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7	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
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9	COMMUNITY MEETING
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11	Thursday, January 30, 2020
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13	3:00 p.m.
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15	Detroit Public Safety Headquarters
16	1301 Third Street
17	Detroit, Michigan 48226
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3	LISA CARTER, Commissioner (Dist. 6), Chairperson
4	WILLIE BELL, Commissioner (Dist. 4)
5	ANNIE HOLT, Commissioner At-Large
6	WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)
7	ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large
8	WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)
9	EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, Commissioner At-Large
10	JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner At-Large
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13	MELANIE WHITE, Interim Secretary to the Board
14	ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager
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16	REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:
17	CHIEF JAMES E. CRAIG
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1	Detroit, Michigan
2	January 30, 2020
3	3:00 p.m.
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5	COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon.
6	Welcome to the weekly board of police commissioners
7	meeting. My name is Lisa Carter. I'm chair of the
8	police commission. I represent District 6, and I will
9	be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the
10	board, for those of you who are in attendance, thank
11	you for joining us. For people viewing the meeting or
12	your government cable channel, thank you for viewing
13	our meeting. Commissioners Shirley Burch and Darryl
14	Brown have been asked to be excused from today's
15	meeting.
16	Today we have Chaplain Kevin Earley to
17	provide the invocation.
18	(Invocation given at 3:01 p.m.)
19	COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, sir.
20	At this time, commissioners, I'm going to
21	begin with introductions beginning to my far right
22	with Commissioner Holt.
23	COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair.
24	Good afternoon. Annie Holt, at-large.
25	COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.



- 1 Elizabeth Brooks, at-large.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh, sorry. Willie
- 3 Bell, District 4.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Madam Chairperson, you do not
- 5 have a quorum at this time.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. We have a
- 7 few commissioners that are on their way down from the
- 8 board office.
- 9 At this time we will --
- 10 Ms. White, could you please introduce the
- 11 board staff?
- 12 MS. WHITE: Thank you, Madam Chairperson.
- Before moving to the honorable board staff
- 14 introductions, we have Sergeant Alan Quinn, who is
- 15 taping our meeting this evening; Media Services, who
- 16 is conducting our audio and visual services this
- 17 afternoon; and Ms. Susanne Gorman, who is our court
- 18 reporter. And starting to my right, I will ask all of
- 19 the board of police commissioners' staff to stand and
- 20 introduce themselves.
- MR. BROWN: Robert Brown, board staff.
- 22 MS. BLOSSOM: Good afternoon. Teresa
- 23 Blossom.
- DR. ANDERSON: Dr. Marcella Anderson,
- 25 police HR.



- 1 SENIOR INVESTIGATOR SLOAN: Senior
- 2 Investigator Sloan, OCI.
- 3 SENIOR INVESTIGATOR MADRIGAL: Rosalia
- 4 Madrigal, OCI.
- DR. MCCALISTER: Dr. Polly McCalister,
- 6 office of the chief investigator.
- 7 MS. WHITE: Thank you, Madam Chairperson.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. At this
- 9 time I would like to introduce the chief of police,
- 10 James E. Craig.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Good afternoon, board and --
- 12 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: -- those attending. Starting
- 14 on the left.
- 15 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Lieutenant Richard
- 16 Firsdon, civil rights division.
- 17 CAPTAIN SERDA: Captain John Serda, civil
- 18 rights division.
- 19 DC BETTISON: Deputy Chief Todd Bettison,
- 20 chief neighborhood liaison.
- 21 (Inaudible speaker.)
- 22 AC LAVALLEY: David Lavalley, assistant
- 23 chief, office of neighborhood policing.
- 24 DC WILSON: Ronald Wilson, deputy chief,
- 25 detective bureau.



- DC BRYANT: Elaine Bryant, neighborhood
- 2 policing bureau east.
- MR. HA: Grant Ha, (inaudible.)
- 4 CAPTAIN TOSKEY: Captain Eric Toskey, crime
- 5 intelligence unit.
- 6 MS. STEIN: Trisha Stein, director of
- 7 administrative operations.
- 8 (Inaudible introduction.)
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 10 At this time if we have any elected
- 11 officials, VIPs, civic leaders, or their
- 12 representatives, please stand and give your name for
- 13 the record, please.
- 14 (Inaudible.)
- MR. TENNILLE: Brian Tennille, representing
- 16 the Honorable Roy McCalister, city councilman,
- 17 2nd District.
- 18 MR. BLOUNT: My name is Eric Blount, Sacred
- 19 Heart Church, where our pastor is Father Norman Paul
- 20 Thomas.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 22 At this time we will go to my report. This
- 23 past Sunday, the world felt a huge loss when the
- 24 tragic helicopter crash occurred in California
- 25 resulting in the loss of nine beautiful lives,



- 1 including NBA star Kobe Bryant and his daughter
- 2 Gianna. We send our prayers and condolences to the
- 3 families who lost loved ones in the tragic incident --
- 4 accident, and we ask that you keep those families in
- 5 your hearts and prayers during this time. I ask that
- 6 you stand for a moment and pause for a moment of
- 7 silence in remembrance.
- 8 (Moment of silence observed at 3:05 p.m.)
- 9 Thank you. At this time I'm going to
- 10 acknowledge the commissioners that just came in.
- 11 Commissioner William Davis, good afternoon,
- 12 sir.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon,
- 14 everyone.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 16 Commissioner Dewaelsche.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Good afternoon.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. Thank you
- 20 for joining us.
- Ms. White, do we have a quorum?
- MS. WHITE: Madam Chairperson, you do have
- 23 a quorum.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- Commissioners, you have before you the



- 1 agenda for January 30, 2020.
- 2 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: So moved.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 5 supported that we approve the agenda for
- 6 January 30, 2020. Is there any discussion? Those in
- 7 favor?
- 8 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 10 Motion carries. Commissioners, you have before you
- 11 the minutes from January 23, 2020. Are there any
- 12 corrections? Is there a motion for approval?
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 16 supported that we approve the minutes from
- 17 January 23, 2020. Is there any discussion? Those in
- 18 favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 21 Motion carries. Thank you.
- 22 And I will continue with my report at this
- 23 time. On behalf of the board, I want to express our
- 24 concern and support for fallen and injured officers
- 25 and their families. Our concerns for officers' safety



- 1 and citizens' protection is ranked as two of the most
- 2 important priorities of the board. Our board receives
- 3 a weekly report from the department listing injured
- 4 officers. And I would ask that the chief --
- 5 During your remarks, please provide us with
- 6 any additional information related to the injured and
- 7 fallen officers.
- 8 The board of police commissioners meets
- 9 every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- 10 holiday periods. We meet at police headquarters three
- 11 weeks of the month and on the third Thursday -- we
- 12 meet three weeks of the month on Thursdays at
- 13 3:00 p.m., here at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.
- 14 We meet every second Thursday of the month in the
- 15 community at 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
- 17 Chapter 8, the board of police commissioners is
- 18 empowered to provide civilian oversight and
- 19 supervisory control over the police department. Our
- 20 board investigates noncriminal citizen complaints,
- 21 monitors department operations, and works with the
- 22 mayor and the chief of police to establish police
- 23 policies, rules, and regulations. As an oversight
- 24 agency, the board has the broad responsibility to
- 25 protect the citizens, protect the City of Detroit from



- 1 frivolous lawsuits, and create policies to enforce
- 2 strict adherence to department policies.
- Additionally, the board works to eliminate
- 4 police misconduct, discriminatory police practices,
- 5 and unnecessary use of force by police. The board
- 6 also believes in transparency, community input, and
- 7 accountability. As a civilian oversight agency, we
- 8 protect the rights of citizens. Our objective is to
- 9 increase the quality of life for residents and
- 10 visitors to the city of Detroit.
- I want to point to several items for your
- 12 consideration and information. In your packet today
- there's a copy of the agenda, the minutes from the
- 14 last meeting, and various reports. Today we have one
- 15 resolution honoring the work and contributions of
- 16 Detective Gentry Shelby. Today we also have two
- 17 formal presentations, one from the office of the chief
- investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister, and the second on
- 19 body-worn cameras and conducted energy weapons, also
- 20 known as Tasers, the audit presentations from the
- 21 civil rights integrity bureau. You received this
- 22 material on the presentations in your packet on
- 23 Tuesday, and staff has submitted questions to the
- 24 civil rights integrity bureau earlier this week.
- 25 From the chief's office, I'm requesting



- 1 updates on citywide crime statistics and other
- 2 critical issues facing the department. I am also
- 3 requesting an update on the administrative message
- 4 issued last week about updated procedures regarding
- officers assisting the Detroit Fire Department,
- 6 Emergency Medical Services, transporting injured
- 7 persons.
- 8 Ms. White, our interim board secretary,
- 9 will provide us with various updates regarding
- 10 incoming correspondence, and under unfinished business
- 11 we have Policy Directive 203.12, polygraph
- 12 examinations, and 101.6, human resources, which are up
- 13 for final board approval. Information was included in
- 14 your packet last week and this week as well. I will
- 15 ask for a vote on both policy directives at the
- 16 appropriate time.
- 17 I also want to reiterate that we will have
- 18 an election for vice chair on February 20th. Vice
- 19 Chair Commissioner Dewaelsche's term will be ending,
- 20 and we will need to fill that position. Also, the
- 21 board is still reviewing and evaluating policies and
- 22 procedures to determine the process that it will take
- 23 to post for the positions of secretary to the board
- 24 and executive manager of fiscal for the board of
- 25 police commissioners.



- 1 In your packages today you have copies of
- 2 draft job postings that will require a final vote from
- 3 the board before posting. Please send any revisions
- 4 or recommendations to Ms. White by next Thursday,
- 5 February 6, 2020. A vote on this item will take place
- 6 two weeks from today, Thursday, February 13, 2020, for
- 7 a final decision. And finally, at the end of the
- 8 meeting, we will have public comments. Please make
- 9 sure you print your name on a speaker's card located
- 10 on the back table, or you can obtain one by seeing
- 11 Mr. Brown, who is seated here at the front table. He
- 12 will need your card before the end of the chief of
- 13 police report. We will hold each minute -- each
- 14 speaker to the allotted two minutes.
- 15 At this time I ask everyone to place your
- 16 cell phones or electronic devices on vibrate to make
- 17 sure that they are not interrupting the meeting.
- 18 As a final matter, in the spirit of
- 19 effective communication, please treat each other with
- 20 respect and professionalism. Commissioners, please be
- 21 reminded that no one should speak until they are
- 22 recognized by the chairperson. I'm asking
- 23 commissioners to address their comments to the issues
- 24 that are relevant to the agenda and be brief so that
- 25 we have ample time for public comments. For the



- 1 attending audience, please note there is time on the
- 2 agenda for citizen input and feedback. My objective
- 3 this afternoon is to run an orderly meeting, including
- 4 public comments, and have us out in a reasonable time.
- 5 Thank you.
- At this time we will move to the resolution
- 7 honoring Detective Gentry Shelby. Is Detective Shelby
- 8 here? No? Okay.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: If I have the
- 10 privilege?
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thanks, Madam Chair.
- This resolution is honoring Detective
- 14 Gentry J. Shelby.
- Whereas Gentry J. Shelby was appointed to
- 16 the Detroit Police Department on February 25, 2000.
- 17 Upon graduating from the Detroit Police Academy, he
- 18 was assigned to the 7th Precinct; and
- 19 Whereas Officer Shelby's assignments with
- 20 the Detroit Police Department included the
- 21 7th Precinct, Narcotics Northwestern Section,
- 22 Northeastern District, narcotics again, 11th Precinct,
- 23 and Investigative Operations; and
- Whereas on August 15, 2014, Officer Shelby
- 25 was promoted to the rank of detective and reassigned



- 1 to Investigative Operations. His next assignment as a
- 2 detective was the homicide unit where he served until
- 3 his retirement; and
- 4 Whereas Detective Shelby was the deserving
- 5 recipient of the following awards: Perfect Attendance
- 6 Award, Ford Fireworks Celebration Ribbon, the Major
- 7 League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa
- 8 Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL
- 9 as well as numerous letters of commendation from
- 10 citizens and superiors; and
- 11 Whereas Detective Shelby has served the
- 12 department for 20 years, 20-plus years. His
- 13 professionalism, commitment to public service,
- integrity, and dedication has been a credit to the
- 15 police department.
- Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
- 17 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for
- 18 the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police
- 19 Department, award this resolution in recognition of
- 20 Detective Gentry J. Shelby's 20-plus years of
- 21 dedicated and diligent public service. His
- 22 professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to
- 23 the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest
- 24 regards.
- We thank and congratulate you, Detective



- 1 Gentry J. Shelby, on your retirement.
- 2 Madam Chair, I move that we establish the
- 3 resolution (indiscernible).
- 4 THE BOARD: Support.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 6 supported that we accept the resolution honoring
- 7 Detective Gentry Shelby. Is there any discussion?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I would
- 9 like to know from Lieutenant (indiscernible) is this
- 10 Detective Shelby related to Commissioner Shelby --
- 11 Commander Shelby?
- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I believe that
- 13 is correct.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. That's his son.
- 15 I thought so, but I wanted to officially recognize a
- 16 second generation of service on the Shelby family.
- 17 So, Madam Chair, thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 19 Those in favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 22 Motion carries. Thank you, Commissioner Bell.
- 23 At this time we will have the chief of
- 24 police report.
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: Again, good afternoon.



