## Regular Meeting 10/01/2020

1	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
2	REGULAR MEETING
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4	Thursday, October 1, 2020 3:00 p.m.
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6	CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY, VIA ZOOM
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8	COMMISSIONERS:
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10	WILLIE E. BELL, Chairperson (Dist. 4)
11	ANNIE HOLT, Vice Chairperson (At-Large)
12	DARRYL. D BROWN, Commissioner (Dist. 1)
13	WILLIE E. BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)
14	WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)
15	JESUS HERNANDEZ, Commissioner (At-Large)
16	SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 6)
17	EVETTE GRIFFIE, Commissioner (Dist. 2)
18	MARTIN JONES, Commissioner (At-Large)
19	LISA CARTER, Commissioner (Dist. 6)
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21	MELANIE WHITE, Secretary to the Board
22	ROBERT BROWN, Board Staff
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24	REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
25	ASSISTANT CHIEF BETTISON



- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 October 1, 2020
- 3 At or about 3:00 p.m.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm going to call
- 5 the meeting to order. And invocation by I didn't
- 6 get the name of the chaplain.
- 7 MS. WHITE: Commander Chaplain Darren
- 8 Penson.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 10 Chaplain.
- 11 MS. WHITE: And staff is locating
- 12 Commander Chaplain Pinson. Chairperson Bell, we
- 13 are experiencing technical difficulty with
- 14 Chaplain Penson.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms.
- 16 White. Let us pray.
- 17 (Invocation given)
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Great job, Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do we have a quorum
- 20 yet.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'll started out
- 23 with District 1.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Brown. I'm here.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2?



- 1 District 3.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
- 3 Commissioner Shirley Burch. District 3. Love
- 4 Where you Live.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District
- 6 4, Commissioner Bell. Yes. Thank you. District
- 7 5. District 6.
- 8 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter was on
- 9 the line.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. I'll come
- 11 back. District 7?
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon,
- 13 everyone. Police Commissioner William Davis of
- 14 the mighty District 7.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At-Large
- 16 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good
- 18 afternoon. Jesus Hernandez At-Large.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 20 Commissioner Jones.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon
- 22 honorable Board and honorable guests.
- 23 Commissioner Martin Jones At-Large.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 25 Commission Holley asked to be excused for this



- 1 meeting. I don't think he's on the call
- 2 Vice-Chair.
- 3 MS. WHITE: I see that her microphone
- 4 is un-muted. Madam Vice-Chair Holt?
- 5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Yes, please.
- 6 I'll say it again. Good afternoon everyone.
- 7 Annie Holt At-Large.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District
- 9 6. District 5. Ms. White.
- 10 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a
- 11 quorum.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. The
- 13 Chair would request approval of the this afternoon
- 14 meeting October 1st for the agenda.
- 15 COMMISSIONER: So moved.
- 16 COMMISSIONER: Second.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved
- 18 and supported. Discussion? Those in favor, yes.
- 19 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed.
- 21 Motion carry.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you
- 23 do have to call for a record roll call vote, still
- 24 part of the Governor's Executive Order. And, for
- 25 the record I was present for roll call. The Board



- 1 secretary never acknowledged me.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Never
- 4 acknowledged me and set my camera.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Approval of the
- 6 minutes for September 24th, 2020. The Chair would
- 7 entertain a motion.
- 8 COMMISSIONER: I move we accept the --
- 9 COMMISSIONER: And second.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We will do a roll
- 11 call. District 1.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 14 District 3.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No. Question.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Question.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I mean discussion.
- 18 That's what you do after, right? I'll wait.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 District 4, Bell, yes. District 5.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6?
- 23 District 7.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: A-Large Commissioner



- 1 Hernandez.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones?
- 4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Vice-Chair Holt.
- 6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: The motion failed.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Bell,
- 11 do I now speak about my question?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. I just
- 14 wanted it to be noted, and I didn't see it, unless
- 15 I overlooked it in the minutes from last week,
- 16 that I did say as Commissioner of 3rd District, I
- 17 did not have the opportunity to vote on one of the
- 18 recommendations. I just want to make sure that's
- 19 on record because I didn't see it.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair,
- 22 Honorable Commissioner Burch, and Honorable Board,
- 23 the Board receives the weekly transcribed or
- 24 transcription report that includes the verbatim
- 25 statements made during each weekly board meeting.



