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DETOUR BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

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Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR
Notary Public, County of Wayne
APPEARANCES:

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VICE CHAIRPERSON DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1
COMMISSIONER EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHIE, At-Large
COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER, District 6
COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large
COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3
COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7
COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large
COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5
CHIEF JAMES CRAIG / ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID LEVALLEY
SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS
ROBERT BROWN
CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to say good afternoon.

AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: We want to be on time as always, and I'm going to call the meeting and to get myself in order, too.

Let's try that again. Good afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, and I represent District 4. I serve as the Chair of the board and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.

Commissioner Annie Holt has asked to be excused from today's meeting.

Today is another sad day for the Detroit Police Department. I am sure that each of us recall the recent report that Sergeant Elaine Williams, badge number S-263, died as a result of a non-duty related injury. Sergeant Elaine Williams was assigned to Major Crimes.
As a board, we add our condolences to the long list of people from the department and beyond who will miss the warm and friendly face of Sergeant Elaine Williams. Final arrangements for Sergeant Williams' viewing are on Wednesday, June the 12, 2019 at 3 p.m., 3:00 to 8 p.m., at Detroit World Outreach Church located at 23800 West Chicago, Redford Charter Township. The funeral arrangements are scheduled for Thursday, June the 13th, family hour 10 a.m. The funeral is 11 a.m. also at World -- Detroit World Outreach Church located at 23800 West Chicago, Redford Charter Township.

I ask for a moment of silence to honor Sergeant Williams' life and her contribution to the city and the Detroit Police Department. Would you -- (A moment of silence was observed.)

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Today we have invited Chaplain Stanley Mobley to provide invocation. And please properly introduce yourself, affiliation or whatever you might want to share prior to.

CHAPLAIN MOBLEY: Thank you, Commissioner, and thank you all, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity. I'm Commander Stan Mobley with the DPD Chaplain Corps of Detroit Police Department. And it's an honor to be able to stand before you today to
distribute invocation. I just ask that the spirit of God would rest upon each and every one of us here today, that we be in God's wisdom to continue to navigate the business of this great city.

Father, I thank you for the opportunity to come boldly to the thrown of grace, to obtain the mercy and find grace and help in our time of need. I thank you that you have given us the opportunity to come together in unity, come together in faith and believe, and inviting you into the very conversation today. We lift up, Father, those who have fallen. And we pray, Father, for the families that those who are still in mourning, for we thank you that the business at hand must continue. So, Father, bless us that we have the strength, we have the wisdom, but most of all the love, Father, that will bind us together to come to agreement. So we thank you that your spirit rests with us right now as we move forward, in Jesus name. Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

Appreciate it.

I'm going to ask the commissioners to introduce themselves starting to my far right, please.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner William Davis, District 7.
COMMISSIONER BURCH: Shirley Burch, District 3.

COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Darryl Brown, District 1, Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER CARTER: Lisa Carter, District 6.

COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCH: Eva Garza-Dewaelscle, At-Large.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioners.

Mr. Hicks, do we have a quorum?

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

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

The next item of business will be approval of the agenda for this afternoon's meeting.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

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

Discussion?

Those in favor, aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

Motion carries.
The next item will be approval of the May the 30th, 2019 minutes.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

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

Discussion?

Those in favor, aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

Motion carries.

Mr. Hicks, would you introduce the staff, please, for the board.

MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Prior to making those introduction, there's a couple items that I want to put on the record and, of course, that is indicating that Sergeant Quinn is taping the meeting today, Media Services is providing the audiovisual work and Sheila Rice is the court reporter who has joined us today.

And immediately to my right is Robert Brown. And then if we go to the first row members of BOPC staff, could you stand and introduce yourselves.

MR. WYRICK: Jermaine Wyrick, board attorney.

MS. BLOSSOM: Teresa Blossom, Police
MR. HICKS: And, of course, if we can go to Dr. Polly McCalister who will not only introduce herself, but the balance of the --

DR. McCALISTER: You forgot Ms. Johnson.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Ms. Johnson.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, I didn't see you over there, Ms. Johnson.

MS. JOHNSON: Faye Johnson, board accountant.

DR. McCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.

COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

DR. McCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister.

And attending today's meeting with me is Investigator Hiller and Investigator Neeley and Investigator Murphy.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

Chief Craig, it's good to see you this afternoon.

CHIEF CRAIG: Good seeing you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: We would like you to introduce any DPD staff. We would appreciate it.

CHIEF CRAIG: Starting with Assistant Chief LeValley we'll go around.

ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Assistant Chief David LeValley, Office of Neighborhood Policing.

CAPTAIN HOPE: Captain Kyra Joy Hope, Chief
Neighborhood Liaison.

(Inaudible) Professional Standards.

(Inaudible) Professional Standards.

(Inaudible) Labor Relations.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: I assume that -- thank you -- we've covered all the DPD staff?

CHIEF CRAIG: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. And joining us is Commissioner Jim Holley, At-Large. Good to see you this afternoon, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you so much.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do we have any elected officials or representatives of officials?

I see our good friend who needs no introduction, but I'm going to introduce him anyway. The chief of staff for Council President Brenda Jones, Steve Grady. And he will be speaking after the Chief in terms of remarks concerning issues that the council president wants to bring to our attention in terms of support. So when Chief Craig finishes he will be the next person on the agenda if the commissioners will allow that in terms of modifying. Thank you.

Any other -- yes, sir.

MR. CORBETT: Paul Corbett here on behalf of
Councilman Roy McCalister's office.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your attendance.

End of the introductions, and the next item will be the Chairman's report. On behalf of the board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers, including the recent death of Sergeant Elaine Williams. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most important priorities of the board. Our board receives a weekly report from the department listing injured officers. I would ask the Chief of Police during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers.

The Board of Police Commissioners meets every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods. We meet at Police Headquarters three weeks in the month on Thursday at 3 p.m. We also meet in the community every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7, Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory control of the police department. Our citizens are justified in asking how does civilian oversight of law
enforcement help you as a citizen in our community. Our answer is we protect the civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating, reviewing and auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and patterns of operations by police agencies to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of force by police.

Our work is based on developing and supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and respect between the police and the community is critical towards increasing the quality of life for residents and visitors to Detroit.

The Board of Police Commissioners exist to provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a board, we receive and investigate noncriminal citizen complaints, monitor the operations of the department and work with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police policy.

I want to point to several important items for your consideration and information. The Board of Police Commissioners will have its annual board training on Friday, June the 28th and June the 29th, 2019. Please mark your schedules and plan to attend
this annual training. We will be reviewing the mission
and goals of the board as well as a few of our
operation procedures. The training session is
scheduled to start on Friday, June the 28th at 12 noon
and conclude at 5 p.m. We will return to the training
session Saturday, June the 29th at 8:30 and work until
5 p.m. Within the next week, staff will release a
detailed schedule for the training session.

Again, I remind the board, we are continuing
to work with NACOLE, the National Association for
Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, to host the
National Conference on September the 22nd through the
26th in 2019 in Detroit. During the same time, Detroit
will be celebrating our 45th year as a civilian
oversight organization on July the 22, 2019. We are
inviting law enforcement and other civic-minded
individuals and organizations to join us at the
conference. The planning process is well underway, and
again we invite your participation.