- 1 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: Starting with crime. Again,
- 3 we're in the first -- early in the first quarter,
- 4 first month or ending the first month of the year. As
- 5 I reported last week, we've had -- compared to last
- 6 year, we've had a slight uptick. We're at a 9 percent
- 7 increase in violence. What's driving our violent
- 8 crime is -- we're down sexual assaults 23 percent,
- 9 but, again, the first quarter -- the large percentage
- 10 numbers tend to start balancing out usually sometime
- 11 during the middle of the second quarter.
- But we are up -- homicides, nonfatal
- 13 shootings. Robberies, we're up some, not much. We're
- 14 down 1 in carjackings. And aggravated assaults, which
- 15 usually is a number that really drives crime, we're up
- 16 54 as compared to last year. In terms of our property
- 17 crimes, we're down 6 percent. We're down in every
- 18 category. As the news reports, we talked about
- 19 what -- last week -- what I thought was driving some
- 20 of the violence from the last quarter of last year.
- 21 Including this quarter this year was the violence
- 22 associated with the black market sale of marijuana.
- 23 (Indiscernible) we saw a lot of follow-up
- 24 reports. Many suggested they don't see why -- if the
- 25 marijuana's legal, then why would crime be going up



- 1 associated with that? It's simple market economics.
- 2 Frankly, the fact that marijuana is legal in small
- 3 quantities, there is no process in place to date to
- 4 where legalized marijuana can be sold in the city of
- 5 Detroit; however, the black market is thriving, and
- 6 one of the things -- even when a process has been put
- 7 in place, there's been a lot of conversation
- 8 surrounding the city council voting on how that would
- 9 be conducted.
- 10 Even when that does happen, I still believe
- 11 that the black market's going to thrive because of
- 12 simple cost. We know that in the legalized market,
- 13 those business owners will be taxed significantly.
- 14 There will be regulations concerning the quality of
- 15 the marijuana, whereas in the black market, quality
- 16 typically is more potent, and certainly the seller in
- 17 the black market can sell it at a reduced rate. But
- 18 that's not the real issue. This department has not
- 19 focused and will not focus simply on marijuana. Our
- 20 focus will continue to be focusing on the associated
- 21 violence.
- So we did launch an effort that yielded
- 23 some pretty positive results. It was reported in the
- 24 paper, and I'll go through some of them. There were
- 25 19 felony arrests made since the start of our effort,



- 1 4 misdemeanor arrests, 11 guns seized -- two rifles, 9
- 2 hand guns -- 115 ordinances issued, 10 vehicles
- 3 seized, and in terms of narcotics, we recovered 8
- 4 grams of cocaine, 6 grams of (indiscernible), 132
- 5 suspected pills, 150 grams of marijuana, and 36
- 6 additional Ziploc bags of suspected marijuana.
- 7 So while the actual drugs have not been our
- 8 focus -- and certainly they are associated with
- 9 violence -- we believe -- and this is preliminarily --
- 10 that the strategies that we put in place from --
- 11 starting last week has had an impact on reducing some
- of the violence. So we have -- even though we're up
- 13 compared to this time last year, we've also seen a
- 14 decline. It might be a little too early to tell, but
- 15 we're going to continue on with our strategy.
- We had a shooting incident at a marijuana
- 17 house. In fact, they were blatantly advertising on
- 18 the front door what they were selling. Subsequent to
- 19 that, somebody was shooting. One of the victims
- 20 shot -- I think it was a multi -- three shooting. One
- 21 of the victims died as a result of that shooting.
- 22 And there's one other piece of (inaudible)
- 23 I want to talk about that we're looking at -- it
- 24 occurred over the evening hours -- was two senior
- 25 women -- one 71, one 52 or 53 -- in a neighborhood



- 1 dispute, getting into an argument. The one suspect
- 2 threatens the other with a -- a pipe, and it was
- 3 during that dispute that the CPL holder, the
- 4 51-year-old, fires a shot, striking the 71-year-old.
- 5 The 71-year-old, also a CPL holder, returned fire,
- 6 striking the 50-year-old. Both are being treated at
- 7 local hospitals. They will survive their injuries.
- But beyond that, I wanted to also know
- 9 what, if anything, has the department been involved in
- 10 relative to the initial suspect who threatened the
- 11 woman with a pipe? We've been out there numerous
- 12 times. Clearly, something more aggressive needs to be
- done. It's a possibility, based on what neighbors are
- 14 saying, that one may be suffering from some mental
- 15 illness, so we're looking into that.
- I wanted to also talk about the status of
- 17 the highly publicized celebratory gunshots that were
- 18 fired on New Year's Eve. We've arrested six, and of
- 19 the six, four of them are parole violators. We
- 20 recovered 522 shell casings, which is linked to 26
- 21 handguns, and so of those, three are connected to
- 22 crimes committed both here in Detroit and in Jackson.
- 23 So great effort by our investigators. I applaud their
- 24 work, relentlessly following up to identify those
- 25 individuals that everyone saw on the video.



- 1 And I have a request. We had talked
- 2 outside with Reverend Holley. We are running out of
- 3 space at the academy given that we now have a cadet
- 4 program. We have 19 cadets, so we've run out of
- 5 parking space. We're running larger classes. So my
- 6 thought was what if we could acquire some space over
- 7 at WC3, at this Downtown Campus possibly, where we
- 8 could hold our inservice, our inservice class. That
- 9 would, you know, take a little bit of the burden off
- of the academy, so we can talk about that more. But
- 11 we'd appreciate if something could be done. And then
- 12 working with WC3, we would think, would go a long way.
- And with that, I think that's all I had to
- 14 report.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioners --
- 16 Thank you, Chief.
- 17 Commissioners, do you have questions for
- 18 the chief?
- 19 Commissioner Holley.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you so much,
- 21 Chief. And you just give me the person I'm working
- 22 with. I can take care of that.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: No problem.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just two, three
- 25 things quickly. I was so impressed with the



- 1 graduation. It was my first time. I mean, I
- 2 really -- I mean -- it was just really a very -- just
- 3 an excellent -- all I can say, I really am impressed
- 4 with it, and I want to congratulate you, and I'm sure
- 5 that (indiscernible). I just want you to know that
- 6 I'm going to be there more often.
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Secondly, are the
- 9 city council getting any input from you or the police
- 10 department in terms of the advice on the marijuana, of
- 11 what they're trying to make -- decisions about
- 12 marijuana?
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, not
- 14 really, and I will tell you openly that -- and it's
- 15 not just the Detroit Police Department but law
- 16 enforcement across the state. Unless individual
- 17 cities have set on what the policies are going to be,
- 18 it's murky. And so we haven't been targeting or
- 19 enforcing black market marijuana, and even if we're
- 20 doing our investigative stops -- we stop someone with
- 21 a small amount of marijuana -- it is not our focus to
- 22 enforce because it is legal; however, we know that --
- 23 as I reported last week -- that many of the buyers and
- 24 sellers in the black market are armed, and if the
- 25 person is armed, we will deal with the firearm but not



- 1 the marijuana.
- I know that caused some concern by members
- 3 in our community. Again, that is not our focus. But
- 4 during the course of our work, we will be
- 5 investigating those individuals who are engaged in
- 6 that activity because we are focused on reducing the
- 7 violence associated with it. So we think the work
- 8 from last week, the fact that we've been very public
- 9 that we wanted to stop the violence associated with
- it, there's been slightly a downturn; so, again, it's
- 11 a little premature, but we're optimistic.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And finally --
- 13 Madam Chairperson, thank you for the time
- 14 you've given me.
- -- this is -- one of my members was -- it's
- 16 a murder-suicide two days ago. One of my members
- 17 were -- was one of the guys that was murdered. My
- 18 understanding, of course, that the person turned
- 19 himself -- the gun on himself, the perpetrator. So it
- 20 was -- he was mental, as I understand. He has mental
- 21 health issues according to his mother. My concern is,
- 22 I think -- and, for example, my little -- my little
- 23 (indiscernible) and prayer masons down there
- 24 investigate that the -- the glass -- the gas station
- 25 locked the door so that the person that was shot



- 1 couldn't get in. Therefore, the guy that did the
- 2 shooting was able to basically -- for lack of a better
- 3 word -- blow his brains out.
- 4 My concern is we if talk to these people --
- 5 only red light -- Green Light, is there an
- 6 association -- in other words, I know -- if they're in
- 7 a cage, they're protected, but if I'm outside trying
- 8 to get away from violence, is there some
- 9 responsibility that we have in terms of making sure
- 10 those who have these Green Lights and relationships
- 11 with us, that they not only look out for themselves
- 12 but also look out for the community? Am I making
- 13 sense to you?
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: I kind of think I know where
- 15 you're going.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, we just
- 18 held a meeting, a well-attended meeting with our Green
- 19 Light partners and businesses. We talked about a lot
- 20 of issues, and one of them has to do with locking
- 21 individuals inside, which we don't think is a great
- 22 idea. Certainly, if someone is acting in a violent
- 23 manner, it's probably going to escalate, so we don't
- 24 encourage that. So we had a well-attended meeting,
- 25 and we talked about a number of safety issues 'cause



- 1 it is about the safety of our community and also the
- 2 safety of those who work there.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Madam
- 4 Chairperson.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Before we -- I want
- 6 to acknowledge Commissioner Burton who came in during
- 7 the chief's remarks.
- 8 Commissioner --
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. I have a
- 10 question. How does the police know that someone is
- 11 smoking marijuana and driving other than smelling it?
- 12 What kind of tests do you give? I know with alcohol
- 13 you have a certain test that you give. What do you
- 14 give for marijuana?
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, at this
- 16 point there is some development. I know -- and I
- 17 don't want to speak for the state police. I think
- 18 they're looking at a device going forward. Certainly,
- 19 police officers can stop someone and gauge the
- 20 individual. It could be some objective symptoms,
- 21 especially if officers are drug recognition expert
- 22 trained. One of the things I've learned over this
- 23 last week, that we don't have -- they call them DREs.
- 24 We might have one. That's not good for a department
- 25 this size, so what I directed is that we quickly get



- 1 officers trained in drug recognition because if you're
- 2 not a drug recognition expert, it's very difficult to
- 3 then make an arrest for being under the influence.
- 4 That's one issue -- that's one issue that we're
- 5 quickly addressing.
- 6 Initially, what we're looking for is
- 7 identifying an officer from every precinct, which is
- 8 12, and so right now there are a lot of things
- 9 associated with that. We're just not there yet, to be
- 10 candid, and we're not the only agency. Certainly, the
- 11 prosecutor's office is not really signing a lot of
- 12 warrants concerning marijuana. We did get a warrant
- 13 signed on a location that there were a number of
- hand-to-hand sales, and, again, this was, again, with
- 15 the focus on violence. So it's just not a lot of
- 16 enforcement.
- 17 But under the influence is different, so we
- 18 are working as quickly as we can because we know
- 19 that's going to continue to be a growing concern.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 22 Commissioner Holt?
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 24 Chief Craiq, you're aware that -- I don't
- 25 know -- about three weeks ago, because of concerns



- 1 expressed by Chair Carter, Vice Chair Eva, and
- 2 Commissioner Griffie as it relates to the facial
- 3 recognition report, Ms. White and I met with Director
- 4 Stein and Captain Toskey, and at that meeting both
- 5 representatives from the police department created a
- 6 report, a facial recognition report, that hopefully we
- 7 commissioners would be able to decipher the results
- 8 better.
- 9 Now, my question to you is you gave some
- 10 positive stats in terms of resolve. Is it possible
- 11 for you to also share with us if facial recognition
- 12 played a role in those stats?
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair.
- 14 So --
- And, Captain Toskey, if there's something
- 16 you need to elaborate on, please do.
- 17 And I'll just start. The report that you
- 18 received, those are the queries that are made that
- 19 resulted in an identification. Now, again, as I've
- 20 said before, the identification is a lead only. It is
- 21 nothing more than that, and so those are the positive
- 22 leads that we've developed. In some instances -- and
- 23 several come to mind, but they ultimately are not just
- 24 the sole identification -- other factors result in
- 25 arrests, a warrant, and a person being charged.



