the conclusion of the event and said,
11 hey, is it possible that you can become a mentor. I said
12 me, be a mentor? And I said, well I got to go talk to my
13 bosses. And, of course, the Commander being the commander
14 said, go ahead and make it happen.

15 From there we started talking to --
16 Unintelligible -- at the Ninth Precinct. Within a month
17 and a half, we outgrew the Ninth Precinct. We
18 experimented, but we never expected to have the fast pace
19 that we had. We had so many guys come into the precinct,
20 we didn't have enough chairs or anywhere to sit them.

21 So from there we were able to come over and
22 utilize our partnership with Justin Kimpson, and he allowed
23 us to use space here at the Freight Center. The good news
24 about that is we're pretty much outgrowing this space as
25 well. Last week we had over 60 males from all the

1 different high schools. Males from Central High School,
2 Northern. We had them coming from all over the city. Cass
3 Tech.

4 While we're at the precinct, we actually had a
5 male caught the bus from Seven Mile and Wyoming, because
6 his boys told him he didn't want to miss this opportunity
7 to come in and be mentored by the police. From there with
8 the assistance of the great Cheryl Jones, who's been
9 instrumental in part in assisting us, we did a Male Summit
10 down at Cobo.

11 There are some of the pictures (Indicating). I
12 didn't want to miss out. That was our first three weeks --
13 and point your attention over to the television screen --
14 at the precinct. As you can see, we were cramped in there
15 after the first few weeks of us beginning this program at
16 the precinct.

17 Captain Thornton was gracious enough to come in
18 and bless us with his presence as well, and the boys really
19 took to Captain Thornton.

20 We were asked to come up here to help the school
21 by Principal Fisher at the time who asked if we would be so
22 kind as to come in and play eight graders in basketball.
23 So I got my team together, and they came up here and played
24 the Ninth Precinct versus Eight Grade Basketball team. And
25 to my surprise they almost beat us.

1 A couple of the guys from our group actually went
2 to prom, and they wanted us to come and see them off to
3 prom. And we went to see quite a few our guys who attend
4 our program here on the eastside off to prom, and it went
5 viral. It went all over social media. The news media
6 started calling the precinct, calling our deputy chief and
7 wanted to do a news story on this event. So we just -- my
8 team went off and thought they were just taking pictures.
9 Next thing you know we're on the news.

10 From there, going back into what we did on May 9,
11 2018, which was something that was incredible, which is the
12 Male -- the Summit. The partnership from the NSO and the
13 Neighborhood Services Organization, they allowed us the
14 opportunity to put together a Summit. And we took the
15 Summit, and they sponsored it. And they didn't ask a whole
16 bunch of questions. And we were able to get 300 males from
17 six high schools. Four from the east side. Two from this
18 district: Osborn, Denby, East English Village, Chandler
19 Park Academy, Old Redford Academy and Henry Ford. And when
20 we brought them down to Cobo, they were amazed; because
21 they didn't realize that we'd spent so much time looking at
22 the small details to make this an impactful event.

23 The Chief opened up. And as you can see from the
24 slide there DJBJ. The young guys all know him. He's one
25 of the most popular DJs in the city. But he made a post on

1 social media and said this is one of the best events he had
2 ever been to. We brought in high level speakers to come in
3 and engage with the males. We did workshops focusing on
4 grooming, also focusing on goal setting. And we just had a
5 very impactful day without any hiccups. No fights.

6 The boys were given surveys. And when Cheryl
7 called me and told me; she said, you're not going to
8 believe these surveys. Every survey said that they
9 couldn't wait until next year for the next one. They
10 talked about how well organized the event was, how great
11 the speakers were; and they also talked about how much they
12 learned about forgiveness and the concept of being the
13 brotherhood. And from there we're actually in the process
14 of planning our second Summit on May 22nd again this year
15 down at COBO Hall.

16 From there we were able to continue and expand
17 our program to the westside. Sergeant Dunning and
18 Commander Pritchett actually started the program over at
19 the Eighth Precinct called What's Up Wednesdays. And their
20 program is also rapidly growing.

21 So from there with the assistance of Justine
22 Kimpson we began moving over here to the FREC Center. He
23 was able to provide all our boys since we've been here once
24 a month with haircuts free of charge. And the boys all
25 come in and take full advantage of that.