I will be traveling this weekend to attend
the national board meeting of NACOLE. We will be
discussing the latest arrangements for the upcoming
conference. I can report that NACOLE has accepted our
recommendation to have the former federal attorney of
Michigan, Barbara McQuade, as one of our keynote
speakers. This is one recommendation we made early in the process of planning the conference. We are happy to see that Professor Barbara McQuade will be joining us. And I want to say that she's enthused about coming forward to alter her calendar to make sure that she can attend.

Typically, I provide some historic facts about the importance of the day in history. These facts give context to our work and reminds us of the contributions made by others. I am inspired by the work of many others who have come before me. One example of this spirit is 75 years ago today 155,000 Allied Troops, largely made up of American, British and Canadian soldiers, stormed the beaches at Normandy to free France from the evils of Nazi Germany.

In the same tradition of bravery and the commitment to work toward justice and greater social goals, in the mid '60s former United States Air Force member James Meredith was shot while marching against fear in Memphis, Tennessee. Well, that should be in Mississippi really. It's Mississippi, because historically it happened in DeSoto County. I know it well, because I was born in DeSoto County, not from my town. And James Meredith spirit of resistance, but it was reference to the civil rights movement. So it's
just a little snippet and correction on that. James Meredith's spirit of resistance was picked up by other civil rights leaders, including the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael. James Meredith would recover from the sniper's bullet and later rejoined the March Against Fear demonstrating his commitment to justice and equal rights.

I also want to acknowledge the recent death of Loren Monroe, Michigan's first African-American appointed state treasurer and later became Detroit's auditor general. Mr. Monroe died on Wednesday. His contribution to financial oversight and management is a credit to the work of state and local government.

Today we have two action items on the agenda. The first is a resolution honoring the life and service of Sergeant Elaine Williams. We will read the resolution into the record at the appropriate time for Sergeant Williams.

The second resolution is for Karen Swift who is retiring from the department after 15 plus years of service. We will read Officer Swift's retirement resolution into the record at the appropriate time.

We have one presentation today. We have asked Alvin Stokes, president of the City-Wide Police Community Relations Council, to join us and discuss the
work of the City-Wide Police Community Relations Council. I understand that the department will also be joining Mr. Stokes in his presentation. The citywide network of Police Community Relations Organizations are a vital part of policing and support to law enforcement. On behalf of the board, I want to thank Mr. Stokes in advance of his presentation. I also hope the City-Wide Police Community Relations Organization will help us mobilize for our June 13 public hearing on police surveillance at St. John Lutheran Church located at 4950 Oakman Boulevard in northwest Detroit in the Second Precinct.

And I see Ms. Butler smiling. That is she is the president of the Second Precinct Police Community Relations. As you well know, she attends a majority of our meetings, and we're looking forward to that interaction next week.

We will be receiving input from the citizens in connection with the traffic-mounted cameras and the facial recognition technology currently under review by the board.

I also want to report that the Chief of Police has transmitted to the board a request to suspend Officer Rochelle Mayberry. Our office has notified the DPOA of a tentative hearing scheduled for
June the 20th, 2019. Officer Mayberry has been charged by the Wayne County Prosector with a one-count misdemeanor. Officer Mayberry was arraigned on June the 3rd, 2019 in 36th District Court. The Chief's transmittal letter in connection with Officer Mayberry also notes extensive history of misconduct on the part of this officer. The Chief's request is for a change of duty status without pay, but with continuing medical benefits.

Under the Chief's report, I am requesting an update on our crime stats and any critical issues facing the police department. I ask for an update on the recent announcement of a serial killer operating on the east side of Detroit. At a recent Community Relations Council meeting in District 4, several concerns were raised about the announcement. Citizens encouraged the department to prioritize this matter and to share accurate information on the incident and the histories of the female victims.

I guess there's some concern about how we approach in terms of we don't use a certain word anymore. There's a new concept of how we approach it. And the Chief perhaps is going to elaborate that. They want us to be specific, but I guess in this day and age we have to be more in kind to be responsible in terms
of how we label people. And that was some of the
concern that we met at the Fifth Precinct police
community relations meeting last night. And we
featured the Board of Police Commissioners along with
Mr. Hicks and Mr. Brown.

Additionally, I would ask the Chief of Police
to provide information on what appears to be a higher
than normal rate of shootings in the city. As a board,
we stand with the department to eradicate the
unnecessary use of guns and the violence that it brings
to a community.

I also ask the Chief to report on the recent
vehicle pursuit involving the Michigan State Police and
DPD that resulted in a fatal shooting of one of the
suspects.

At the end of the meeting we will have public
comments from the audience. Please make sure you print
your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in
the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing
Mr. Brown. He will need your card before the beginning
of public comments. We hold each speaker to the
allotted two minutes.

I ask that everyone turn off your cell phone.
I know I'm holding mine up. I've been guilty. I
didn't need a response there. Except for DPD. They're
on emergency standby. So let us try to abide by that.

Now we're going to go to the resolution for Sergeant Elaine Williams. If one of the commissioners would be so kind if they have that before them to volunteer. I didn't get a chance to designate.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: I'll read it.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Go ahead.

Thank you.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: "Resolution honoring Sergeant Elaine Williams, posthumously.

"Elaine Williams was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on February 18, 2005. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Williams began her career at the Western District.

"And whereas Officer Williams dutifully served the Western District, Tenth Precinct, Criminal Investigative Bureau, Eleventh Precinct and Chief Neighborhood Liaison before being promoted to the rank of sergeant on January 19, 2016, and assigned to the Sixth Precinct, Force Investigations and Major Crimes. On Monday, June 3, 2019, Sergeant Elaine Williams, badge 2703, passed away.

"And whereas Sergeant Williams passionately served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens
of Detroit. Her professionalism, commitment to public
service, integrity and dedication were a credit to the
Detroit Police Department. She was highly respected by
the citizens for whom she served as a consummate
professional.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
Detroit Police Board of Commissioners, speaking for the
citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department,
award this resolution in recognition of Sergeant Elaine
Williams' 14 years of dedicated and diligent public
service. Her professionalism, integrity and standard
of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens
merit our highest regards.

"We salute you, Sergeant Elaine Williams."

COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CARTER: I move for adoption of
the resolution honoring Sergeant Elaine Williams
posthumously.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

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

Discussion?

Those in favor, aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

Motion carries.

Commissioner Davis, would you do the honors for the next resolution?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do you have it before you?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.

Appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: "Resolution honoring retired Senior Performance and Compliance Analyst Karen Renee Swift.

"Whereas, Senior Analyst Karen Swift was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 25, 2004 where she was assigned to the Civil Rights Division. Her other assignments include risk management.

"And whereas Senior Analyst Karen Swift is a graduate of Northwestern High School. She later went on to further her education and graduated from the University of Detroit-Mercy with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She also maintained annual training from the Institute of Internal Auditors.

"And whereas Senior Analyst Karen Swift was a 2013 recipient of the Chief Merit Award and was
recognized for valuable service to the department. She
was instrumental in the Detroit Police Department
achieving, maintaining and compliance with the
Department of Justice Consent Decree Judgment.

"And whereas Senior Analyst Karen Swift has
served the Detroit Police Department with great
commitment and dedication for over 15 years. Her
professionalism, commitment, integrity has been an
asset to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly
respected and a consummate professional.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the
citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department,
award this resolution to Senior Analyst Karen Swift for
her 15 plus years of dedicated and diligent public
service. Her professionalism, integrity and standard
of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens
merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued
success.