- 1 And the report that she was just starting
- 2 to get, it's only that. Now, we've made many more
- 3 queries, but they don't result in a response that goes
- 4 to the next level, which is back to the investigators,
- 5 if that's making sense.
- So, with that, Captain, can you expound on
- 7 the report?
- 8 CAPTAIN TOSKEY: Yes, sir.
- 9 Captain Eric Toskey, through the chair.
- 10 The events of the New Year's Eve shots fired do not
- 11 meet the qualification for facial recognition, so we
- 12 would not have performed facial recognition on any of
- 13 the individuals found in those videos.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions?
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Davis?
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chief, I was
- 19 wondering, I got a few complaints from citizens all
- 20 over the city about parents dropping off their kids
- 21 and dropping them off in the middle of the street, and
- 22 you know, stopping traffic and putting children in
- 23 dangerous situations. Have you heard anything about
- that, or is anything being done to address that?
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, I don't



- 1 know, Commissioner, when you received that complaint.
- 2 As I've said in other meetings, I would urge you that
- 3 when you are made aware of it, let us know in real
- 4 time because that is a very dangerous situation. And
- 5 if the information you are receiving is specific to a
- 6 location, we can have a neighborhood police officer or
- 7 at least a commander of that precinct. And so I would
- 8 urge you to get in contact, at minimum, with Deputy
- 9 Chief Bettison, and he can coordinate with the --
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I talked to the
- 11 commander the second -- about that already.
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. Well, I've not heard
- 13 about it, so I don't know. Has he gotten back to you
- 14 with a response?
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I just recently talked
- 16 to him. He should be getting back with me soon.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions,
- 19 commissioners?
- 20 Commissioner Bell.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Madam Chair.
- 22 Chief Craig, I'm looking at the crime stats
- 23 report, and I know we spend a whole lot of time and we
- 24 spend -- talking about domestic violence, and I know
- 25 we have social workers at the majority of the



- 1 precincts, but I don't see -- I see aggravated
- 2 assault, but I don't see tracking domestic violence in
- 3 terms of impact, I know, on the department and our
- 4 society and the city of Detroit. How do we as
- 5 commissioners be enlightened in terms of the volume of
- 6 domestic violence that we deal with? I know it's sort
- 7 of heavy daily in terms of domestic -- that's why we
- 8 have a social worker. But I don't see anywhere that
- 9 we track that.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, I'm
- 11 unaware of the commission asking specific -- we do
- 12 look at -- especially with homicides and nonfatal
- 13 shootings. When we have our weekly meetings and
- 14 during our CompStat sessions, we do pay attention to
- 15 the cause of the shooting, and so this is why, when I
- 16 talked about the violence associated with the black
- 17 market marijuana sales, we saw a significant uptick in
- 18 that area. We also look very closely and make a
- 19 determination as to whether or not homicides or
- 20 shootings are gang related.
- 21 The other area that we look at is domestic
- 22 violence, and we do have a substantial number of
- 23 domestic violence incidents, but that's not the
- leading cause to date or at the end of last year in
- 25 terms of shootings. Has it happened? It does, so we



- 1 do it. If it's the will or request of the commission,
- 2 that you want us to break out causal factors, we can
- 3 provide that report to you because we do it every
- 4 week. What I ask for is when they talk about motives,
- 5 we --
- And I think you're a shop owner.
- 7 (Inaudible.) Toskey was still there.
- 8 CAPTAIN TOSKEY: Yes, sir.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: But they generate a report,
- 10 or homicide does, that puts motive. So we look at
- 11 every situation, and, on occasion, it's unknown. An
- 12 example, that if officers get a call of a deceased
- 13 person in the street -- there's a gunshot wound, and
- 14 there's no witnesses, nobody heard anything -- that
- 15 may be an unknown until we do more investigative work.
- 16 So we do pay close attention to violence associated
- 17 with domestic violence incidents. We have a, as you
- 18 know -- a unit that solely investigates domestic
- 19 violence.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. I quess my
- 21 request is to provide that information to the board
- 22 since it has such a tremendous impact on our 911
- 23 system, our social system. Like you say, sometimes we
- 24 mention shooting or basically -- just, basically,
- 25 domestic violence. We interact. That's why we have a



- 1 social worker to -- and I know in a lot of -- talking
- 2 to some of the investigators, they initiate the
- 3 write-up, and a whole lot of people that's involved
- 4 don't respond to, you know -- showing up to the
- 5 prosecutor's office.
- 6 So it's a tremendous drain on resources, so
- 7 if you would provide information -- I know you track
- 8 it. I think that's something that we would like to be
- 9 enlightened on in reference to domestic violence
- 10 issues.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, so that
- 12 we're clear on what you're asking, do you want simply
- 13 how many calls domestic violence will respond to, or
- 14 do you want to know what factors, the motive
- 15 associated with, say, a homicide or a nonfatal
- 16 shooting?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: I quess we can work
- 18 that out with Ms. White. I think I just want to know
- 19 the volume of calls that we respond to, not the
- 20 motive. But we can have that discussion.
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: So we can get the
- 22 correspondence as to specifically what you want.
- COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. We can work
- 24 that out.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: If I could just



- 1 follow up?
- 2 Didn't we also have a presentation by the
- 3 domestic violence unit where she did provide us with
- 4 kind of those numbers and what they led to and the
- 5 types, you know -- maybe another presentation to
- 6 update us?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm just looking at the
- 8 weekly report that we receive in terms of crime, and,
- 9 you know, I just think that should be tied in. So if
- 10 that's a wish of the board, I just think we should
- 11 have that discussion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Holt?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I think, Chair Carter,
- over at the 8th they have a CompStat meeting, probably
- 16 as they do in all the precincts, and domestic violence
- 17 is one of the major discussions they share during that
- 18 meeting. And then I think in some examples, domestic
- 19 issues tend to be a very volatile situation as it
- 20 relates to police officers responding. So what's
- 21 being asked of Chair Bell -- Commissioner Bell,
- 22 rather -- yes, I'd like to be in on some of that
- 23 discussion in terms of the recordkeeping.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, sir.
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.



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DC BETTISON: Hi. Deputy Chief Bettison,

- 2 for the record. Through the chair. Chair, I know
- 3 that you have a couple updates or questions that you
- 4 had from last week as well. One was specifically
- 5 regarding Wayne State Police involved in a police
- 6 chase, and you asked if DPD was involved. DPD was not
- 7 involved in that chase. I confirmed that. There were
- 8 no injuries. The vehicle that was being chased was
- 9 being chased for traffic. They crashed into a
- 10 snowbank. Occupants of the vehicle ran onto the
- 11 freeway and were apprehended by Wayne State Police.
- 12 Also, you asked for an update regarding the
- 13 administrative message regarding officers assisting
- 14 Detroit Fire, Emergency Medical Services. And
- 15 Assistant Chief White is here to be able to give that
- 16 update.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 18 AC WHITE: Good afternoon, board.
- 19 Assistant Chief James White.
- THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- 21 AC WHITE: Regarding Teletype 200040, it
- 22 will provide you the information to follow up on that.
- 23 The Teletype was necessary based on some information
- 24 that we received from Detroit Fire and after a number
- of meetings with Detroit Fire. As the board is aware,



- 1 previous to this Teletype, we had three categories of
- 2 force -- 1, 2, and 3. Our force categories are very
- 3 specific, and we're one of the agencies that have a
- 4 very low threshold for force.
- 5 Our threshold for force in Detroit is
- 6 forcible cuffing or restrictive movement. When we
- 7 looked at the issue that fire brought to us, we made a
- 8 decision to, instead of lowering -- or raising the
- 9 threshold of force, that it made better sense to
- 10 include a new category of force, which is a medical
- 11 use of force, Category 4 use of force. This was also
- 12 necessary because officers were expressing concerns
- 13 that our policy really was -- was restrictive in that
- 14 they could not engage a person who could not make a
- 15 medical decision for their own benefit by forcibly
- 16 assisting him into an EMS vehicle.
- So simply put, there was a situation where
- 18 a citizen did not have the mental or physical
- 19 capability to make a medical decision for themselves.
- 20 EMS responded to the scene, and the citizen refused
- 21 treatment, but the citizen is critical, both
- 22 physically and mentally critical at that time, so the
- 23 officer was asked to forcibly put the person into the
- 24 EMS. There was some conversation that took quite a
- 25 while and a few phone calls made. Ultimately, we were



- 1 able to assist, but there was a significant amount of
- 2 time lost. And the issues brought forth by the
- 3 officers made good sense, that the policy says that if
- 4 you forcibly use cuffs or restrict movement, you are
- 5 engaged in use of force.
- 6 Compounding this problem for the officers
- 7 is the management awareness system, which is a system
- 8 used by the department to monitor and manage officers'
- 9 conduct. In our management awareness system, three
- 10 uses of force generates a review by our risk
- 11 department, in which basically says that this officer
- 12 has used three uses of force. The six uses of force
- in one year generates what's called (indiscernible),
- 14 which is a specific and required action on the part of
- 15 the command to put that officer either under training,
- 16 put that officer under monitoring. And had we not
- 17 created the Category 4, six instances of assisting a
- 18 citizen in medical support would have resulted in a
- 19 management awareness (indiscernible), and that was a
- 20 concern for the officers.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any questions for
- 22 assistant chief, commissioners?
- Thank you.
- 24 AC WHITE: Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We are going to move



- 1 on to the presentations to the board --
- Thank you again, Chief, for that report.
- 3 -- the presentation from OCI and Dr. Polly
- 4 McCalister.
- DR. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon, Board.
- 6 Chief Craig.
- 7 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- B DR. MCCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister,
- 9 and I'll be presenting the office of the chief
- 10 investigator's report for December. And I know it
- 11 says December 2019; however, we report a month behind.
- So for December 2019, we had 79 citizens'
- 13 complaints versus December 2018, that we had 81 with a
- 2 percent decrease, which is not much, but we'll work
- 15 at that. And, as always, the citizens' complaints
- 16 alleged units, we did have some new recruits come out
- 17 this month and last month, so a lot of times when we
- 18 have new recruits go out into the community, we do see
- 19 a increase with citizen complaints. Number 8 ranked
- 20 the highest this month with 10 and No. 2 with 4 and
- 21 the 6th Precinct with 4, the 11th Precinct with 4, and
- 22 everybody else was kind of like 1 and 2, except for
- 23 the unknowns, and they have a tendency to always be
- 24 high.
- 25 This is our fiscal report for July to



- 1 December 2019. In 2019, we processed 556 complaints,
- 2 and in 2018, we processed 590, which means we had a
- 3 34 percentage difference, which was 6 percent. And
- 4 Commissioner Bell is really big on profanity and use
- of the F-word. In November, we had three uses of
- 6 profanity, one use of the F-word, and two uses of
- 7 offensive slurs; and for December, we had one use of
- 8 profanity and four uses of the F-word and two uses of
- 9 offensive slurs.
- 10 We just started capturing trending
- 11 allegations. This is going to help 'cause we just
- 12 partnered with Lieutenant Stanley in the civil rights
- 13 division, and they're going to create a training for
- 14 police officers modeled after some of the issues that
- 15 we kind of, like, observe month to month. So what we
- 16 saw trending is a lot of towed vehicle complaints.
- 17 Sometimes when officers are filling out an impound
- 18 card, they omit some numbers or they put in the wrong
- 19 VIN number, which causes the citizen -- when they go
- 20 to retrieve their car, they can't find the car, which
- 21 causes an increase with the fees.
- We also noticed the increase with missing
- 23 keys. We only had one for December, but prior to
- 24 that, we had a lot of missing keys, and if a citizen
- 25 has to go and get a key fob made, it normally ranges