1 Also I would like to highlight before I sit down,
2 the Ninth Precinct Community Council who has been so
3 gracious enough to assist us with food. And they come in
4 and actually help us out a lot with the assistance of
5 Sandra.

6 And lastly, I want to give a special thanks to
7 Cheryl Jones from DYVPI. Because without her assistance
8 bringing structure to the program -- because we are police
9 officers. We aren't educators. We are not; and I make
10 sure we state this, we are not paper people. So she's been
11 kind enough to come in and help us with that. Her and
12 Quincy and her staff. And from there, the brotherhood with
13 -- also I forgot about the chaplain. Excuse me. Because
14 they actually have been coming in every week and also
15 assisting us. Even bringing the community together using
16 various resources from the FREC Center, from --
17 Unintelligible -- next door, and we've just been trying to
18 take it to another level utilizing the neighborhood
19 policing model of getting into the community and helping
20 out the young males from here. And actually we're also
21 seeing a reduction in our juvenile crimes here in the Ninth
22 Precinct as a result of that.

23 (APPLAUSE)

24 SGT. THIRDKILL: I was just reminded to mention
25 that we were also an award recipient for the Obama

1 Foundation Grant. And also the Detroit Lions have also
2 given us a grant. And before I sit down, from the
3 Brotherhood we've also had a spinoff now no the Sisterhood,
4 and now we're in six high schools around the city. And
5 growing probably in the next year or so to advance to other
6 schools as well in the city.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 CMDR. DECKER: Pretty good speech for me, huh?
9 You know, I think there's something very important that the
10 Board definitely -- what a great presentation. Thank
11 Sergeant Thirdkill. Any questions?

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, I do.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I know we gave a round of
16 applause, but I think that -- I hear so much at this table
17 about all of the crazy negative things that happen to you
18 guys, you know, on TV. And I'd like to -- I think they
19 deserve a standing ovation.

20 (STANDING OVATION AND APPLAUSE)

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I don't have a question. I
22 just want to thank you all for the wonderful job you're
23 doing. Thank you for your actions. I don't know if you
24 think about how many young men you might be saving. So
25 thank you all. It's just -- I'm sitting here now with

1 chills thinking about all the high schools that you're
2 going into with these young men. And I think a lot of
3 things will sink with those young men. A fire has been
4 started, so thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commander Decker, I just
7 want to commend you. You're so very close to Number
8 Eleven. Okay, now this is my point though. I hear about
9 the gangs. Are these gangs like isolated over in a certain
10 area where you are? Could you explain?

11 CMDR. DECKER: I mean, unfortunately Number Nine
12 has notorious gangs. We probably have some of the longest
13 standing gangs in the city, definitely on the eastside. I
14 mean, we're sitting in the heart of the SMB, Seven Mile
15 Blood territory. This is the red zone. And that's
16 something that we're eliminating. And that comes from
17 these kids. And I was so shocked when he came to me and
18 told me stories. I was there.

19 I mean, in 2000 I was a young sergeant here, and
20 these young kids that weren't even born could come -- they
21 knew what I did. I mean, they knew the people I arrested;
22 the scenes that I was at. And that's when I was -- like I
23 said, I looked at the education we need to gain this
24 intelligence. I had no idea it would be where it is.
25 That's the future of Detroit. I hope these numbers, that

1 dip in the shootings that I talked about, just keeps going
2 down. It's got the start there. It's a good program.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: It's going to work. I just
4 want to encourage you as the commander and as the team, you
5 have an excellent chairperson back here for your community
6 relations working together, just exactly what you're doing,
7 to touch the kids so they'll be able, confident to talk to
8 you. See, that's the whole problem; that sometimes the age
9 level of children, they don't want to speak to police. But
10 now you're taking that gap out where maybe even Sergeant
11 Thornton can come back and be a mentor. I know he has
12 retired, but maybe he'll come back if you encourage him.

13 And I just want to ask DC Bettison, could they
14 use more officers here in Number Nine? Can they get
15 together? Maybe we can send you some more officers. DC
16 Bettison?