"We salute and congratulate you, Senior
Performance and Compliance Analyst Karen Swift.
Detroit Board of Police Commissioners," this day.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
Davis. I assume that Ms. Swift is not here, she's not
present.
COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I didn't see her.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Chair would entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: So moved.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Support.

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

Discussion?

Those in favor, aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

Motion carries. We wish her the best. Thank you.

Chief Craig is next on the agenda.

First of all, Chief Craig, I want to on behalf of the board express our sincere condolence and support for Sergeant Williams and her family, DPD family.

CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: As we go forward, you have our prayers and support.

CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: I know you have been very supportive of these families. I have witnessed that over and over again. And by all means we are here to
support you in any way that we possibly can and pass
that to the family also.

CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. And through the
Chair and to the board, we appreciate your support. As
you know, much has been said about Sergeant Williams.
Certainly she was a rising star in the Detroit Police
Department, someone who was well respected and loved by
many. I know I had a chance to speak with colleagues
in her current assignment. It wasn't a dry eye in the
room. She touched everybody. I had a chance to meet
with -- they call themselves the Fab 5. It's five
young ladies in the department. They were very close
friends. They had a chance to share with me some of
the stories with Elaine and what she meant. So they're
very upset. So we appreciate your thoughts and
prayers.

Starting with crime, as of today at Homicide
we're down 13 percent, which is 13 fewer homicides this
time last year.

And I wanted to take a moment just to do a
comparison. So we're at year-to-date 91 homicides.
Last year-to-date we were at 104. And this sheet's a
little off, but in 2017 we were up above 114 homicides.
So, you know, we're continuing to move in the right
direction, but again one homicide is one too many.
In terms of nonfatal shootings, we're down two percent, which equates to six, six fewer homicides in this time last year.

We're up nine percent in sex assaults, total of 31 more than we did this time last year. Aggravated assaults we're down 184 aggravated assaults with a five-percent reduction. Overall violent crime is down five percent. Looking at property crime, we're down seven percent.

I know there was a question relative to a spike of shootings. I know the week of 5-31 through June 3rd we saw an increase. We had a total of 15 nonfatal shootings, no homicides during that weekend.

And so we did an analysis on those shooting incidents, and breaking it down by size of the city there were nine nonfatal shootings on the west side, four on the east side. And taking it a step further we look at factors involving those shootings. Six of -- well, 11 of the shootings had a unknown motive, but six of the 11 there was a vehicle nexus, which is a little different than what we've seen where a vehicle drives by and shoots. Two involved verbal arguments, one involved a robbery. Again, there were no homicides during that busy weekend. And then one of the shootings was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
But I want to take a moment to acknowledge the phenomenal work by our investigators, particularly our Homicide team that has been stretched. And I'm going to go into a minute about this most recent serial case that we're working now and then the fact that last night there was a shooting involving a Wayne State officer, that they were involved in that investigation as well.

Just an example of some of the key arrests that they've made, there was a -- on May 29th a 35-year-old suspect was taken in custody in connection with the fatal shooting of a cab driver. That suspect was arrested in that case.

Another notable case during that period was a Army veteran. This was a news story. He was carjacked, and because of our Green Light we were able to identify that suspect. He was taken into custody.

There was the other high profile case involving a young man who was involved in a -- who wore designer glasses, and that suspect was taken into custody.

And then you know about the amount of work that we did in the disappearance of the five-year-old. The department, both our federal and local, did significant work in trying to identify and locate this
young man. We did that, and we also did arrest a suspect. And at this point, unless Assistant Chief LeValley has updated information, we're still waiting on a decision from the Wayne County prosecutor as to the status of that warrant.

So going into the crime I reported out on yesterday, I know I had a conversation with the Chairman kind of giving you a timeline. So on March 19th of this year in the Eleventh Precinct, the Eleventh Precinct on the east side, 2000 block of Coventry, we get a report of a decomposed body inside of a abandoned residence. Initially we thought based on preliminary -- I want to say a preliminary report by the ME that this was a drug OD because it was a drug area. But then on May 20th the medical examiner came out with a report indicating that it was, in fact, a murder and not a drug OD and that the cause of death was blunt force trauma.

And then four days, five days later in the Ninth Precinct from when we got that report there was another victim, female victim, found in an abandoned location. That body also was decomposing, and at this point the medical examiner has not caused a ruling.

But what's interesting about the March 19th and this case there was what I've been saying a very
similar signature left by the suspect.

And then June 5th, the most recent one, 3000 block of Mack in the Seventh Precinct, a person reported that a body was in a location. We arrived at the location, and once again we saw a female victim partially clothed like in the other two incidents.

And that's where we're at. Now, because of the similarities, and by design I am talking in somewhat of a cryptic way because we have an active investigation, and when I talk about signature typically you talk about a serial murder there are things that the murderer will leave at the scene, and so it tends to suggest that it's the same suspect.

And so one of the -- so we did a victimology, but in terms of pattern or similarities. So all the crimes, the three, have occurred on the east side. Each location where the crime was committed was in a vacant dwelling. And -- but when you talk about victims all three were female. Of the two that we have identified, one was African-American, one was Caucasian, and the ages of both victims were 52 and 53. And based on interviews with family members, both of these victims were identified as sex workers.

And to your specific point, recognizing that when you talk about a crime like this and you have
loved ones that are dealing with the loss, you know, it's very difficult when you say prostitute, street walking prostitute. "Sex worker" seems to be the -- what can I say -- politically correct way today.

We had a meeting, the Mayor and I, recently with a member of the LBGTQ community who is concerned about recent activities, and she referred to "sex workers." And that's becoming more and more common. And that can apply to whether it's a woman or someone who is part of the LBGTQ community as what I have seen has been widely accepted.

The reason why it was important as far as the victimology to identify the victim as a sex worker, as you know the challenge in this case is as follows. We're talking about abandoned residents, number one. Many crimes have occurred, as many of you know, in neighborhoods that will go undetected. And so as we've seen in these cases these victims have been in these locations for a period of time. This is not a typical homicide where shots are heard, police are notified, we respond out and start an investigation. Very, very different. And so now we're dealing with how long had the body been there.

And, generally speaking, if a neighbor say next door to a vacant house sees someone going into a
house, a vacant house, it may not cause him alarm, or
maybe it's been a complained of location, maybe there's
been drug use there. We all know that there have been
instances where dead bodies have been found and drug
use is going on in these locations. And so it makes
investigating this case somewhat more challenging.

And so the other part that's challenging is
when you talk about sex workers. I had a conversation
with People Magazine earlier today. Someone wrote a
book about the Grim Sleeper in Los Angeles, a case that
I was remotely involved in as a new officer. And this
was a serial murderer who was a suspect in excess of 20
years. It took the LAPD well over 20 years to identify
this suspect who killed 25 -- I believe it was 25 sex
workers in south Los Angeles and how this suspect was
to go undetected. And so when you talk about a serial
murder it's a very challenging thing.