- 1 between 250 to 375. So Lieutenant Stanley is going to
- 2 start looking at that type of information. Also,
- 3 missing phones -- we get a lot of complaints that "The
- 4 officer took my phone. I couldn't find it, " and they
- 5 call our office to file a complaint. So just with
- 6 this, in December we had two missing cell phones, but
- 7 prior to that, we were averaging about three to four
- 8 per month. So that's the type of information that
- 9 we'll be sharing with Lieutenant Stanley.
- 10 And regarding our citizens' complaints that
- 11 were closed for December 2019, as always, demeanor is
- 12 normally high, and procedure is high, but we're hoping
- when we work with Lieutenant Stanley, we're able to
- 14 address those issues and they can address a training
- 15 for police officers. And these are our office of the
- 16 chief investigator closed complaints from January to
- 17 December. This is for our calendar reporting. In
- 18 2019, we had 1,179. In 2018, we had 1,069, and for
- 19 2017, 1,075.
- 20 And regarding our electronic evidence, 35
- 21 out of 46 incidents were captured on body-worn camera
- 22 and 11 were not and for various reasons. Sometimes
- 23 citizens file a complaint after the 90-day, and we're
- 24 unable to pull that video, or there's a three-second
- 25 delay, where the incident occurred within that time



- 1 frame, or there was a malfunction, or the officer
- 2 didn't have their body-worn cameras turned on, which,
- 3 at that time, we do sustain the officer for that.
- In our false allegations -- we always try
- 5 to report this. I just went to a community meeting on
- 6 Saturday, and we talked about always being factual.
- 7 When you report something to our office, please be
- 8 factual. If you can, identify the officer. Identify
- 9 the area, time of day, and we'll look into it. But 11
- 10 citizen complaints out of 72 resulted in 46 false
- 11 allegations, and that was proven with body-worn
- 12 cameras. So it's information like this that we'll
- 13 also share with Lieutenant Stanley so when she does
- 14 talk to the police officers, she can really encourage
- 15 them to wear their body-worn cameras.
- And our closed investigations based on DPD
- 17 members by seniority and rank, for police officers, we
- 18 had 68, and they decreased by 27, which is really
- 19 substantial. That's kind of, like, the highest that
- 20 we've had for the year. Sergeants remained the same
- 21 with 12. Detectives were 9, so they were down by 1,
- 22 and 19 members with 3 to 4 years were down by 5.
- 23 Eleven members with 10 to 19 years were down by 7, 22
- 24 members with 20 to 29 years were down by 8, and 5
- 25 members with 30 years or above were down by 1.



- 1 And, as always, we always try to share how
- 2 to file our complaints. We do offer a table whenever
- 3 you come to the meeting. In case you don't want to
- 4 stay for the entire meeting, you can meet with one of
- 5 our staff during the meeting and file your citizen
- 6 complaint, in case you didn't want to stay for the
- 7 entire meeting and come to the podium and state your
- 8 issue. We will have a staff member in the community
- 9 as well as here for the meeting, so you can easily
- 10 file a complaint here.
- 11 And a big thank you to Lieutenant Brandon
- 12 Lewis in AC White's office. We e-mailed him about the
- 13 snow removal. He got right on it. And then we
- 14 e-mailed him about an issue we were having about
- 15 officers not appearing for their Garrity notices, not
- 16 coming with an attorney, which delays our processing
- of our complaints. He got right on it. So we really
- 18 appreciate the partnership that we have with him.
- 19 And I will take any questions. You also
- 20 have your monthly packet from the disciplinary unit.
- 21 We're trying to get this in color because I know it's
- 22 a little difficult to read; so, hopefully, the next
- 23 one will be in color for you and it will be easier to
- 24 kind of, like, read.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you,



- 1 Dr. McCalister.
- 2 Any questions for Dr. McCalister?
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Davis.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Dr. McCalister, how
- 6 many of us commissioners are actually reading cases
- 7 now?
- DR. MCCALISTER: I believe you,
- 9 Commissioner Brooks, Commissioner Brown, and
- 10 Commissioner Bell. So we have four, four readers.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I think it
- 12 should be expanded. Thank you.
- 13 (Laughter.)
- DR. MCCALISTER: You can talk to the chair.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Holley.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you for your
- 17 report. When you say "community," what community are
- 18 you talking about? I know they can complain here.
- 19 When you said "community meetings," what community
- 20 meetings?
- DR. MCCALISTER: When we go to our
- 22 community meetings in the community, Thursdays from
- 23 6:30 till, like, 8:30 or 9:00, we'll have somebody
- 24 there at a table, so if the citizen does not want to
- 25 sit there for the entire duration of the meeting --



1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: The department goes

- 2 out to a community meeting?
- 3 DR. MCCALISTER: No. That's our staff.
- 4 They will be there to --
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Who is responsible
- for the community meeting?
- 7 DR. MCCALISTER: You are, the board.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Oh, you're talking
- 9 about when we go out?
- DR. MCCALISTER: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. I'm sorry. I
- 12 misunderstood. And then, finally -- and I thank you
- 13 for this. For example, if I say, we got -- I missed
- it in here, and I'm sure you did it, but if you got
- 15 250 cases in 2019, how many did you -- how many did we
- 16 close?
- DR. MCCALISTER: Oh, that's easy. I can go
- 18 back to the --
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And those you didn't
- 20 close, why?
- DR. MCCALISTER: Sometimes they're a
- 22 carryover --
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.
- 24 DR. MCCALISTER: -- so if we didn't close
- 25 them right within that time frame, it rolls over. So



- 1 it depends on when you retrieve it, when it comes into
- 2 our office, and then we process it.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Do we get any
- 4 complaints about your department from the community?
- 5 In other words, the community complains about the
- 6 complaints?
- 7 DR. MCCALISTER: Yes.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So I don't see that
- 9 in here.
- DR. MCCALISTER: They complain about maybe
- 11 their findings. I think anytime they have an
- 12 encounter and they feel that they've been wronged by
- 13 the police, the automatic is to go to the belief that
- 14 we're going to hold them accountable. Well, we are,
- 15 but we have to see that. We just can't say, "Oh,
- 16 because a citizen said you did something, you did it."
- 17 So that's why it's always important -- we encourage
- 18 them when we go to the academy to wear their body-worn
- 19 camera so that we have it and we can clearly show them
- 20 that that did not happen.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: It's probably my way
- 22 of communication. I'm sorry. My concern is how do we
- 23 evaluate your department from the community? How do
- 24 we -- do we get complaints from the fact that we're
- 25 not doing the -- we're not investigating -- too long



- 1 investigation of the -- how they was -- they were
- 2 handled? Is there any feedback? How do we get
- 3 feedback from the community about the -- investigating
- 4 the -- the police department?
- 5 DR. MCCALISTER: I know when I first got
- 6 hired, Commissioner Carter was talking about a survey.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.
- 8 DR. MCCALISTER: We can easily create a
- 9 survey and have it when we go into the community and
- 10 have them survey it.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Commissioner Carter?
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's okay. If
- 14 you're okay with that, I mean -- if you're okay
- 15 with -- I just think there ought to be some way of us
- 16 having --
- DR. MCCALISTER: A metric system to --
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's what I'm
- 19 trying -- that's a good word. That's why you got the
- 20 Doctor. The metric system. I like that. I like
- 21 that.
- 22 (Laughter.)
- Can we have that, Madam Chairperson?
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I agree with you
- 25 (indiscernible) said absolutely.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: It's called a
- 2 metr- --
- 3 DR. MCCALISTER: It's a metric system.
- 4 It's basically a survey so people can kind of, like,
- 5 measure what we do.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: She knows. She
- 7 knows. That's all right. Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I did -- and speaking
- 9 of that, I did forward to you, Dr. McCalister, a
- 10 complaint from -- well, an inquiry from a resident who
- 11 filed a report, and she -- I can't remember -- it was
- in September of 2019, and she said -- she stated she's
- 13 never heard anything else.
- 14 DR. MCCALISTER: She said that she had
- 15 never got her findings letter; however, when we send
- 16 out a findings letter, we make a copy of it, and we
- 17 put it in the file. So normally, we'll get the letter
- 18 back either, you know -- bad address, not accepted.
- 19 We'll get something back. We didn't get anything back
- 20 with her, so what we did, we sent her another letter,
- 21 we apologized that she did not get her original
- letter, and we told her to contact our office if she
- 23 had any issues.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: All right. Thank
- 25 you.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair.
- 2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner?
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you,
- 4 Dr. McCalister. Okay. Over at the 8th Precinct, what
- 5 is it Commissioner Brown and I can do to impact
- 6 this -- these kinds of numbers? We're almost never
- 7 below some of the more positive results, so what is it
- 8 we can do?
- 9 DR. MCCALISTER: Well, I think the increase
- 10 is a larger precinct.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay.
- DR. MCCALISTER: But I think the department
- is taking an aggressive position as far as citizens'
- 14 complaints.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Could you speak
- 16 into the mic just so we can --
- 17 DR. MCCALISTER: Yeah.
- So No. 8, I think, is rather large. I
- 19 think you just got a lot of new officers over there.
- 20 But I think the department is taking a different
- 21 posture as far as citizens' complaints. They're going
- 22 to develop this training, and I think that training
- 23 will help those officers that are on the street. We
- 24 go to the academy, and we talk to the recruits, and we
- 25 give them a different perspective, but I think the



- 1 training that Lieutenant Stanley is putting together
- 2 under the direction of Chief Craig will really help
- 3 the officers on the street get a, you know -- a better
- 4 grasp on, you know, their demeanor. Sometimes you
- 5 just have to be reminded to think before you speak
- 6 sometimes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you on
- 8 that matter.
- 9 The towing --
- DR. MCCALISTER: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Now, to go to a
- 12 location and your car is missing -- and sometimes for
- 13 folks to have to jump through hoops to even discover
- 14 where they are to go to retrieve their car -- I think
- 15 some training also needs to go in play when you have
- 16 people aggravated because they cannot find their car
- 17 based on paperwork that police officers submitted. So
- 18 hopefully, next report time, this number relating to
- 19 vehicles being towed will be diminished significantly
- 20 because to get your -- and I'm speaking from personal
- 21 account. It's horrible. And to be further
- 22 aggravated, which was my example, I couldn't find my
- 23 car at all.
- 24 Something needs to be done about this, in
- 25 all honesty, and you mentioned that part of the



- 1 problem was the paperwork that the officers submitted,
- 2 so some sensitivity needs to go in play as it relates
- 3 to these stats.
- DR. MCCALISTER: Well, part of that slide
- 5 is the trending. Anything that we have that is
- 6 trending, anything that we have that we see that's,
- 7 like, more than two, that information will be shared
- 8 with Lieutenant Stanley, and she will create that
- 9 training. So you'll see that it'll probably come down
- 10 once they get the training started.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good
- 12 DR. MCCALISTER: And that was based on
- 13 Chair Carter. Last month, we had talked about it. We
- 14 used to do trends, but we had to cut our presentation
- down; so, hopefully, we can still do it and won't go
- 16 over our ten minutes but. . .
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, okay. Another
- 18 question.
- 19 Through the chair?
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes, ma'am.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Where you have closed
- 22 false allegations in -- you noted that, I guess, once
- 23 the citizen -- well, you could document that the
- 24 complaint was invalid -- correct? -- based on the body
- 25 cams?



- 1 DR. MCCALISTER: Yes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Now, when citizens
- 3 submit these complaints, are they aware that the
- 4 officer in all likelihood was wearing a body cam?
- DR. MCCALISTER: We've had a few instances
- 6 where the officer said, "Everything is being
- 7 recorded," and the citizen heard him, and they still
- 8 filed a complaint that the officer maybe cussed at
- 9 him, maybe grabbed him roughly. We just had one where
- 10 the citizen said that the officer cuffed him, threw
- 11 him in the back of his car, and if you look at the
- 12 video, it never happened; so. . .
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you for being
- 14 able to share this in support of the body cams.
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, can I make
- 16 a comment? So I know on our side -- and it's
- 17 troubling to hear that there were --
- 18 What was the number of false complaints?
- DR. MCCALISTER: Forty-six.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Forty-six.
- 21 My position is simple. When you lie on a
- 22 police officer -- as I hold police officers
- 23 accountable for engaging in improper conduct as it's
- 24 been determined through the investigation. If a
- 25 citizen does it, they should be charged with a crime.