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: The answer is yes. Yes. Of
18 all the police who need police officers, we need police
19 officers.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I mean right here.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: But they have a program
22 that's unique; and we just need to tell the story and
23 support them. This is an extraordinary that you don't hear
24 about. This is going beyond the badge of being a licensed
25 cop. This is about trying to deal with a problem; not from

1 enforcement; not from vengeance, from caring about our
2 young people. That's a message that we are trying to
3 convey to our young people, and these officers have got it.
4 That's what it's all about, the stories. They're working
5 at it, and it's snowballing across this city. So thank
6 you.

7 Commissioner Davis.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. Have ya'll talked
9 to any of these young people about possibly becoming
10 members of the force?

11 SGT. THIRDKILL: Absolutely. And Sergeant
12 Gonzalez, who's in the back who's actually part of the
13 program, has been. We just had that conversation -- so
14 it's Thursday. We're at the FREC Center. The
15 Brotherhood's actually going on. So a lot of people come
16 in at the first table to sign in, that was actually the
17 Brotherhood. So right now there's 40 young men up to that
18 high school age of eighteen over on the other side right
19 here and right now. And I'm sure Sergeant Gonzalez is
20 going to go over there to say hi to them, because we
21 started talking before this.

22 CMDR. DECKER: Absolutely. And, you know, I
23 guarantee in 30 years, 25 years there's going to be
24 somebody up here that's going to tell a story about it or
25 somebody might tell them a story about how Sergeant

1 Thirdkill changed everything; their Detroit Police
2 Commander, or Board of Police Commissioners, or elected
3 official. Guarantee it.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. You
6 know, Commander Decker, you know, I'm just happy to hear
7 about the many community initiatives that Number Nine has
8 or are involved in as far as engaging with the community.
9 And I'm happy that they are working.

10 So, you know, I knew when I was working for the
11 County a few years back and I used to come to the community
12 relations meetings and the community meetings and some of
13 the block club meetings, and you all had a very special
14 group of people that came out each month. But I'm just so
15 happy to hear that all of these different initiatives that
16 you all have taken on is actually panning out, is actually
17 working. And I would love to see some of this move over
18 into Number Seven, Number Three, Number Ten; you know, more
19 involved more in my district, which is District Five. But,
20 you know, you guys are doing some good things over here in
21 Number Nine. I'm sure happy to hear that. I'm sure the
22 community here in this room is happy too, because you got
23 good leadership over at Nine.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Commander.
25 Appreciate it.

1 CMDR. DECKER: Thank you.

2 DC BETTISON: Through the Chair.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

4 DC BETTISON: I just want to emphasize, when it
5 came to the My Brother's Keeper grant from the Obama
6 Foundation, Detroit was one of ten cities. It was a very
7 competitive grant across the nation. And when My Brother's
8 Keeper, the individuals who work for the foundation came
9 in, we had to go through an extensive interview process.
10 And I was a part of that interview process. But what sold
11 the deal was Sergeant Thirdkill -- the actual officers
12 doing the work, we brought them in, and they presented to
13 the folks from DC, and that sold the deal. And they
14 actually said that finally they had come to a place where
15 it was built up from the ground going up and that the
16 actual street officers were working with the youth. So
17 what we have is something very special that's not occurring
18 anywhere else. That's why Detroit was selected for this.

19 And to Commissioner Burton's point, by securing
20 more funding, we will be able to spread this across the
21 city. So it will be coming to your district as well and to
22 all the districts across Detroit. And thank you, Sergeant
23 Thirdkill.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. We're going to
25 move on. Any standing or ad hoc the committee reports?

1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Excuse me. I don't have a
2 report, but I would like very much to hear Sergeant
3 Gonzalez talk about how many people they recruited the
4 other day. We need good news. This is the kind of news we
5 need in the media, just what we just heard.

6 SGT. GONZALEZ: Hi. Sergeant Gonzalez,
7 Recruiting. So thanks to our Board of Police Commissioners
8 here, Ms. Alberta Walsh (Phonetic); she's in charge of the
9 -- she oversees the DECA, our DECA voting, which is SER
10 Metro, Samaritan Northwest Activity Center. And she
11 offered the facility for us at the Samaritan which allowed
12 us to host a DPD/Wayne County Career Fair. So everyone
13 that goes there is for us or Wayne County. Usually they
14 apply for fall.