But one thing that we did very different that
I am encouraged about, because we are talking about a
segment of our community, and I'm talking about members
of our community who are engaged in sex work, we needed
to touch that community, open the door for dialogue so
that we can find out who this violent predator suspect
is. And the way to do that -- or one of the things
that we did and I want to applaud Deputy Chief Bettison
who is not here today, he was part of a meeting yesterday with some of our local activists who wanted to get involved and find a way, what could they do to assist us in bringing some closure. And so we believe that one of the best things to do is make contact with these sex workers. We don't want to arrest you. We're more concerned in trying to find out if you know anything and can give us information relative to the suspect responsible.

And so that process is starting. We have a meeting with local clergy on tomorrow, because they want to get involved and do something to assist us as well. So we're committed to getting and solving this crime quickly, but there are some signatures left at each scene that's consistent. And so when I say serial I'm very careful not to call a crime a serial crime unless there's certain markers that I'm comfortable with.

Digressing for a moment, the rumor that was circulating through social media and around the city that in some way there was a series of young women being murdered by a serial killer and dumped into a dumpster was not accurate. I reported that out. In fact, there was one such murder. The suspect in that case has also been arrested.
So the other idea of getting this information out so we can target those in that industry so that our police officers, our neighborhood police officers, the activists can reach out and meet with the women who are engaging in this activity so we can get information. That was the sole purpose of it, not to wait. And also to remind them that they are absolutely a part of our community. And the other thing is we want to prevent any future crimes.

And so our investigation is continuing. Since we've done that we've got a number of tips that our investigators are working as we speak. So that's where we're at. So I'll take any questions on that. And I think there was one other thing.

Oh. This was the Michigan State/DPD pursuit. There was a shooting, nonfatal shooting, several weeks ago. And from that the investigators followed up, and in following up they identified a suspect that was involved in that shooting. They were able to identify a vehicle. They were able to locate that vehicle. They set up on the location where the vehicle was at.

Subsequent to that they saw two suspects leave the residence in that vehicle that resulted in a pursuit. The pursuit ended up on the freeway. State Police were notified. At some point they took the lead
in the pursuit, and they deployed what they call a pursuit intervention tactic, or a PIT maneuver, which after several attempts finally brought the vehicle to a stop, but without as officers began to approach that vehicle the suspect made an effort to try to run the officers over.

Also during the pursuit the officers took note of the fact that both suspects appeared -- or at least one appeared to be trying to conceal what they believed to be a handgun.

If you will just bear with me one minute. This is an important call.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: I just want to pause to acknowledge the presence of Commissioner Willie Burton from District 5 and also the councilman from District 2, Roy McCalister, in attendance. And thank you for your attendance.

CHIEF CRAIG: And so as they were at the conclusion they deployed this PIT maneuver. The suspects tried to hit an officer. Detroit officers then fired rounds believing that this officer was facing an imminent threat to his life. And they knew that they were dealing with dangerous suspects. They were able to safely get both suspects out. As you know, one expired. The other one was -- is still being
treated.

And as they began to conduct the investigation the vehicle had two weapons inside of it. One of the weapons they believe could be the same weapon that was used in a nonfatal shooting from days prior. The one suspect that was in the vehicle they believe was the same suspect that was in the vehicle at the time of the nonfatal shooting.

Today I have something every time we have an officer-involved shooting incident that results in injury we have what's called a 72-hour briefing. That briefing was conducted this morning. We invited MSP to attend that briefing since they were involved in the response to the shooting. And during the briefing we had some concerns about some of the tactics that were used. And as we do when we look at the tactics we follow up with the concerned members and provide additional training.

And so at this point I'll take any questions that you might have.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a couple.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: I have one.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Get in line.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. The women
that was found in those abandoned houses, was those
Land Bank properties?

CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I'm not
certain about them being Land Bank, unless anybody else
might know. I don't know.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Also, as it
relates to the two sergeants who was involved in the
incident in Greektown, do either one of them have a lot
of citizen complaints or are involved in any lawsuits
already?

CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I know the
one initial sergeant it was reported that he has some
pending lawsuits, or some that have been settled. I'm
unaware of any issues with the second one.

Typically when I look at those issues I look
at whether or not the officer's actions in that
incident were appropriate or not. That does become a
subsequent part of my review. I certainly made
comments publicly on what I felt, and I stand behind
those comments. I believe that there was overcharging.
I'm not saying that charging would not have been
appropriate in one instance.

I had a chance to personally look at the
video. I understood what the officers were dealing
with. I was also very critical of a ranking member who
was at the scene who I thought could have asserted more
control of the situation involving the one supervisor.
But relative to the charging it is in my judgment that
I felt they were overcharged.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Was there multiple
videos available and was one of the videos a Green
Light video?

CHIEF CRAIG: There wasn't. This was inside
of a location. There was video from a hotel. One of
the videos was a body-worn camera. I believe that was
the one where the sergeant was pinned down by the
involved suspect.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was just curious. I
know I was told that there was a video outside and at
least three or four videos involved.

CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. There -- through the
Chair, there may be outside videos showing. I was more
focused on where the encounter took place and that was
the inside of the -- it appeared to be the lobby of the
hotel.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's all for now.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, then
Commissioner Burton.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Chief, thank you for
the report and the work that's going on with the
department. With everything that we're involved in, I know you're going to be on top of the issue with the serial matter that's going on.

Just two questions. I just want to thank the men and the officers, the men and women in the Eighth Precinct and all of those agencies that was involved with looking for the young man that was kidnapped. I was out there. I was there. And I just looked at the concern in their faces as if he was a grandson, a brother, a nephew, a kid, and they were really wholeheartedly searching for this young man. And it was -- I was just very relieved that he was found in good health and he was okay. But I just want to just take the time to thank the department and everyone that was involved and the agencies that were out there. There was a lot that were out there that was poured into searching for this young man, and I was just glad that it was a happy ending.

The other thing I have is that one of the trends I'm noticing is that the population area of the Eighth Precinct is growing, or it has grown, and it's one of the more heavily populated areas in the city. Is there anything that we can look at to maybe go over these numbers and maybe add additional resources to the Eighth Precinct?
Because I know we -- our commander was promoted or moved, but -- and I know these shoes will be filled by the oncoming commander. But I'd just like to take -- it's a concern for me. I know it's a heavily populated area. There's a lot of things going on, and I've seen a couple of the crime trends increasing in the Eighth Precinct area.

CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, we take all of that in consideration. We take crime, calls for service, emergency calls for service. And we're keenly aware that the Eighth Precinct is the most dense populated area of the city, and as such we deploy more police officers in that area.

In terms of my moving the commander from the Eighth Precinct, she's one of the more tenured commanding officers. The Eighth Precinct is a tough precinct. And at some point it's appropriate for someone to move. She was eager and excited to move on to her new assignment. And so we think that the Commander Nick Giaquinto will do a great job in continuing to manage that precinct.

But we do play close attention to crimes. In fact, in my report, I didn't break it down specifically, but the Eighth Precinct relative to -- if we just talk about homicide, year-to-date the Eighth
Precinct is down 53 percent, and their homicides are almost half of what they were this time last year. As it relates to nonfatal shootings, they are up. And nonfatal shootings this year they have had 40 compared to this time last year it was at 27.

So we have a cease fire deployed in the Eighth Precinct, but we are constantly evaluating under the leadership of Assistant Chief LeValley how we deploy.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.

COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. Question to the Chief. Right now we've got members of the community are out doing -- canvassing or something of that nature. I think it's Joanna Underwood and her group.