- 1 And, Grant Ha, can you speak? I know that
- 2 we have taken some cases -- there was an allegation
- 3 where a female in the back seat of a police car
- 4 alleged that the officers committed a rape, and it was
- 5 a flat-out lie and a charge. So my thing is this --
- 6 and this goes directly to the morale of our police
- 7 officers -- if you lie and make a false allegation, we
- 8 should be working together and seek criminal charges.
- 9 You don't get to lie.
- 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I comment on
- 11 that, please, sir?
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No, you can't, sir.
- 13 Not at this time.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: So, again, if the body camera
- 15 exonerates the officer because someone made a false
- 16 allegation, there goes that officer's career. That's
- 17 a problem. So what I want to do, and I'll just say it
- 18 to the board, I would like to sit down and talk about
- 19 some issues relative -- because even when we talk
- 20 about -- demeanor's important to me, critically
- 21 important. Sometimes in a fight -- fighting for your
- 22 life -- and people are angry, and an officer may utter
- 23 profanity to get someone's attention, that may be an
- instance where they may be exonerated. And I know
- 25 that's mixed feeling but, again, those are in those



- 1 extreme situations. But I want to have a
- 2 conversation.
- And then, lastly, I think it's important
- 4 for the community that these complaints are
- 5 investigated, adjudicated in a timely manner. What I
- 6 have done -- and it's been in effect now for three
- 7 years. I think I reported out to this board that I
- 8 put in place something called the statute of
- 9 limitations. That means that when the department
- 10 becomes aware of an allegation of misconduct, we have
- 11 one year from that date to fully adjudicate that
- 12 complaint. If not, I dismiss it because that's a
- 13 one-year statute.
- 14 So what it does is -- we have to get the
- 15 investigation done. I'm not going to sit --
- 16 historically, what was going on in this agency before
- 17 I got here, complaints would sit three, four years.
- 18 It then would go to arbitration after it was
- 19 sustained. The arbitrator would dismiss it because
- 20 the investigations were not timely. So timely
- 21 adjudication is critical. And while the union and the
- 22 management -- we haven't -- we agree. They agree with
- 23 the whole statute of limitations, but, also, because
- 24 most of our internal investigations involve criminal
- 25 allegations, we can and do toll the statute. I don't



- 1 know -- Chris Graveline, who is our director --
- 2 Do you have anything to add to this whole
- 3 tolling of the statute, the one year?
- 4 And I think it's important that we're
- 5 communicating in real time with the director.
- 6 MR. GRAVELINE: Dr. McCalister and I, we're
- 7 in constant communication. They've been very
- 8 forthcoming on providing videos to us, and so that's
- 9 sped up the process quite a bit over the last, I would
- 10 say, six months or so.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Great. And the last thing --
- 12 I just have one more point, and I think it's very
- 13 critical, and this is something that you're probably
- 14 not aware of, but we had a situation. The case came
- 15 from OCI. The allegation was extremely serious. In
- 16 fact, we determined that the allegation was criminal.
- 17 It was criminal because allegedly the officer
- 18 illegally forced entry into a home. That is a crime
- 19 if true. It was treated as an OCI. It was sustained
- 20 under another classification. It then went to our
- 21 disciplinary for setting up a hearing, but the problem
- 22 was disciplinary dropped the ball. And so we've taken
- 23 that case, and we're investigating it now as a crime,
- 24 but now we're fighting a statute because the
- 25 investigation, I want to say --



- 1 Chris, is it five or six months old?
- 2 MR. GRAVELINE: It's about six months old.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: So when these matters come
- 4 up, I think it's important, especially anybody who
- 5 enters into someone's home without a search warrant or
- 6 without an exigency, which is what that allegation --
- 7 this is a very serious allegation. As you may or may
- 8 not know, one officer in another precinct just got
- 9 charged with two felonies for a similar incident;
- 10 another officer pled down. So we're working the case
- 11 now.
- 12 And the other thing that was missing was
- 13 that when the officers went into this house without a
- 14 warrant, there were people inside that house. They
- 15 were never interviewed as witnesses. That's critical
- 16 for me. So now we got to go back, find these
- 17 witnesses.
- 18 And we've -- I think we've talked to the
- 19 prosecutor about this preliminarily?
- MR. GRAVELINE: We have not talked to the
- 21 prosecutor yet. We're gonna get a few more details,
- 22 talk to those witnesses, like you had mentioned, sir,
- 23 and then we're going to talk to the prosecutor.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: And so without taking action
- 25 right now until we have more, he's been placed on



- 1 restrictive duty. We may be bringing him before this
- 2 board for suspension without pay if we determine the
- 3 allegation is true, because it will go to the
- 4 prosecutor, but now we're on a real significant time
- 5 crunch. That's all I have.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Bell?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, what Chief
- 8 Craig indicated, that --
- 9 I hope that you highlight that case with
- 10 the chief investigator and with the board because if
- 11 we miss a case like that and mishandle a case like
- 12 that, that really concerns me. That reflects on our
- 13 board and the office of chief investigator, so I would
- 14 hope that you'd highlight that and share with us
- 15 that -- Ms. White -- ASAP, as soon as possible,
- 16 because that is a glaring error.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, I think I
- 18 did direct that you bring it to the attention that we
- 19 do that.
- 20 MR. GRAVELINE: Yes. No, not before this
- 21 meeting.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: 'Cause this is a serious
- 23 case, and so my direction was meet with the chief
- 24 investigator; so -- and not that this shouldn't have
- 25 been aired in a public domain; however, I think it's



- 1 important to talk about this because we're talking
- 2 about a very serious crime. And so not as much of a
- 3 criticism as much as we want to make sure that
- 4 we're -- because we're bound by time. That's the
- 5 bottom line. And then when we talk about cases like
- 6 this where we have witnesses, those witnesses may be a
- 7 bit of a challenge.
- 8 So I'm asking, Chris, that when we have
- 9 these things, you need to directly go over to the
- 10 chief investigator, because we failed, too. It wasn't
- 11 just that -- this is not just an OCI. Our
- 12 disciplinary unit who sets these matters up for
- 13 hearing, if it had not been for the captain assigned
- 14 to the hearing, his thoroughness -- he looked -- he
- 15 said, "Wow, this is a crime." So that's what we're
- 16 dealing with.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, that's why
- 18 it's important that Ms. White weigh in on this,
- 19 because we as commissioners --- we sign off on these
- 20 cases, so that's a glaring reflection of -- when
- 21 you're talking about reading cases that we have to
- 22 review, making sure that this doesn't happen in the
- 23 future, that we have -- overall, we do a great job.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: This is the one time --
- COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir, but I want to



- 1 make sure this is only one time.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: Right.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Through the chairperson, if I
- 4 may add, when the office of the chief investigator
- 5 receives complaints, they immediately take a look at
- 6 those complaints for any alleged criminality, and that
- 7 is supposed to be immediately reported to internal
- 8 affairs. So that's one of the points. And then we
- 9 are working on developing some aftermeasure to review
- 10 those complaints at the board of police commissioners'
- 11 reviews, just for a protective measure to make sure
- 12 that they are reviewed thoroughly and that you have
- 13 all the information that you need.
- DR. MCCALISTER: I will follow up with
- 15 Director Graveline today.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: I apologize that you weren't
- 17 notified, 'cause my direction was clear. Get over
- 18 there quickly because we need to understand. And
- 19 'cause when we looked at it and when I was briefed,
- 20 clearly, the allegation is illegal entry.
- DR. MCCALISTER: Okay. We'll look into it.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner
- 23 Dewaelsche and Commissioner Holley.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Madam Chair, I
- 25 just want to clarify. So at this current time we do



- 1 not have anywhere on our report where we indicate that
- 2 cases have been referred to internal affairs?
- 3 DR. MCCALISTER: Yes, we do. If we see a
- 4 case, we will type it up, and we will contact
- 5 internal, and we'll put a name on there. Sometimes
- 6 internal affairs already has the case, and they'll
- 7 forward it back to us because they're already
- 8 investigating it, and we'll take that information and
- 9 put it into our report.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So on what page
- 11 will we find it in this report?
- 12 DR. MCCALISTER: It's not on there.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. That's
- 14 what I'm asking. Because I think that's what
- 15 Commissioner Bell is saying that we need to --
- DR. MCCALISTER: Okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I know that we've
- 18 requested this in the past as far as what happens with
- 19 the cases that get referred to internal affairs. Do
- 20 we get some feedback? 'Cause I know we've asked that.
- DR. MCCALISTER: Okay.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So I think it
- 23 would be important to have it on this report. Thank
- 24 you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Holley?



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I don't need to
- 2 belabor that, Madam Chairperson.
- But, Doctor, you know, the board had to
- 4 cover you, so you need to make sure the board has this
- 5 information so we can cover you. So if you're sending
- 6 something over to internal affairs, and without our
- 7 knowledge, we'd have no covering.
- 8 Am I right, Madam Chairperson?
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: That's true.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And the second thing
- 11 of it is are we talking about --
- 12 Commissioner Bell, are we talking about we
- 13 get a file, and we read it, and then --
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: See, my concern is,
- 16 you know -- I'm just a country preacher, and so I --
- 17 my concern is that some of these things, like the -- a
- 18 file. We're not lawyers, and somewhere down the line,
- 19 I think, there ought to be a red flag, that the chief
- 20 is seeing how serious this is. There ought to be a
- 21 red flag from your office to make sure that the
- 22 chairman and the lawyer sort of handle this for us and
- 23 then fill us in on this. Okay?
- DR. MCCALISTER: Okay. We can do that.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Do you understand?



- 1 Because if we miss something like that -- because
- 2 we're just simple citizens. And I don't mean to paint
- 3 a broad brush on everybody, but I know when I look at
- 4 these complaints that you used to give me -- or maybe
- 5 you don't give me any more 'cause I don't do good with
- 6 it or something. But I'm just saying to you I know
- 7 that I don't -- it's legal stuff. It's legal stuff,
- 8 and I just think that we ought to be honest with each
- 9 other and transparent that we are not -- we are just
- 10 average citizens in the -- I think we owe it to the
- 11 chief, we owe it to -- to the police department, and
- 12 we owe it to our colleagues here. And thank you for
- 13 the time that you've given me.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, just one
- 15 last thing I want to say. This did not happen on
- 16 Ms. White's watch. This thing was initiated again --
- 17 Chris, when was the complaint initiated?
- 18 MR. GRAVELINE: I believe it was June of
- 19 last year, June of 2019.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: So June. So we've got a few
- 21 months to move very quickly, although we might be able
- 22 to toll it because it was a criminal allegation. But
- 23 then I don't know offhand.
- Unless you know, Chris. For that type of
- 25 crime, what's the criminal statute?



- 1 MR. GRAVELINE: Well, the statute of
- 2 limitations for that would be six years, so we have
- 3 plenty of time under the criminal statute.
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. Great. Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair, one
- 7 last comment. Because I think Commissioner Holley
- 8 asked about your presence at the evening community
- 9 meetings. I was not aware, and I'm glad to know that.
- 10 I'm thinking some kind of -- now, is there an
- 11 announcement made that you are there? 'Cause I'm
- 12 really not aware of your presence at the meetings, and
- 13 I know you're there.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: She comes to
- 15 every meeting.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: She's there but. . .
- DR. MCCALISTER: We just started the table
- 18 process.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. All right.
- 20 Yeah, I know you're there.
- DR. MCCALISTER: I announced it today;
- 22 however, we can make sure that it's in the packet
- 23 so --
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes.
- DR. MCCALISTER: -- that it can be read off



- 1 that we're there. And that's the reason why we kind
- 2 of started it.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: That's a real unique
- 4 hands-on to allow citizens to be at those meetings and
- 5 be able to make their complaints. Thank you for that.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, just on
- 7 that. And I am under the impression that's it's
- 8 always been announced. In fact, at every meeting
- 9 there's always someone from internal affairs at both
- 10 the community meeting as well as these meetings, and
- 11 so when issues come up -- I noticed a couple citizens
- 12 came in and wanted to talk about complaints. Because
- 13 they didn't get their card in on time --
- I would urge you to meet with Director
- 15 Graveline in the back. I think you had something
- 16 concerning a misconduct, the gentleman here with the
- 17 hat. And then certainly if it fits the criteria of
- 18 OCI, then her shop can handle it. Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 20 All right. We're going to move on to the
- 21 body-worn cameras audit and the Taser audit -- I mean
- 22 the body-worn camera and Taser audit.
- 23 CAPTAIN SERTA: Good afternoon. I'm
- 24 Captain John Serta from civil rights division.
- 25 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.