15 Twenty-eight individuals fought through the storm
16 on a snowy day and filled out the application. Qualified
17 individuals filled out the application with them just in
18 one day, which is a great number through the snow. We
19 have -- the next one will be the 21st at Northwestern
20 Activity Center. So we have one on each side of the city,
21 so that way we touch everybody within our city. So please
22 pass the word: February 21st and then March 6th at SER
23 Metro.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. We're going to
25 move on to our board secretary, Mr. Hicks.

1 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I simply want
2 to call to your attention the five items that have come
3 into the office and that were distributed to the Board.
4 One, of course, was the use of the Board's subpoena and
5 internal investigation; the Human Resources report, which
6 has already been presented to you.

7 We also would note that in your package, there is
8 a packet from the Public Safety Foundation which contains a
9 couple of events that are coming up and also contains other
10 information in connection with that. There's also the
11 standard GIS Report that's of the Ninth Precinct. And then
12 you also have listed as number five an update on the Green
13 Light registrations within the city. And I think we're up
14 to 495 Green Light locations at this point. And with that,
15 Mr. Chairman, that's all I wanted to share at this event.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Any old business?
17 Any new business?

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I guess I could say, Mr.
19 Chair.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: In the Eleventh Precinct we
22 did have a Valentines party today. It was over at a hall.
23 And the NPOs and Sergeant -- I mean Commander Slappey, we
24 had a beautiful time. We had about a hundred seniors that
25 they came together to give them love on Valentine's Day of

1 the non-alcoholic champagne and chocolate and dancing. So
2 it was very nice. So I commend our precinct, Number
3 Eleven.

4 And I wanted to recognize Captain Walton back
5 there who's here from Number Eleven. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

7 Announcements: The next meeting will be on
8 Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Public Safety Headquarters,
9 1301 Third Street. Our next community meeting will be on
10 Thursday, March 7th, at 1:30 p.m., at Western International
11 High School.

12 Now we move on to oral communication from the
13 public, and you have two minutes to speak. And we're going
14 to hold you to those two minutes, because we want to move
15 the time frame where you can interact with some of the
16 young people here, and enjoy some of the refreshments and
17 etc. etc. So that is the criteria. Mr. Brown.

18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have five cards. Monika
19 Biddle, followed by Ms. Faith, followed by Mr. Scotty
20 Bowman.

21 MS. BIDDLE: Hello Honorable Board and audience.
22 Happy Valentine's Day. My name is Reverend Monika Biddle
23 of the Church of Scientology. I mention today --
24 Unintelligible -- this book before. And I want to read
25 this story to you from the way to happened at the

1 newspaper, and I'm going to try to talk really fast.

2 In 2007 Ivy Asbury started the Teen Intervention
3 Project in the city of Compton where he was born and
4 raised, and he worked with at risk youth in trouble at
5 school, on drugs, or in gangs. No doubt the way it
6 happened is with work on kids is as far gone as the ones in
7 the project, after learning about the book he decided to
8 give it a shot. He became a believer when he sought
9 transformative -- Unintelligible -- on one young man who
10 lived in a group home and hated his parents. But one day
11 he told Asbury he wanted to see his mother again --
12 Unintelligible -- when Asbury asked what had changed his
13 mind, he replied, I was reading it in a book. At the young
14 man's request Asbury helped him and his -- Unintelligible
15 -- work together in his mother's restaurant.

16 Teachers were shocked when they witnessed that
17 phenomena at a Compton school. What are you doing with
18 these kids, several asked in disbelief? They were the most
19 problematic to this school. And prior to using "The Way to
20 Happiness" you were luck if you got maybe eight of one
21 hundred to graduate. Once they started doing it, of
22 course, the graduation rate went up went up to 75 out of
23 100.

24 But most astonishing to Asbury, the impact of
25 those -- Unintelligible -- on homicide and crime. Asbury

1 and his partner erected the Wall of Fame at a Compton
2 intersection to which displays 3,000 names of those
3 murdered in the city. There they also passed out "The Way
4 to Happiness" and went fifty days straight without a single
5 murder. Asbury says that is the first in the history of
6 Compton.