What is the best way that community activists and leaders can get involved to help bring this criminal to justice as far as the support and DPD? And follow-up question would be is the department still utilizing the app, I believe it's called DPD Connect, as far as anonymous tips and things of that nature?

CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. We're certainly extremely appreciative of all community members that, you know, certainly want to get involved. If they're
encouraged by the meeting that took place last night, what we're recommending that -- I mentioned in my remarks relative to this serial murder, sexual assault suspect, that we need to build bridges into the sex worker community. And we think that many of our local community leaders, our activists, our clergy, have relationships with that particular community that we don't necessarily have. Most of our relationships in that community have been primarily, as you know, enforcement. But we care about that community. We want to keep that community safe. And the best way to do that is we need a conversation, dialogue with that community. And we know that some of the members of that community will be able to get information.

Now, conversely what will not work for me -- and recently Ms. Underwood posted some very inflammatory information. I understand it was at last night's meeting, very disruptive. That is not what this city needs. You know, using profanity and shouting and screaming is not going to help us in a unified way identify and work to make this city safer. That doesn't work for me, and I think I speak for many. And I think when Stephen Grady makes his remarks he may address it. He was at that meeting last night. That will not work. And frankly, I have a zero
tolerance for that kind of behavior.

But anybody who wants to work we have work for you to do. I believe if Joanna wants to do something proactive, get out on the ground, meet with these ladies, try to get information and work with the police department. I truly believe that we get information from these women we are going to identify this suspect.

I don't want to see this becoming LA. It took in excess of 20 years to identify this violent predator after 25 women were killed in south Los Angeles, 25. So thank you.

COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. I actually agree with you as well, Chief. We don't need that type of behavior, things of that nature. And I was not in attendance at that meeting, but I definitely agree with you.

I do have one last question. Would DPD be creating some type of joint task force or task force on this matter, and would it be something posted in the near future how community groups can come and receive some type of training and working in conjunction with DPD or ...

CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Yeah, we're certainly open for any and everything. We've been
moving very quickly, as you can see. I know that last night I'm told a very productive meeting as a beginning. Tomorrow I'm meeting with a group of clergy who want to get involved, who are looking for direction as what should be the next steps. I know that our detectives are thinking out the box on ways we need to move forward.

I've got to tell you, and I said it in a news report today, this suspect -- we're going to find this suspect. I'm convinced of it. Again, it's really interesting when you start looking into serial murders. And I'm very cautious, because the last thing I want to create is an overabundance of fear in the community, but we have to call it what it is. I mean, the signature's clear is what we have seen, but we need to get that information out to the women who are engaged in this kind of activity that is drawing this suspect's attention. And so as we -- the key is as we get more information we want to make sure that we're very timely about getting that information out to the community so we can bring some closure to this very quickly.

Again, our challenge is abandoned homes. I know even before this happened one of the things that the Mayor and I talked -- the Mayor and myself and the rest of the DPD team, we were talking about abandoned
homes and looking at -- and this is during the time when we were seeing a little spike in violence -- and looking in those neighborhoods where abandoned homes are located, because it's as simple as broken windows. If you have abandoned homes in an area, those are breeding grounds for criminal activity. So if we can board those homes.

As you know, we have returning citizens who are working with the city who have been doing a wonderful job in boarding up some of these houses. So we want to be strategic about how we do that. And so given what we've seen recently with this crime we want to start focusing in on the east side and then we'll move out from there.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief.

Commissioner Burch.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Chief, thank you so much for your service.

CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to share with you when you mentioned abandoned houses that really hit me, because as we took -- Mayor Duggan, he allowed us to give him a tour. In that have he noticed the abandoned houses that were burned down. And the
idea hit him to say why don't we concentrate on
demolishing the half burnt, it would be less money,
right.

So the same thing I want to refer to you if
you would think it's a good idea with these abandoned
houses or garages that are open for the predator to be
able to take people in to kill them or either put a
body in it, why not demolish these buildings that are
near churches if those churches have a concern I'm sure
about something that dangerous next to their property.

What do you think of demolishing these houses or
garages?

CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I think it's
a great idea, and I know that's part of the strategy
that's been already deployed. I wish I had the exact
number of those type of homes, but I don't have it at
my fingertip.

But again, I'm very excited about a strategic
response in looking at those areas where we're seeing
crime, particularly violent crime, in addressing those
abandoned homes that are accessible that criminal
activity can occur.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Question. So you said
the east side. I know you can't give it to me, but
maybe privately you can. I would like to know who --
CHIEF CRAIG: I don't do private. Through the Chair.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: What --

CHIEF CRAIG: I'm police chief for the entire city. That includes the Eleventh Precinct, citywide. But I'm just saying I'm going to go right now, because obviously with -- as I reported out, we had one incident in number 11, one in 9 and one in 7. And so we're taking a look at that footprint, because -- I don't want to give too much out. I just know that it's important to harden a target, and I understand some aspects of why serial killers leave signatures. I'll leave it at that.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: No. I was just saying clergy, when you mentioned you're meeting with clergy.

CHIEF CRAIG: Meeting with clergy tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Tomorrow. I just wanted to know because -- I'm not talking about me. I'm just saying the fact I know many. I just wanted to know later if you can tell me who's sitting at the table or may I --

CHIEF CRAIG: You want to know who's at the table?

COMMISSIONER BURCH: What?

CHIEF CRAIG: You want to know the clergy
that's in attendance?

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, yes.

CHIEF CRAIG: I know DeeDee Coleman is kind of leading. And maybe Stephen Grady can elaborate further on who's going to be at that meeting. And certainly anybody here is welcome to attend.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Welcome to attend, okay.

CHIEF CRAIG: At 1:30? And the location?

MR. GRADY: Russell Street Baptist.

CHIEF CRAIG: Russell Street Baptist. Thank you for that.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

They need to know, Chief, that you're invited to the meeting. It's not your meeting. You're invited to that meeting.

CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. It's not my meeting.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Right. They need to know that.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

CHIEF CRAIG: It's not my meeting.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I had an opportunity to have a briefing from the Mayor's office,
not him, but from the Mayor's office. And the Chief, I'm sure you've been busy, but they have started boarding up houses in the -- assessing the area where the crimes are taking place. They have started boarding up houses in response to -- in terms of the reaction so that indeed that -- so that it's not accessible for crimes. So it's going on as we -- all this week, and it's going on as we speak.

The other thing, Chief, now if -- if the -- Mr. Chairman, if the correct political word for "street workers" --

CHIEF CRAIG: Sex workers.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: "Sex workers" for women, what's for the men?

CHIEF CRAIG: They're sex workers, too.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So if -- you're not a John anymore?

CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, and let me try to be as helpful as possible. I think when you talk about sex workers they're the individuals performing the service. And, as we know, there have been a number of issues emanating out of the Woodward/John R area where a lot of LGBTQ members and the sex worker community. And so it's just it doesn't -- it doesn't give to what gender or
orientation. So "sex worker" just covers all.
And so to -- again to those -- I apologize if it sounds offensive, but I'm trying to be as sensitive. I come probably from one of the most politically correct places in the world. And when I lived in Los Angeles you didn't refer to someone who is Spanish as Mexican. You said Hispanic.
And so now after meeting, the Mayor and I, like I said, met with a member of the LBGTQ community, and they continue to use the word "sex worker." And so I just said, well -- and I asked before we had our celebration down at CAYMAC yesterday is this the widely accepted term, because I don't want to offend anyone. And I also knew that again we're talking to family members and loved ones who may have been part of that industry.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Commissioners --
COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I have one, one last one. Is there a problem with who owns the property, who owns the home before you tear it down? Because I think that has been a problem in this city before of ownership.
CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, there's been a robust strategy in addressing that --
COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you, Chief.