- 1 CAPTAIN SERTA: Honorable commissioners,
- 2 Chief Craig, my colleagues, and fellow citizens, I
- 3 just want to say I appreciate the opportunity to bring
- 4 you information from my unit. The civil rights
- 5 division of the Detroit Police Department is a unit
- 6 that is under support services, so we report to Chief
- 7 Craig through Assistant Chief James E. White and
- 8 Commander Mark Bliss.
- 9 We are responsible for conducting audits
- 10 and inspections to evaluate compliance with department
- 11 policy; local, state, and federal law; to maximize
- 12 citizen and officer safety; and mitigate liability to
- 13 citizens -- to the City of Detroit -- sorry -- the
- 14 City of Detroit. This is accomplished by collecting
- 15 statistical data and conducting comparative analysis.
- 16 The civil rights division also confirms corrective
- 17 action in response to identified deficiencies. We
- 18 conduct training and make recommendations to improve
- 19 operations, streamline processes, and ensure
- 20 constitutional policing.
- 21 At this time I would like to introduce our
- 22 very dynamic staff, which consists of civilian
- 23 auditors, police assistants, police officers, and
- 24 supervisors. Our administrative specialist, Tiffany
- 25 Byrd -- some of them are here; some are not --



- 1 Tiffany, I think I saw -- our audit and inspection
- 2 team led by Lieutenant Richard Firsdon; Sergeant
- 3 Devonna Johnson; performance-compliance manager, Angie
- 4 Harvey; senior performance and compliance analyst,
- 5 Beatrice Barnes; senior performance and compliance
- 6 analyst, Angela Brown, who was just promoted to that
- 7 position; and performance and compliance analyst, Gina
- 8 Johnson.
- 9 And then we have our body-worn camera team
- 10 led by Lieutenant Sherell Stanley, Sergeant Tara
- 11 Campbell, Police Officer Lee Brown, Police Officer
- 12 Marlene Ferguson, Police Officer Patty Graves, Police
- 13 Assistant Robert Jenkins, and Police Assistant Norman
- 14 Raymond. And with that, I would like to turn over the
- 15 presentation regarding the body-worn camera and
- 16 conducted energy weapon report to Lieutenant Richard
- 17 Firsdon.
- 18 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Good afternoon.
- 19 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- 20 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: I am Lieutenant
- 21 Richard Firsdon from the civil rights division. I
- 22 will be conducting the presentation for the body-worn
- 23 camera and conducted energy weapons audit. So the
- 24 first slide is the timeline for the deployment for the
- 25 body-worn cameras, which started in September 26th of



- 1 2016, with the pilot program at the 4th and 7th
- 2 Precincts. And the rollout is indicated here, and
- 3 it's continually rolling out. And as of
- 4 December 20, 2018, we did include the training for the
- 5 Detroit Police Reserves.
- 6 This is -- also, there was a question posed
- 7 by the board. "Are all members equipped with
- 8 body-worn cameras?" and the answer to that question is
- 9 that if members are assigned to commands where they
- 10 have citizen contact and perform some daily duties,
- 11 they do have access to body-worn cameras, and that
- 12 does include the detectives, and that includes the
- 13 task force units, major crimes units, and organized
- 14 crime units. We do have that ability for those
- 15 members to have body cameras if needed.
- There was a Teletype recently issued as of
- 17 October 16, 2019, that delineated that, the
- 18 requirements for the detectives and the specialized
- 19 units, and it specifically mentioned the requirement
- 20 for the detectives to utilize them while conducting
- 21 search warrants and arrests.
- In 2018, the body-worn camera audit team
- 23 reviewed 20,924 events in WatchGuard with a 94 percent
- 24 compliance rate. In 2019, the body-worn cam audit
- team reviewed 13,892 events, with a 97 percent



- 1 compliance rating. And for 2018, again, with the
- 2 body-worn camera audit team, there were 48 random
- 3 dates selected and reviewed, and that was -- resulted
- 4 in 102 corrective action notices that were sent to
- 5 various commands due to events not being captured. So
- 6 that corrective action notice is a notice to a command
- 7 that requires a response. The notice requires a
- 8 response of a plan to address that deficiency. And in
- 9 2019, there were 60 random dates selected by the
- 10 body-worn camera audit team, which resulted in 69
- 11 corrective action notices being sent to various
- 12 commands due to events not being captured.
- And now going into the conducted energy
- 14 weapon, and it's commonly referred to as a Taser,
- 15 which is a device that uses propelled wires for direct
- 16 contact to conduct energy to affect the sensory and
- 17 motor functions of the nervous system. CEWs are a
- 18 less than lethal device used to gain control of
- 19 actively aggressive subjects or those who pose a risk
- 20 to themselves or others, and the department began
- 21 training the CEWs in May of 2018, and we are
- 22 continually training. This is being trained in the
- 23 academy to all new recruits. And as of January 16th
- of 2020, there were 2,150 members that are trained in
- 25 the use of CEW policies, which is 81.4 percent of the



- 1 department.
- 2 So for 2019 -- and going into the tracking
- 3 of -- what we do is we receive a form regarding
- 4 deployments and discharge, and the first category is a
- 5 CEW deployment incident, an acquired target, which was
- 6 priorly referred to as a beneficial use, which means
- 7 that there was a warning given, an acquired target
- 8 without an actual discharge of firing the prongs at
- 9 somebody, and to gain compliance or a warning or an
- 10 ARK given to gain compliance.
- So there were, in 2019, 142 CEW deployment
- 12 incidents and 296 acquired target incidents that were
- 13 documented, and there were 196 discharges. And I
- 14 would also like to state this: In the prior
- 15 presentation, there was a statement made that the
- 16 civil rights division will be encouraging members to
- 17 maintain compliance with their body-worn cameras. I
- 18 ensure you that will be -- from us -- will be that
- 19 it's mandated. That will be given to the -- any
- 20 trainees that we have. That is a mandate through the
- 21 department.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, as he
- 23 closes out, I want to add something. I just want to
- 24 make a comment that that team -- this audit team has
- 25 done a phenomenal job, as you know, with the big



- 1 environmental audit. They played a key role in that.
- 2 I have launched a confidential investigation -- which
- 3 I won't go into details here -- involving body-worn
- 4 cameras. It's a very robust audit. This team has
- 5 been charged with that, so I just want to acknowledge
- 6 them publicly for just doing a phenomenal job. Thank
- 7 you.
- 8 (Applause.)
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 10 Commissioners, do you have any questions?
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Davis?
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question: Do
- 14 everyone -- all the officers that's doing secondary
- 15 employment, do they have a unit weapon?
- 16 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Yeah. So if you look
- 17 at the deployment chart, there is secondary
- 18 employment, which was equipped in the timeline of
- 19 May 1st of 2018.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So all the officers
- 21 would have one if they're doing secondary employment?
- 22 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Yes, sir. There are
- 23 provisions for them to obtain them from secondary
- 24 employment or the command.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also, on the random



- 1 dates, how many random dates? Is there a set number
- 2 for the year or quarter or what?
- 3 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: So what we try to do
- 4 is do at least -- well, I can say, we do at least two
- 5 a month, try to get three, and anything else that is
- 6 requested of us. So there may be a request for a
- 7 special (inaudible).
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is that
- 9 (indiscernible) systemwide or per precinct.
- 10 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Okay. When that
- 11 request goes out, it goes out to all. There's 21
- 12 commands that are equipped with body-worn cameras,
- 13 and, like, some of these -- if you look at Metro
- 14 Division, that's multiple commands. Major violators,
- 15 that's multiple commands. We have 21 commands, so
- 16 when that notice goes out, it goes to all 21 of those
- 17 commands. What they do is they forward all their
- 18 activity logs, every single one of them, to civil
- 19 rights, and that's what we use to conduct our audit in
- 20 every single one of those instances (inaudible).
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner
- 23 Dewaelsche?
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes. If you
- 25 could just clarify for me. When you say that --



- 1 page 2 -- yeah -- that 94 percent are in compliance of
- 2 the 20,924 events, does that -- what is noncompliance?
- 3 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Noncompliance would be
- 4 something outside of -- if a member indicates they had
- 5 citizen contact, we're looking for an entry on their
- 6 activity log justifying that citizen contact that's
- 7 matching. So if they don't -- noncompliance would be
- 8 if that is not indicated or if there's something
- 9 that's -- the vice versa. So you could have something
- 10 where we watch it, and it's not indicated, or it's
- 11 indicated not on the sheet.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So it would be --
- I'm sorry, Madam Chair.
- 14 So it would be like their camera was off,
- 15 or they didn't record it, or they didn't --
- 16 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Yes, yes, yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. All right.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions,
- 20 commissioners?
- 21 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: It also could be that
- 22 it was captured, and it's not notated on the member's
- 23 activity log.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Bell?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just wanted to --
- 2 maybe I missed something. I just want to get clarity
- 3 on when a citizen files a complaint and the body
- 4 camera indicates it truly did not happen -- and I
- 5 think the chief is indicating that -- and I'm
- 6 supportive of that. That's a big issue when it come
- 7 up in the lieutenant-sergeant class in reference to --
- 8 we can't respond to OCI, but you -- could you give us
- 9 clarity on that issue, how the department should
- 10 respond? And we just really try to share it with the
- 11 community at some point in time, that if you're making
- 12 these false reports -- and it's quite obvious. The
- 13 body camera confirmed it did not happen.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, that's
- 15 correct. And so what I'm going to ask is that
- 16 internal affairs, under Director Chris Graveline,
- 17 coordinate with OCI so when a determination's been
- 18 made, then we can, if it meets the criminal statute,
- 19 pursue charging. We have done it. In fact, we've
- 20 done it successfully, I think.
- 21 How many -- is Grant Ha still here?
- MR. HA: Right here, sir.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: How many --
- MR. HA: One that I'm aware of, sir.
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: What, that's the one with the



- 1 alleged CSE?
- 2 MR. HA: Yes, sir.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: So we can pursue it, and it
- 4 may not rise to the level, but the message should be
- 5 we take all complaints, but if you lie, then the
- 6 potential is for you to get charged.
- 7 But the last thing I'm -- to Commissioner
- 8 Davis.
- 9 Some weeks ago you brought up -- following
- 10 a Major City Chiefs meeting I attended concerning a
- 11 national issue affecting all major city police
- 12 departments relative to officers working in task force
- 13 assignments wearing body-worn cameras. In Atlanta, as
- 14 you know, that chief made the decision to pull her
- 15 officers out of federal task force. I made the
- 16 decision that we would continue to wear the cameras
- 17 all while coming up with an agreement. We have just
- 18 finished that agreement. I know that Attorney Grant
- 19 Ha has been meeting with the Feds on this issue, so we
- 20 came up with an agreement.
- The officers are wearing body-worn cameras,
- 22 but it's under our criteria. One of the sticker
- 23 points that was at issue is the Federal Government
- 24 felt that body-worn cameras could not be released by
- 25 this agency, and my position was that it could be



- 1 released because even though they claim federal
- 2 jurisdiction or federal property, it's our officers
- 3 working in this tasks force. So we did come to a
- 4 great agreement, and we're moving forward, and, again,
- 5 all our officers on task force assignments are wearing
- 6 body-worn cameras.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Chief.
- 8 Any...
- 9 MS. WHITE: Through the chairperson, just
- 10 for one point of clarity. With regards to filing a
- 11 false report, it has to be a felony report in order to
- 12 be charged with respect to, you know, filing a false
- 13 felony report. So filing a false report with respect
- 14 to the citizen complaints does not rise to the level
- 15 of being criminally charged.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I had a couple
- 20 questions. What is the consequences for our officer
- 21 that don't -- that is not wearing a body-worn camera
- 22 or decides to turn off their camera? In addition
- 23 to -- when it comes to Tasers, what happens? What is
- 24 the consequences when an officer tased somebody and
- 25 they're wearing a pacemaker or a defibrillator?



- 1 MR. GRAVELINE: (Inaudible.)
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Could you come to
- 3 the mic?
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Come to the mic.
- 5 MR. GRAVELINE: Through the chair.
- 6 Commissioner, in terms of if an officer
- 7 doesn't have his body-worn camera on, generally
- 8 speaking, the first offense would be a written
- 9 reprimand, but then we track it as well. If it's a
- 10 second offense, that can go up to a five-day
- 11 suspension. The next one would be up to eight-day
- 12 suspension. So it all depends on the officer's
- 13 history with body-worn camera and, also, that -- in
- 14 terms of that officer's discipline history in totality
- 15 as well; so -- but the first time -- first time you
- 16 don't have the body-worn camera on, it's going to be
- 17 essentially a written reprimand, unless it's connected
- 18 with -- it's clear that you turned it off because of
- 19 some other misconduct that you were trying to hide,
- 20 and then that'll be an additional charge as well.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. Thank
- 22 you, sir.
- 23 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Through the chair,
- 24 please.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Sure.