7 Asbury also tells of a friend, Bishop Franklin
8 Harris, whose church is situated in the worst housing
9 projects in the country. To see him transform people just
10 by using this book is amazing. Where there were previously
11 three or four murders each day, those projects went three
12 years without a homicide. I can't make any sense of it
13 says Asbury. With all my years in law enforcement I don't
14 know how this little book is a -- Unintelligible -- there's
15 no yelling, no screaming, no cussing or intimidation, none
16 of that, and it works.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

18 MR. BROWN: Ms. Faith, followed by Mr. Scotty
19 Bowman.

20 MS. FAITH: Welcome everyone, and Happy
21 Valentine's Day. It's been quite a while since I've been
22 able to come and to see you all in rare form as you are
23 today. I appreciate everyone that I see; and the ones that
24 I know of and the ones that I don't know of with faces old
25 ones. Happy Valentines to everyone and their families.

1 My comments today are on the commander and the
2 young man who was here. I can't remember, but anyway, the
3 great work that they are doing. And I was thinking about
4 the very same things for the young people. They have the
5 Brotherhood, and they're going to have the Sisterhood to
6 encourage them and mentor them. These are the same things
7 I've been thinking about. So I notice, I guess --
8 Unintelligible -- a poem or something that says:

9 "Watch your thoughts, they become your words;
10 watch your words, they become your actions; watch your
11 actions, they become your habits; watch your habits,
12 they become your character; watch your character, it
13 becomes your destiny."

14 And so I want to thank you for the mentioning of
15 those things. Because if they didn't have someone to
16 encourage them, it does start with a thought, and then they
17 make a conscious decision to speak of it. And when they
18 speak it enough they will become their actions and then
19 their destiny at the end.

20 So, again, also the commissioners and all, I
21 honor you today and thank you for the good work that you
22 are doing and the exposure that they had to the -- through
23 the work that they do and with the disciplining and the
24 helping of the officers. I say if they didn't expose
25 themselves on Nationwide TV, why would they do it if they

1 didn't want to do right and help the civilians in the city.
2 So this is why I continue to appreciate and honor the good
3 that I do see in the DPD, and the commissioners, and also
4 the fire and all the responders.

5 They saved my life so many times over, why can I
6 not honor them back and honor my own life? And I see them
7 opening themselves up to these subjects, to the civilians,
8 to whatever their complaints may be, because they want to
9 do the right thing. Thank you for letting me speak.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

11 MR. BROWN: Mr. Bowman, followed by Ms. Sandra
12 Hardy [sic] and Ms. Jones Risgin. And, Mr. Chair, that
13 will be your last speaker.

14 MR. BOWNMAN: Hi. Some of you may think this is
15 making me sound like a broken record, but I just come back
16 because I have not yet seen certain actions I think need to
17 be addressed. And again I'm revisiting the matter of
18 Corporal Dewayne Jones and the manner in which he handled
19 Lakesha Williams this past summer at Receiving Hospital.
20 Not just him individually. But now someone brought up
21 training a few minutes ago. And what bothers me more than
22 the case of one individual was that, again, that we had a
23 large number of officers come up and -- including someone
24 identified themselves as trainers come up and say that this
25 was an appropriate thing to do; and, in fact, giving

1 accolades to Dewayne Jones for punching out this lady.

2 There needs to be some matter of policy. It's
3 not training, it's not a matter of technique, it's a matter
4 of instruction and behavior that needs to be addressed.
5 And I'm not a lone voice in the wilderness on this. I
6 should point out that the decision to suspend without pay
7 was an opinion put forth by Chief Craig. That myself and
8 Commissioner Burton were part of a press conference on the
9 18th back at December 18th where we expressed displeasure
10 with this outcome. And Chairman Bell was on Fox 2 saying
11 that this was a bad decision.