CHIEF CRAIG: -- whether it's Land Bank. And so again we're shifting our focus now to look at those houses that need to be secured that are in those places where crimes are -- particularly violent crimes are more likely to occur.

COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief. We're going to move on to the Chief of Staff, Steve Grady, from Councilman Brenda Jones, council president's office.

I just want to say to the community it's been a longstanding issue with abandoned houses, vacant houses. And, if you have a community association, there's something you can do and the City will assist you in terms of boarding up. That's longstanding. This is nothing new in terms of the initiative.

You have each district manager, council people, who have assisted the organization if you have any in your neighborhood organized. And it's not about east and west. It's about the city of Detroit. Then you can step up to address that issue. And we know about all -- they know about all the issues of dealing with that issue. It's longstanding. And as you heard the Mayor's statement in Mackinac, he can take certain
steps. When certain funds are ending, we have to take another step.

And, Mr. Grady, go ahead, sir.

MR. GRADY: To Chair Bell and to your honorable body, I bring you greetings from yourself and from your Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones.

Chief Craig, and to your team as well, I want to thank you for your leadership. Thank you for everything that you've been doing. And also we want to offer condolences for Sergeant Williams. I knew her myself. She was the type of person that when she walked into a room the room started to sparkle because of her. So we're truly missing her presence.

And I just wanted to share some of the activities that have been going on over the last few days. About ten days ago I received a request from several community activists who were doing things out in the community, and they wanted to know if the things that they were doing were going to clash with other things that were happening from the police department. So through Deputy Chief Bettison, I reached out to the Chief's office. Their request was to have a meeting so that they could review some of the data and share some of their plans for street deployments and CB patrols that they wanted to do and make sure they did not clash
with what the police department was doing. So we set that meeting up.

Oh. Also, we wanted to along with that see if we could raise some funds or get some equipment, material, supplies for those that would be out in the street, things like paying for gas, water, granola bars, things like that just so that people are not coming out of their pockets, because they're volunteering and doing this, you know, out of the kindness of their heart. So we wanted to support them as much as possible.

We had the meeting last night. There were over 60 participants there. Of course, Deputy Chief Bettison led a crew from the Detroit Police Department. There were folks from Homicide, folks from Gang, Intel and others, and they provided information, as much information as they could to the activist community.

I'm going to give a short list of some of the activist organizations. I already know I'm going to miss some. So charge it to the head and not to the heart. Detroit 300 was in the house, Pastor Moe with LIP, the Nation of Islam, the Moorish Science Temple, the People's Action Committee, National Action Network as well, as well as others. There were three council officers that were represented. Of course I was there
for Council President Jones. Member McCalister was in
the audience as well as a representative from President
Pro Tem Mary Sheffield's office. There were also two
charter commissioners that were in the audience, Nicole
Small and Joanna Underwood.

I'm going to put a pin in this just for a
moment. When we began the meeting, we had an agenda.
And what we talked about was everybody in the room you
might have an issue with someone, but what we asked
everyone to do was to put your personal issues aside
for a moment and let's work together to solve this
common problem.

There were two people that had somewhat
negative comments. They actually came after we went
through the ground rules. So they didn't know that
that was the protocol of the room. But when we had the
outburst, and I'll call it that because that's what it
was, when we had the outburst members of the community
put the outburst in check. And not only did they put
the outburst in check, but our facilitator, Teferi
Brent, requested that members of the community also
minister to Joanna Underwood, because if you've seen
her video you know that she's in pain as well.

So we put the personal beefs aside. DPD did
their review and then we talked about some of the
things we're doing. We broke into subgroups to start
to plan what do the street deployments look like, what
do the CB patrols look like.

I'm going to be honest with you. I've never
seen anything like this in my years and years of
community activism a group of diverse people like that
coming together. Let me tell you some of the things
that they thought about.

They thought about, okay, while we're
searching in these houses can we get some cadaver dogs
to do a sweep of the house before we board it up and
see if there's any other evidence. I think we're
working through that process now. Also, some of the
women on the -- in the group said, look, we're going to
do an outreach to -- we'll call them the ladies that
are working the streets, men, ladies, whatever they are
working the streets. We're going to do an outreach.
We're going to prepare toiletry bags. We're going to
get some clothes and things like that.

I was on a conference call late last night
with Council President Jones, Alexis Wiley, Terra DeFoe
and Reverend DeeDee Coleman and we said, okay, as we're
touching folks in the street and if we're able to get
them to stop working in the street we have to do
something. So we reached out to Dr. Chad Audi, and
he's prepared that if we identify folks he's prepared
to offer space in his facilities, to offer drug
counseling.

So this is a holistic approach that we're
doing, and it's going to be bigger than the area that
we're in right now. We're working, according to the
data that we've been given by the police department,
three target areas. So we're having operations there.
There was an operation last night after the meeting,
Detroit 300, and other folks went out. There was a lot
of energy in the room. I've never seen anything like
it.

We have another deployment tonight at 6 p.m.
at the corner of East Seven Mile and Schoenherr.
That's the second target area. We'll be doing another
one tomorrow. So we're doing two areas tonight.
Tomorrow we'll be doing three. And we're just going to
continue to rotate.

BC. The BC department is taking those three
areas and they're running a GIS report of all the
abandoned properties in a one-mile radius so we'll know
the terrain of what we're dealing with.

As the Chief mentioned, there's a meeting
tomorrow that he's been invited to amongst the
religious community. And primarily it is the Council
of Baptist Pastors and Vicinity.

I will put one correction on that. This meeting is a closed meeting. It's for clergy only to interact with the Chief. And what the clergy wants to do, they want to know how can they participate. So what message should they have on Sunday, what information can they put in their church bulletins. And we're also making plans to have some form of a citywide prayer as well. Still working those details out.

As I close, I'll let you know that somebody has donated a thousand dollars worth of gas cards. Pepsi Company has offered to give us cases of water and granola bars. We've been getting various toiletry donations. There's a lot of moving parts with this.

And I really want to thank the Chief. I want to thank specifically Deputy Chief Bettison, but I also want to thank the citizens of the city of Detroit, because Detroit comes together when there's a problem, and that's what we're doing with this situation.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

MR. GRADY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: You've brought us up to date. I think we covered all the bases so we can move on. And I just really have a great deal of confidence
in the Chief and the community. And he's broken it
down. There's nothing else to be said, but you can
join in however you want to help.

Thank you, Chief Craig.

CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, sir.

(At 4:08 p.m., Chief Craig left the meeting
and Assistant Chief LeValley is now sitting
in for him.)

CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on to
City-Wide Police Community Relations with Mr. Stokes
and DPD representatives.

SGT. HALL: Good afternoon, honorable board
and commissioners. My name is Jordan Hall. I'm a
sergeant for Chief's Neighborhood Liaison. I want to
introduce Mr. Stokes.