- 1 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: To address the second
- 2 question, there are provisions in the Taser policy
- 3 which deal with special populations, so if a member
- 4 was to tase somebody that was known to have a
- 5 pacemaker, that would be a serious allegation. That's
- 6 a -- in that policy, if you're aware of somebody
- 7 that's a member of that special population, the Taser
- 8 should not be used or shall not be used or -- so if it
- 9 was not known, it would be investigated as the
- 10 category of use of force it would fall under. It's
- 11 the Category 2 or the Category 1, depending on the
- 12 results of the Taser.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, sir.
- 14 All right. At this time if there no other
- 15 questions, we're going to move to the interim board
- 16 secretary report.
- 17 MS. WHITE: Thank you, Madam Chairperson.
- 18 Honorable board, if you would refer to your
- 19 agenda, and the incoming correspondence is listed as
- 20 follows: The board of police commissioners received a
- 21 request for change of duty status to administrative
- 22 leave without pay but with medical benefits for Police
- 23 Officer DeShawn Lott, Badge 4913, assigned to the
- 24 8th Precinct. And we have submitted an official
- 25 notification to the DPOA requesting the member's



- 1 preference for a closed hearing and also listing the
- 2 proposed dates for the hearing before the board, which
- 3 is Thursday, February 6, 2020.
- 4 The next correspondence that the board
- 5 received was from Mr. Rod Mott, who is the campaign
- 6 outreach coordinator for the American Civil Liberties
- 7 Union of Michigan, requesting proposed policy changes
- 8 on facial recognition. At this time there are no
- 9 proposed policy changes on facial recognition, but
- 10 that was Mr. Mott's request.
- 11 The next announcement is relating to the
- 12 Detroit City Council's legislative policy division,
- which will be hosting a citywide community stakeholder
- 14 meeting regarding proposed changes to the Community
- 15 Benefits Ordinance. The meeting is to take place this
- 16 evening at 6:00 p.m., at the IBEW, located at 1358
- 17 Abbott Street, Detroit Michigan. Please see
- 18 Commissioner Holt for additional information.
- 19 And the next item is relating to the mobile
- 20 communications devices, which was transmitted by the
- 21 DPD on this past Tuesday, Manual Directive 301.5. It
- is a new proposed policy, mobile communication
- 23 devices, and it will be posted on the board's website,
- 24 and a request has been submitted for the posting on
- 25 the department's website as well.



- 1 And then the two last updates, the one is
- 2 with regards to the Detroit Police Department's weekly
- 3 report on facial recognition. The board discussed
- 4 that item earlier in terms of updates. That is being
- 5 made to that report, and once additional updates are
- 6 made, that report will be provided to the public for
- 7 their information as well. After speaking with DC
- 8 Bettison earlier this morning, I did get that final
- 9 update. And then the last item of correspondence is
- 10 from a Detroit resident who is complaining of alleged
- 11 harassment by a member of the Detroit Police
- 12 Department. And that concludes my correspondence at
- 13 this time.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 15 Any questions for Ms. White?
- 16 All right. We'll move on to unfinished
- 17 business. We have the DPD's policies through
- 18 resources and polygraph examination, and these
- 19 policies are up for final approval by the board, and
- 20 you have received copies. You received copies last
- 21 week in your packet as well as you have a copy of it
- 22 in your packet this week as well.
- MS. WHITE: Through the chair. Madam
- 24 Chairperson, if the honorable board could refer to
- 25 Section T, where all of the information is included in



- 1 that packet on those two policy directives. The first
- 2 policy directive is Human Resources, 101.6, and the
- 3 Detroit Police Department has recently transmitted an
- 4 updated copy of that policy directive, which includes
- 5 3 of the 12 recommendations made by the board of
- 6 police commissioners. Those three recommendations
- 7 that were accepted is with regards to consistencies
- 8 with the City of Detroit Charter in terms of the title
- 9 of the director of police personnel, who the direct
- 10 report is, and also requiring police personnel to
- 11 maintain complete and accurate personnel records. So
- 12 all of that information is included in your report.
- The remaining recommendations that were not
- included in that directive, the department has
- indicated that they are developing a separate and
- 16 distinct directive on police recruiting, which is what
- 17 those recommendations were in regards to. So at this
- 18 time, I would request for a motion to approve Human
- 19 Resources Manual Directive 101.6, with the board's
- 20 recommendations, and the additional recommendations to
- 21 be included in a separate directive on police
- 22 recruiting.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Motion to
- 24 approve.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I support it.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 2 supported that we adopt the Human Resources Manual
- 3 Directive 101.6. Is there any discussion? Those in
- 4 favor?
- 5 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 7 Motion carries.
- 8 MS. WHITE: And the last manual directive
- 9 is on polygraph examinations, Manual Directive 203.12.
- 10 The department transmitted an updated copy of that
- 11 polygraph examination directive, which includes all of
- 12 the board's 15 recommendations made. Those
- 13 recommendations are listed on page 3 and ending on
- 14 page 4. Some of those recommendations include
- 15 definitions for clarity, adding language assistance
- 16 for persons with health conditions, adding
- 17 recordkeeping guidelines, listing circumstances in
- 18 which polygraph examinations may be used, procedures
- 19 for conducting a polygraph examination, and there are
- 20 a list of others listed on page 4 to make sure that
- 21 the policy is comprehensive.
- 22 At this time, I would request a motion to
- 23 approve polygraph examinations, Manual Directive
- 24 203.12, which includes all of the board's
- 25 recommendations.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 4 supported that we adopt the DPD Polygraph Examination
- 5 Manual Directive 203.12. Is there any discussion?
- 6 Those in favor?
- 7 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 9 Motion carries. Thank you, commissioners.
- 10 At this time, we will have --
- 11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Are we still on
- 12 unfinished business?
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. We're moving
- 14 to --
- 15 Commissioner Bell?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I move
- 17 that we hire TJ staffing to conduct a search for a
- 18 board secretary as outlined in their proposal to the
- 19 board of police commissioners that we have received.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I can support that if
- 21 you could give us the information on --
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think discussion
- 23 would be if the motion's passed.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. I want to have
- 25 discussion before I vote on the motion.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: (Inaudible.) I just did. 2. COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh, I'm sorry. 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and 5 supported that we hire TJ Staffing to conduct a search 6 for board secretary. Is there any discussion? 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am. Madam Chair, TJ Staffing has a history in terms of 8 9 conducting national search. The most recent search that we are familiar with as far as the board -- I'm 10 not speaking that I was on the board at the time, but 11 12 that was for the chief of police position. 13 Craig was part of that process in conducting search. Also, we benefitted from the hiring of the 14 15 board legal person, Aliyah Sabree, who is now a judge, 16 in terms of -- I mean the legal person to the board at the time that we came on board in 2014. They have 17 extensive background. But the bottom line is this: 18 19 We want a national search, we want an impartial 20 search, and we want to get the best person since this 21 is the most critical position that we can engage in in reference to this particular position. So we want to 22 23 engage a firm who has a long history.
- They are engaging in searchs now for the
  City of Detroit and other entities; so, based on that,



- 1 I think it's worthwhile engaging a company since we
- 2 are -- as Commissioner Holley has indicated in the
- 3 past -- we are just laypeople. We have had issues in
- 4 the past in reference to conducting the whole process
- 5 of hiring personnel. This would take it out of the
- 6 mainstream. And, also, on a side note, I would
- 7 suggest that we do not engage them for the physical
- 8 person in terms of financial -- that we handle by HR
- 9 exclusive in terms of -- HR would handle that. We do
- 10 not engage them in this position. So that'll take out
- 11 the major budget issue that some people raised.
- 12 It would be just for that one position, for
- 13 board secretary, Commissioner Holley.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other discussion?
- 15 Commissioner Holt and then Commissioner
- 16 Davis.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Through the
- 18 chair, so do I understand your motion, Chairman --
- 19 Commissioner Bell, is that the search would only be to
- 20 investigate the board secretary?
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Not investigate.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No, not to
- 23 investigate.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Or to hire or -- to
- 25 explore hiring the board secretary?



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Correct.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: And the other position,
- 3 who would hand- -- how would that be handled?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: I would suggest that
- 5 the board engage HR, the City of Detroit, and
- 6 Dr. Anderson to engage in that search for that
- 7 position. But the most critical position is board
- 8 secretary, and I think it has a tremendous burden on
- 9 our -- I don't think it's necessary that -- to engage
- 10 for both positions, but a national search by a
- 11 reputable forum like this with past history of dealing
- 12 with this, I think, would take out all the issues that
- 13 we have engaged in the past. They would come, you
- 14 know -- bring it to the attention of the board, how
- 15 the process worked. And if it worked for the chief of
- 16 police, surely it should work for the board secretary
- 17 and the legal attorney. So I think that would take
- 18 out all the ifs and all the issues we have had in the
- 19 past trying to engage in the board process
- 20 (indiscernible). It would take all that out.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Davis.
- 22 I mean -- I'm sorry. Commissioner Holt,
- 23 are you finished?
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes.
- Thank you, Commissioner Bell.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So am I to understand
- 3 this is a cost in excess of \$30,000 for a national
- 4 search for that? I think that's excessive if that's
- 5 the case.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, that is a
- 7 standard fee in terms of conducting a national search
- 8 with a professional firm. When you look at some of
- 9 the searches that the City of Detroit has engaged in,
- 10 they have spent much more, numerous times, of
- 11 addressing a national search for an individual for
- 12 various positions. If you monitor -- to look at
- 13 that -- so this -- we have the money. I think when
- 14 you're talking about trying to do a national search on
- 15 a professional basis, you have to pay the fee that's
- 16 basically required, that you just can't shoestring it.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, we're
- 20 talking about taxpayers' dollars here. This is not
- 21 our money. This is taxpayer's dollars, and I think
- 22 taxpayers' dollars need to be utilized differently
- 23 than the way we're talking about doing it right here.
- 24 I think we need to table this. I think using
- 25 taxpayer's dollars frivolously, wasteful -- it's



- 1 not -- it's not the direction that we want to go into
- 2 as a board, you know.
- I think that the City of Detroit HR
- 4 Department is very capable of handling this matter,
- 5 especially when we're talking about a national search.
- 6 I mean, hey, I got competent -- I'm very confident
- 7 that the City of Detroit can handle it as far as the
- 8 HR department. We definitely need to table this
- 9 meeting for when we have a committee meeting of the
- 10 whole, where -- a meeting of the whole, all the
- 11 commissioners here, hopefully, at the next -- by the
- 12 next community meeting. But right now this is -- this
- is taxpayers' money, and it would not look good for
- 14 this body.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So the vote is -- I
- 16 mean the motion is to hire -- consider hiring TJ
- 17 Staffing solutions to do a search for the board
- 18 secretary for the board of police commissioners.
- 19 Those in favor?
- 20 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Opposed.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Opposed.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The motion carries.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, it doesn't, Madam



- 1 Chair. Who voted yes, and who voted no? Let's call
- 2 for a record roll call vote.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: You, Commissioner
- 4 Burton, and Commissioner Davis voted no, two of you.
- 5 That's all.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There was also two,
- 7 for the record, that seemed like voted for, and
- 8 then -- then it was complete silence with the other
- 9 commissioners.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The motion carries.
- 11 Next on the agenda is new business.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madam Chair -- Madam
- 13 Chair, no disrespect, but if you want a fair, you
- 14 know -- fair process when it comes to -- when we take
- 15 these votes and take up these important matters, I
- 16 think it, you know -- I think we owe it to the
- 17 citizens to have a record roll call vote so there will
- 18 not be any confusion.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Under announcements,
- 20 our next meeting will be Thursday, February 6, 2020,
- 21 at 3:00 p.m., at the Detroit Public Safety
- 22 Headquarters located at 1301 Third Street. Our next
- 23 community meeting will be Thursday, February 13, at
- 24 6:30 p.m., in the 9th Precinct, at the Heilmann
- 25 recreation center located at 19601 Crusade Street.