12 Now whether or not they can undo that decision,
13 what they can do looking -- moving forward what you can do
14 as a Board is ensure that policy clearly state that certain
15 types of behavior are not acceptable so we don't have a
16 repeat. Or, you know, at least if there is a repeat of an
17 incident like the one that happened this past summer at
18 Receiving Hospital, that for future cases we don't have
19 large numbers of officers, including trainers, saying that
20 this was the right way to handle things. I think that
21 really needs to be addressed. Not just as a matter of
22 getting one individual for what I think is wrong with a lot
23 of other people I think is wrong, but also to prevent
24 future problems. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

1 MS. TURNER-HANDY: Good evening everyone. First,
2 I want to say I'm Sandra Turner-Handy, and I'm the Ninth
3 Precinct Community Relations Council. I want to say a
4 thank you, Captain Decker. We love our Brotherhood
5 Program. And that program, even our state reps know about
6 it. State Rep Byrd awarded our group \$700 just for food.
7 So that's an awesome awesome accolade for our group.

8 Members of the Ninth Precinct, we support our
9 Ninth Precinct officers. We feel that they have bridged
10 this gap. And when Commander Decker talks about our
11 numbers going down, our numbers are going down because we
12 work alongside of our police officers. Our NPOs are the
13 best in the city. I don't care who's here from any other
14 precinct, our NPOs are the best in the city.

15 Our problem comes when our NPOs -- when residents
16 are constantly calling for them to handle matters, and they
17 go out and they try their best to handle it; and then when
18 they have to resort to a cuss word they're disciplined.

19 Now I know there are standards. There are
20 standards in the way we live. There are standards in every
21 job we have. However, in the Darius Stallworth matter, no
22 one talked about how the officers had been out three times
23 and they have talked nice, and they have went to the
24 mother. They have never cited. They have never ticketed.
25 They handled this with all the professionalism of a police

1 officer. No one talked about this young man does not even
2 live in the city of Detroit. He lives in Harper Woods.
3 Had he -- if he does what he does in our city, and he was
4 doing it tonight, if he did that in Harper Woods he would
5 have been locked up. But in Detroit our officers are the
6 ones that are disciplined, and that's a problem.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

8 MR. BROWN: Ms. Risgin. And, Mr. Chair, that
9 will be your last speaker.

10 MS. RISGIN: Hi, my name is Joan Risgin, and I'm
11 on the board of the Ninth Precinct Community Relations
12 Council. And this is just an informal thank you.
13 Specifically to the Ninth Precinct officers and Commander
14 Decker, but also to our NPOs. They are instrumental in the
15 community work that we do, and we couldn't do the work that
16 we do without them. I know my community's organization
17 would not exist except for Officer Wade. And Officer Kade
18 (Phonetic) has also stepped in as well.

19 So just so you know, our Halloween
20 Trunk-or-Treat, we had over a thousand more kids this year
21 than we did last year, and that's directly from the work
22 that the NPOs have done. Camp Restore: We had over a
23 thousand volunteers nationally come into the Ninth Precinct
24 and do work that we can't do; picking up garbage, restoring
25 homes, helping kids. And the NPOs were right there with

1 them. And I just can't say more love and a bigger thank
2 you for all the work that you do and how much support they
3 constantly provide to us on a daily basis. Thank you.

4 MR. BROWN: That was our last speaker.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to thank you for your
6 attendance.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Go ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'd like to go back to the
10 Resolution. I don't think that we ever put a motion on the
11 floor to adopt the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So I'd like to move that at
14 this time.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second it.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly moved and
17 supported. Discussion?

18 Those in favor aye.

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
21 carried.

22 Is there any other business before this body?

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. I just want to say
24 that I think we need more media to write about and talk
25 about the good things these police officers are doing.

1 Everything they do is about something negative. We need to
2 get away from that negativism and talk about the good.
3 Look at all the good in here tonight with this program.

4 So is there any way we can get media to see the
5 good that's being done in our city? May I go out and try?

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're working on that.

7 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: But the media builds on bad
9 news. Breaking news.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Right. I know.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: But we have to put our best
12 foot forward. And we do have a media person for it. She
13 -- Unintelligible -- great change. You need to tell the
14 story too. I'm going to say once again, if there's no
15 other business before this body --

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved Mr. Chairman.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- the Chair will entertain a
18 motion for adjournment.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second time, so moved.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay, it's been moved a
21 second time. Those in favor aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for coming.

24 (At 8:12 p.m., proceedings concluded)

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