MR. STOKES: Alvin Stokes, president of
City-Wide Citizens Police Community Relations.

SGT. HALL: Great. We're here today to
continue our transparency with the police department as
well as the community. So we put together a couple of
slides, a brief presentation, to make sure everyone is
aware of their community relations organization
presidents as well as events that are happening in the
city of Detroit.

The mission of the City-Wide Community
Relations Organization oversees the individual precincts, community relations boards and bylaws. They develop and implement proactive community-oriented policing with crime awareness and develop prevention programs.

As you guys met Mr. Alvin Stokes, he's the president. Also through the Chair I'd like to recognize Mr. Don Johnson that's in the audience.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

SGT. HALL: Also, Ms. Alicia Hicks is in the audience, Ruth Barton, Ms. Ruth Barton, Treasurer, and Bill Willborn, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Also, in addition each precinct has a president if the community is not aware of it. So if any of the presidents are in audience, through the Chair, if they could just stand up. I'm going to read it off.

MR. JOHNSON: Twelfth Precinct.

MS. McGEE: Sixth Precinct.

MR. STOKES: Tenth Precinct.

SGT. HALL: Then I'll read the names off.

Second precinct is Ms. Fredia Butler; Third Precinct, Mr. Earnest Little; Fourth Precinct is Ms. Mini Ramirez; Fifth Precinct, Mr. Jay Henderson; Sixth
Precinct, Ms. Mary McGee; Seventh Precinct, Mr. Damian Benson. He's the interim. Eighth Precinct, Mr. Maurice Gholston; Ninth Precinct, Ms. Sandra Turner-Handy; Tenth Precinct, Mr. Alvin Stokes; Eleventh Precinct, Ms. Kim Jackson; and the Twelfth Precinct, of course, Mr. Don Johnson.

The City-Wide Community Relations Organization meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Actually, if you start getting there at six o'clock, you're on time, but it starts at 6:30. It's located at 8675 Rosa Parks in the Virginia Park Community Plaza Shopping Center. Some of you guys are familiar with the mini station there. So that's where we have it at.

Also a couple other -- going forward, the Second Precinct has their Community Relations Organization meetings the second Tuesday at 13530 Lesure. That's at six o'clock. And that's at Schaefer and Grand River area.

Third Precinct it's going to be a third Tuesday of every month, 2875 West Grand Boulevard at 6:30.

Fourth Precinct it's the second Tuesday at 4700 West Fort. That's Fort and Clark area.

Fifth Precinct it's going to be the first
Wednesday at 5555 Connor. That's at 7 p.m.

Sixth Precinct it's the fourth Monday at 17567 Hubbell. It's at seven o'clock.

Seventh Precinct is at third Wednesday at 1000 Elliott, 6 p.m.

Eighth Precinct is the last Monday at 21555 West McNichols at seven o'clock.

The Ninth Precinct it's the first Thursday at 19601 Crusade. That's 7 p.m.

The Tenth Precinct is the first Thursday, which is today, at 8675 Rosa Parks, the mini station, at 6:30.

Eleventh Precinct it's the second Tuesday at 5100 East Nevada at 6 p.m.

And the Twelfth Precinct is also first Thursday at 1441 West Seven Mile at 7 p.m.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me, sir.

Correction. 6 p.m.

SGT. HALL: Thank you. 6 p.m. for the Twelfth Precinct.

I'm sure a lot of people are aware, I know the Board of Police Commissioners are aware of the neighborhood police officers. They're our direct link to the community. We're unique with the Detroit Police Department having approximately 57 neighborhood police
officers where the community can actually contact them via cell phone for any quality of life issues. So we have a unique program that's implemented.

Each neighborhood police officer is actually in a designated area. However, if you've seen them all together, they work together to get a task done. So any questions, even if it's not necessarily a police matter, you guys can feel free to contact the neighborhood police officer. And they work well with the Community Relations Organization members as well as the district managers and anyone else to get you guys whatever you need.

So a couple events will be partnered with City-Wide Community Relations Organization. The Chief's Senior Cupid Dance. We do bowling fundraisers, Cars and Coffee, Showdown in Motown Car and Bike Show, the Field Day, that's Police Olympics. We have the Fourth Annual LGBTQ Community Chat. That's Corporal Dani Woods. That's the liaison for all LGBTQ. Best for Vets Clothing Drive. We have Heros and Helpers, back to school shopping, Shop With a Cop, Target, and also our Fallen Officers Memorial Picnic. These are past events.

Our upcoming event is going to be one here in front of headquarters tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. It's
going to be Mr. Matt Garbarino. He's actually a reserve deputy sheriff out of Kent County. He's going to be traveling -- we're actually going to escort him to Dearborn Police Department. He's going to be running. He's headed at a five-mile-per-hour pace. So we'll be out here. It's actually all the proceeds are going to the fallen officers. And he's going to be running four days approximately 170 miles.

And our Showdown in Motown Car and Bike Show we're going to be partnered with the community. That's going to be June 15th. It's going to be Saturday downtown on Atwater Street, Atwater and Rivard. So anybody listening definitely bring your cars. It's free to the community.

Of course you guys are familiar with the Ford Fireworks. It's June 24th. The Junior Police Cadet Program we're going to have that starting July 1st. It's going to be approximately 1,200 or so youth. So Sergeant Perry's going to be in charge of that. Also, Detroit Police Field Day it's going to be tentatively July 20th. And, of course, the National Night Out that bridges the gap between the community and police, it's going to be August 6, 2019.

Any questions, board?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Question. You said it's 57 neighborhood police officers. Was there a reduction? I thought there was 59 budgeted positions.

SGT. HALL: So I said approximately. And I would have to talk to -- well, I'll get the information, but it was approximately 57 neighborhood police officers when I checked with personnel, but it may have changed.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'd like to know when activities are going on downtown does that take the NPOs from the neighborhood?

SGT. HALL: So, no. Actually, deputy chief and I we were speaking about that. It is very important to have our neighborhood police officers in the community, not just downtown, but everywhere in the community. So it was actually a situation that came up and Deputy Chief Bettison said, no, you want your neighborhood police officer at this event they're going to be there. So any type of issues where you want your neighborhood police officer give our office a call and we'll try to make it happen.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: So you don't take any
service away from the neighbors and the community; right?

SGT. HALL: No. What I'm saying is that as the Chief mentioned, you know, we are -- we have to go anywhere we're told, but the deputy chief did say, you know, if we need a neighborhood police officer in the area where you're at they'll be there.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, you have to understand that they are police officers for the City of Detroit Police Department and sometimes the Chief of police requires them to respond. It might be a situation like this. But whatever that is, it's up to the Chief of Police for them to have that freedom to deploy. You just can't say they're exempt. No one is exempt.

Is that -- Assistant Chief?

DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: Through the Chair. That is true. It would be rare. There are instances such as fireworks night where the entire department is restricted. Nobody is allowed to take the day off. And we run the normal deployment in the precinct, but every other person is assigned to the fireworks.

So rare instances like that, maybe the Free Press Marathon, something like that, we might have to pull the NPOs, but it would only be a couple times a
year. It's not a normal occurrence.

COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief. I understand -- I think we have five per precinct.