- 1 At this time we will have oral
- 2 communications from the audience. Please give your
- 3 name for the record, and limit your comments to two
- 4 minutes, please.
- 5 Mr. Brown.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, I currently have
- 7 four cards. Your first speaker will be Mr. Eric
- 8 Blount, followed by Ms. Yolanda Greer, followed by
- 9 Ms. Deborah Martin, followed by Ms. Michelle George.
- 10 MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board and
- 11 assistant chief.
- 12 For the record, my name's Eric Blount, a
- 13 lifelong Detroiter. I have two major issues. One, we
- 14 need answers on who initiated the promotion of Dwayne
- 15 Jones. And can you supply any details on his court
- 16 date this Tuesday? The other issue I have is that
- 17 this body-worn camera presentation that the civil
- 18 rights division presented for you today rings hollow
- 19 when you put it up against what happened in Corporal
- 20 Jones's case.
- It's not hard to believe that we may have
- 22 never known about this beatdown at the hospital had
- 23 not a bystander actually recorded it. Last week,
- 24 Assistant Chief Bettison stated that the body-worn
- 25 camera from Corporal Jones was known and available the



- 1 same day, but yet it took a year for Chief Craig to
- 2 know about this second video. What's really going on?
- 3 Was there anyone fired or disciplined for not
- 4 supplying that second video to Chief Craig? And I
- 5 have to question his judgment. If he came to this
- 6 board recommending suspension without pay and he never
- 7 looked at the body-worn camera of that officer first,
- 8 something just isn't right.
- 9 And I guess that's it. So who initiated
- 10 the promotion of Chief Craig, and what's going on with
- 11 the body-worn cameras? How soon is that footage
- 12 available, and who dropped the ball for Corporal Jones
- 13 and who knows however many? Can I get an answer on
- 14 promotion, my two questions?
- 15 DC BETTISON: Through the chair, at this
- 16 point I would like Director Chris Graveline to come to
- 17 the mic to give an update.
- 18 MR. GRAVELINE: Through the chair, in terms
- 19 of the question about Dwayne Jones's motion in court,
- 20 he has a defense counsel, and defense counsel filed
- 21 motions, and it's -- basically, the defense counsel
- 22 filed the motion to essentially overturn the jury
- 23 verdict, and that's a regular motion that can be done
- 24 in court. So that's not something from DPD. That's
- 25 something from his defense counsel.



- 1 DC BETTISON: And then also in regards --
- 2 through the chair, we have a professional standards
- 3 and accountability section. They were charged with
- 4 doing the investigation. They had the -- the body
- 5 camera video, always had the video, and they were the
- ones that made recommendations to the chief. The
- 7 chief has been on the record and has said that he
- 8 didn't initially view the whole video. He doesn't
- 9 conduct the investigation. That's why he has a
- 10 professional standards and accountability section. So
- 11 he's been completely transparent. And in regards to a
- 12 promotion, it was ruled by an arbitrator, and the
- 13 arbitrator ruled that he would be promoted. That's
- 14 it.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you,
- 16 Mr. Blount.
- 17 MR. BLOUNT: So the arbitrator initiated
- 18 the promotion?
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you,
- 20 Mr. Blount.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Greer.
- 22 MS. GREER: Good afternoon to the
- 23 commissioners, the City of Detroit.
- 24 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- MS. GREER: Again, we're here fighting for



- 1 Detroit. It just really grieves my spirit. First of
- 2 all, I want to know when our chief of police will be
- 3 able to sit in our meetings again to hear from the
- 4 residents of the city of Detroit. For the last
- 5 several meetings I've been here, he's been hauled out,
- 6 so I would like him in the room.
- 7 So can you please, Assistant Chief, find
- 8 that out, when he'll have time to stay for the
- 9 duration to hear the comments? Or can public comments
- 10 be moved up, and then when he leaves during your
- 11 meetings, then that will be it?
- 12 Greenfield, in the city of Detroit -- just
- 13 multiple killings all night, all day. Who is working
- 14 in that area? We have multimillion-dollar
- 15 African-American churches over there. Reverend
- 16 Thomson's gone to Glory, but they were stealing then.
- 17 They were robbing then. There was dope in that area
- 18 then. We have Reverend Wendell Anthony of Fellowship
- 19 Chapel. These are multimillion-dollar churches that
- 20 African-Americans -- and there's been other ethnic
- 21 groups that have poured into those churches, and we've
- 22 helped that community. Okay? But all of a sudden
- 23 now, there's bodies.
- 24 Just like -- Reverend Holley, I believe you
- 25 were talking about the case -- Greenfield and Fenkell.



- 1 I mean, we can't even go to the gas station across the
- 2 street from where we live to get a bottle of milk or
- 3 some pop without getting blown away. Who is actually
- 4 working in those areas? I would like a follow-up and
- 5 a report from the chief. I would like these police
- 6 officers -- we talked about body cams. Turn them on.
- 7 Turn them off. I don't know when they're on and when
- 8 they're off, but we need policing in Northwest
- 9 Detroit. We have Rosedale Park over there. Okay?
- 10 There's been break-ins all in that vicinity over
- 11 there, as Commissioner Holt has stated.
- 12 These are half-a-million-dollar mini
- 13 mansions, I call them. Okay? But we can't get any
- 14 police protection. They're not up and down the roads,
- 'cause I go up and down those roads. Okay? I see
- 16 people over there urinating in alleys in front of
- 17 children getting out of schools. I can see. What are
- 18 these police officers seeing when the residents are
- 19 seeing what they see?
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 21 Your time is up. Thank you.
- MS. GREER: We need police in Northwest
- 23 Detroit effective immediately.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Martin.
- MS. MARTIN: Yes. Good afternoon,



- 1 everyone.
- THE BOARD: Good afternoon.
- 3 MS. MARTIN: My name is Deborah Martin.
- 4 This is my sixth time being down here. I'm 72 years
- 5 old. I was born, raised, and educated in the city of
- 6 Detroit all my life. I started my working career at
- 7 1300 Beaubien. I have an issue with the 9th Precinct
- 8 and the people that are there assigned to speak to me
- 9 after this meeting. I never get no cooperation from
- 10 none of them. The only one that has ever helped me
- 11 was Sergeant Hall. (Inaudible) come to help me. But
- 12 other than that, none whatsoever. All I'm asking that
- 13 y'all please (indiscernible) do something. The
- 14 officers at the 9th Precinct, whoever's instrumenting
- 15 this, whoever's starting this, these things that are
- 16 being done to me -- that's all.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Deputy Chief
- 18 Bettison.
- 19 DC BETTISON: Through the chair, I know
- 20 Sergeant Hall. He works directly for me.
- 21 But Deputy Chief Elaine Bryant will assist
- 22 you.
- COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm sorry. What's
- 24 her name again?
- MR. BROWN: It's Deborah Martin.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Martin?
- 2 MR. BROWN: Martin, yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'd like to hear back
- 4 from the department next week what we're doing to
- 5 assist Ms. Martin with her concerns.
- 6 DC BETTISON: And Sergeant Hall did also
- 7 brief me regarding some of her concerns, and I know
- 8 that a warrant request has been issued, and he
- 9 actually helped with the officers to get a statement
- 10 and get that conducted. So that's going over to the
- 11 prosecutor's office on one of her cases.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 13 DC BETTISON: And then I did want to
- 14 comment also on the previous speaker talking about the
- 15 crime over on Greenfield and just general statements
- of crime in general. We police and deploy based on
- 17 hot spots, and that's what we do. We (indiscernible)
- 18 to technology, and one of the things, you know, that
- 19 we're thankful for -- the board approval as well and
- 20 also city council -- is (indiscernible) traffic
- 21 mounted cameras. That will definitely assist.
- 22 And we do have plans to deploy cameras
- 23 along traffic lights all along Greenfield and along
- 24 other targeted spots where we have high crime. So
- 25 it'll be east, west, southwest, but it's based off of



- 1 historic hot spots. So we're working -- our men and
- 2 women are working as hard as they possibly can, but we
- 3 also have to (indiscernible) leverage technology, and
- 4 that's what we're doing.
- 5 MR. BROWN: Ms. Michelle George.
- And, Madam Chair, that will be your last
- 7 speaker.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 9 MS. GEORGE: Good evening, Chair Carter,
- 10 the honorable board and, Deputy Bettison. I wanted to
- 11 also make a response, but Chief Craig is not here, so
- 12 hopefully I'll get that meeting with Deputy Chief
- 13 Bettison. But I wanted to also comment on -- I would
- 14 like to know the statistics with the black market with
- 15 the marijuana because Chief Craig was on TV talking
- 16 about the increase in homicides. That will helps us
- 17 as the citizens to pressure the city council with
- 18 Councilman James Tate with that moratorium on
- 19 marijuana dispensaries.
- When you have a city with violent crime and
- 21 poverty and barriers, you don't put dispensaries in
- 22 the city. I don't care if you legalize marijuana or
- 23 not, but we as citizens have to pressure our
- 24 legislators, the 2020 presidential candidates that we
- 25 will all see in New York this year. Certain things



- 1 that -- you can't just legalize everything.
- 2 Also, I would like to make a comment about
- 3 your -- the budget last week. Is the public privy to
- 4 the budget that you all have?
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Online.
- 6 MS. GEORGE: So I can get a copy? Okay.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The presentation, I
- 8 know, is online.
- 9 MS. GEORGE: Maybe I mean the resolution,
- 10 because there was something in there about the FRC,
- 11 which is the Financial Review Commission, that the
- 12 state still has an oversight over the City. We have a
- 13 treasurer in the state of Michigan. I make comments
- 14 most of the time. The civil right activists, we make
- 15 comments once a month. I was mentioning to them about
- 16 the FRC with the resolution, and one of them mentioned
- 17 to me about politics. So it's very important that --
- 18 we need to know about the budget. We're trying to get
- 19 more police. There is a stress with police. I do see
- 20 more police cars downtown. The police are working
- 21 hard, but there's something wrong with the
- 22 negotiations, just like you mentioned, the arbitrator.
- 23 I did call Mr. Mark Miller. It is the arbitration
- 24 dealing with Corporal Jones, and that's who we have to
- 25 get with, that arbitrator. 'Cause when you have to



- 1 wickedness over the city -- I do believe what the
- 2 Bible says. Because of the increase in wickedness,
- 3 you're going to have issues. But that -- hopefully,
- 4 I'll get that meeting with Chief Craig very soon.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I just
- 8 want to speak to the issue about the budget.
- 9 Council president has been echoing for the
- 10 last month on social media and all networking, all
- 11 budgets are on the website, City of Detroit, including
- 12 ours. As you well know, the final authority is the
- 13 council in reference to the budget, so you can look at
- 14 everybody's budget.
- MS. GEORGE: Okay.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: She's been soliciting
- 17 people's input and concerns. So DPD is the biggest
- 18 budget. Our budget is there. All that is going to be
- 19 public hearing, but you can look prior to. I want to
- 20 make sure the citizens of Detroit tune in to what
- 21 she's trying to convey. There's nothing secret about
- 22 the City budget.
- MS. GEORGE: So that resolution that you
- 24 read last week will be there?
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Our resolution you



- 1 can find under our notes and our minutes.
- 2 MS. GEORGE: I just remember reading the
- 3 FRC. That's very critical. We need to -- 'cause
- 4 we're gonna get them to deal with this financial
- 5 (inaudible).
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: All right. Thank
- 7 you, ma'am.
- If there's no other business,
- 9 commissioners, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Motion to
- 11 adjourn.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It has been moved and
- 14 supported that we adjourn. Is there any discussion?
- 15 All those in favor?
- 16 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 18 Motion carries. Thank you all for coming out this
- 19 afternoon.
- 20 (The meeting was concluded at 4:57 p.m.)
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2	STATE OF MICHIGAN )
3	) SS
4	COUNTY OF OAKLAND )
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6	I, Susanne Ellen Gorman, a Notary Public in
7	and for the above county and state, do hereby certify
8	that the above meeting was taken before me at the time
9	and place hereinbefore set forth; that the witness was
LO	by me first duly sworn to testify to the truth, and
11	nothing but the truth; that the foregoing questions
12	asked and answers made by the witness were duly
13	recorded by me stenographically and reduced to
L4	computer transcription; that this is a true, full, and
15	correct transcript of my stenographic notes so taken;
16	and that I am not related to, nor of counsel to either
L7	party, nor interested in the event of this cause.
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22	Notary Public,
23	Oakland County, Michigan.
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