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Board of Police Commissioners proposes major policy, training changes To help end use of force, police brutality

The Board of Police Commissioners proposed several changes to Detroit Police Department training and use of force policies at its Thursday, June 11, 2020 meeting.

The 16 new revisions, which are open to review by DPD and the public, include proposals to:

- Ban neck holds, also called chokeholds.
- Require a de-escalation continuum and a minimal reliance on force
- Establish measures for reporting when an officer threatens to use force
- Create a duty for officers to intervene or intercede and report when others use excessive force
- Prohibit retaliation when officers report misconduct or cooperate with investigations
- Require monitoring and evaluation of use of force, along with data collection and analysis.
- Add reporting requirement by DPD to the BOPC and other state or federal oversight agencies

The revisions also cover training, including scenario-based training. To view all the proposed revisions to the use of force policy directive, go to www.detroitmi.gov/bopc and select the link for policy directives. The public can email comments or suggestions to bopc@detroitmi.gov.

Created by the 1974 City Charter, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners has supervisory authority and oversight over the Police Department. Under the 2012 Charter, the Board is comprised of 11 civilian members; Detroiters elect seven members by district and the mayor appoints and the city council confirms four at-large members. All board members serve as unpaid volunteers.

The current members are Willie E. Bell, Elizabeth Brooks, Darryl D. Brown, Shirley A. Burch, Willie E. Burton, Lisa Carter, William M. Davis, Evette Griffie, Jesus Hernandez, Jim Holley, and Annie Holt.

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meets every Thursday. Due to the public health crisis, the Board holds all meetings at 3 p.m. on a virtual platform and reminds the public to file complaints through the online form or by calling 313-596-2499.

For the Board meeting schedule, video, minutes, and other information, visit the website at detroitmi.gov/bopc. The public also can get news and updates by signing up to subscribe to BOPC news at the website.