That's normally the ratio of how we --

DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yeah. They run four to six --

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Four --

DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: -- per precinct.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- depending on, you know, whatever that is, but basically, as you well know, they do a outstanding job. I know any time you call them you have whatever you want them there, in fact, they call 24/7. We know that from our experience.

Yes, sir. Go ahead. Any other questions or concerns?

I just want to share this with all of -- I think there's got to be a clear message to all the police community relations. That's what they are. They are not a political entity. And sometimes I think they need -- we need to convey that message to them. That is one forum -- it's public safety only. They're under the DPD banner. It's not politics, it's not private business. They under that banner. Because sometimes I see those gender they want to distort it
and be involved. That is not the role. I see -- as you well know, some of our officials are elected people and that process, but we understand that, but that is not the role of City-Wide or each precinct. You under that banner. And sometimes I think the change of leadership or change of commission they need to have a clear message that it's strictly public safety.

Am I right or wrong?

MR. STOKES: You're absolutely right.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: We need to make sure we're under that banner and they don't get distorted, and I think that happens sometimes. They get off into this, off into that, but that is not their role. It's strictly public safety.

SGT. HALL: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. Outstanding.

Mr. Stokes, go ahead. I'm sorry. I cut you off.

MR. STOKES: Thank you, Chair. The purpose of City-Wide, it says this organization shall provide a voluntary forum, A, for the exchange of ideas and solicitation of the cooperation between the Detroit Police precincts and their community relations. We're really the go-between between all the police community
relations and the police department. We're the umbrella.

We've had issues where people will go down and register their name to open up a bank account, which is not necessary because we're under the umbrella of City-Wide and we're already registered.

But going back to the NPOs, NPOs are great. I've went to every precinct there is. And every word that I've gotten from the citizens and the presidents are the NPOs are great. My only thing with the NPOs is, and I've said it here before, it's unfair to them to go to 50 different meetings when those 50 different presidents can come to the community relations meeting at the precinct.

We need to build up our precincts community relations. We're the ones who are supposed to educate the citizen as far as the dos and the don'ts, the help.

I went to a forum for Wayne County Treasurer. I volunteered that we will be the voice. There's not a person in the city of Detroit that should be losing their home to taxes right now. So we're going to be the voice to get that word out to the citizens of Detroit on how to keep their homes.

Just like with the police department, anything that the police department need from us we are
available. I mean, that's what we're here for. And I want to thank the board for giving us this opportunity to come before you, and if there's anything that we can do we truly appreciate you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we thank you for your leadership for many, many years. I know it's not an easy task to be --

MR. STOKES: I would volunteer.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- and Willborn and you have stayed the course, and we really appreciate you.

MR. STOKES: I want to thank Don Johnson, because I'm really following in his footsteps. And he has taught me a lot and I truly appreciate that. And I'm trying to carry on the banner.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

MR. STOKES: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: I guess we're okay.

Outstanding.

COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCH: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any standing or ad hoc committee reports?

Mr. Hicks, board secretary.

MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do want to call your attention to the four items listed on the agenda. Again, we list these items on the agenda as
either internal or external communications that flow through the office. They're not set on the agenda for action for the particular meeting, but this really is a good place for you to anticipate, for example, some of the activity that's coming up in the next couple of weeks or so forth.

That will bring me directly to item number one, for example, which is a GIS crime mapping report, which we prepared for you. And this is really in preparation for your next week's meeting when you go into that particular precinct. You will have a geographic look at where -- how crime is actually occurring inside of the precinct.

In addition to that, we've -- we're trying to prepare the board for the discussion that's going to take place with reference to the police surveillance, broadly police surveillance issue. Specifically, it's for the directive in which the Chief has already transmitted and is currently under review that has to do with the traffic-mounted cameras and the facial recognition technology. What you have said to the community in advance is that they will be given an opportunity to come in and talk to you about their particular concerns relative to that type of advanced technology.
So in that regard we have been sending varying articles and things like that to your attention. Some of them have been generated by us. Others have been generated by board members who have asked us as they go through their readings to share things with the balance of the board.

And then the last item that I really want to just indicate, it was sent out I believe yesterday, because we just received it yesterday, and that was a request by the Chief of Police, which was referenced in the Chairperson's report earlier and that is a change of duty status for Police Officer Rochelle Mayberry.

And with that, commissioners, that would be the items which I wanted to flag for your attention this evening. If there is any questions that you have, we stand ready to respond.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: On that note, old business?

New business?

Announcements. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June the 13th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Second Precinct, St. John Lutheran Court at 4950 Oakman Boulevard. And our next community meeting will be on Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 p.m. Tenth Precinct, Durfee Innovation Center at 2470 Collingwood Street.
Now we move on to public comments. You have two minutes, and please give your name and respect the process. Thank you.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I currently have one card for Ms. Bernice Smith. That will be your only speaker.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. Smith.

MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair. While Ms. Smith is approaching, if any of the commissioners are still having any difficulty with their E-mail, can they simply communicate that to us. We've been trying to resolve this E-mail issue for some period of time.

So I did see Commissioner Dewaelsche.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm still having problems.

MR. HICKS: Did I hear a third?

COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair, I just can't change the password.

COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to thank the Vice Chair Darryl Brown for helping me get into the E-mails, but I haven't been into my E-mail since we I guess switched over to Outlook or something of that nature.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: A month now, I think.

COMMISSIONER BURTON: I tried to get into
Outlook a few -- I think a few days ago, but for some reason it's still got the --

CHAIRPERSON BELL: See Mr. Brown. He helped me get into the process with my -- everything. So see Mr. Brown and he will help with --

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That Brown.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah. I'm sorry. Mr. Brown, Commissioner Brown. Yes, no problem. He will help you also. So let's try to get that resolved, okay. Let's try to get that resolved this month.

Okay. I'm sorry.

MS. SMITH: I don't have any -- Bernice Smith. I am so filled right now I can hardly even talk, because Commander Hope gave me the best news that anybody can get. As you all know, I was bringing in complaints about West Grand Boulevard and the action that was there with the car being repaired and the squatters taking over property. I'm the most happiest woman in the world, because she gave me the best news that any woman can get because of the fact -- why I'm interested in that area, my children still live there, and I raised them in that area, West Boulevard there between Hancock and Warren. And my daughter has the most beautiful home in the next block down the street from where all this incidents happening and my son is
in the next block. So I am very thrilled and happy with the news she gave me. They're going to make up -- they're going to take care of it. And I'm so proud of my police department, and whatever I ask them to do they will take care of it.

And you must forgive me. I had a birthday Friday. So I'm very happy to be here again to see all you guys. Everybody can't say they 87 years old. I'm just delighted. I'm just a happy woman today.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You go, girl. You go.

You go, girl.

MS. SMITH: Thank you so much for everything that you've done for my children, not only me but my children.

(Applause.)

MS. SMITH: And I'm very happy and I thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Happy belated birthday.

MS. SMITH: Thank all of you guys. Thank you again.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: On that note, before the Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment --

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- I would hope that you keep Sergeant Williams' family in your prayers and
support the DPD family. We must be prayerful and be thankful for her service and as we go forward and for other officers, you know, that's dealing with bereavement or illness, whatever that is, because as we celebrate D-Day and we recognize that the -- what we have achieved in this country, we should be thankful that we have this opportunity.

Commissioners, it's been properly moved and seconded for adjournment.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion?

Those in favor, aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion carries. Thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.)
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