- 1 So that information was included in your Board
- 2 packet. The summary Board minutes includes the
- 3 actions and decisions, and the vote posed by
- 4 Commissioner Burch was included in the respective
- 5 motion that she requested it to be included in.
- 6 So the vote was accounted for, and the specific
- 7 verbatim statement made is included in the
- 8 transcribed report.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, excuse
- 10 me to Ms. White. How did you put my vote in if I
- 11 wasn't there to vote? Remember I said that my
- 12 phone completely went out? I was not a part of
- 13 the process. So how can you say my vote went in
- 14 when I didn't have the opportunity to say yea or
- 15 nay. I don't understand that one.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch,
- 17 your vote was not counted, but the record
- 18 indicated how you would have voted. The
- 19 circumstance of how we have to deal with
- 20 accountability. You voiced that concern, have
- 21 been duly noted. But officially your vote was not
- 22 counted because you were not present at that time.
- 23 Do we understand?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So you're saying
- 25 that my vote really wasn't a part of it, that's



- 1 what I'm saying.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That is correct.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to be
- 4 clear.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. If that's
- 7 the way you all do business.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That is standard
- 9 procedure. You have to be present to vote. And
- 10 unfortunate, I think that happened before, a week
- 11 before with Commissioner Jones, he had some
- 12 technical problems and thereafter, we just
- indicated that he would have voted yes on the
- 14 confirmation on one of the appointment positions.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order,
- 16 Mr. Chairman. You do not have the power or
- 17 authority to do that, to count a vote as a yes
- 18 vote when a person wasn't there to give their vote
- 19 only the record.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Duly noted,
- 21 Commissioner Burton. Yes, ma'am.
- MS. WHITE: I just want to indicate
- 23 through the Chair. That is an item that we can
- 24 seek legal clarity on. In the past when Honorable
- 25 commissioners have had technical difficulties, we



- 1 have indicated in the record that -- which, which
- 2 vote the commissioner requested to be acknowledged
- 3 for. So we will seek legal clarity on that item
- 4 and bring it back to the Honorable Board.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I disagree.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms.
- 7 White.
- 8 COMMISSIONER. Mr. Chairman?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 10 COMMISSIONER: Just a quick note on
- 11 that. From what I understand the rule is that if
- 12 they do not vote, it is if they're just only there
- is a quorum and it can't be counted as a yes or a
- 14 no vote. That's different from the abstentions.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That is correct.
- 16 But we will get clarity. My understanding
- 17 primarily you have to be present to vote. And
- 18 even though you have technical problems but you're
- 19 not officially part of that voting, but the record
- 20 indicate that you're having technical difficulty.
- 21 Just like if you stepped away in person and you
- 22 went to recess, whatever, but they had a vote,
- 23 then you can't say that I voted because you were
- 24 not there. That's standard procedure.
- Ms. White. Would you introduce the



- 1 staff.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair.
- 3 Thank you, Chairperson Bell. The Department of
- 4 Innovation technology is monitoring and recording
- 5 the Board's meeting today. Our court reporter is
- 6 Miss Mindy Womack, and following Board staff are
- 7 in attendance today, Mr. Robert Brown, Miss
- 8 Theresa Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator
- 9 Miss Jonya Underwood, Administrative Assistant and
- 10 Investigator Tiffany Stewart, Lieutenant James
- 11 Coles representing Police Recruitment and Police
- 12 HR Division, Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence
- 13 Akbar, Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell,
- 14 Supervising Investigator Lisonya Sloan, Senior
- 15 Investigator Rosalia Madrigal, and that concludes
- 16 the Board staff introductions for today.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sitting in for the
- 18 Chief of police James Craig.
- 19 AC BETTISON: Assistant Chief Todd
- 20 Bettison. Hello Board.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Hello. Thank you
- 22 for your attendance. Good afternoon, Assistant
- 23 Chief. We would ask you to introduce any DPD
- 24 staff that might be in attendance. If you need
- 25 some help of Ms. White, feel free.



- 1 AC BETTISON: Actually, I don't today.
- 2 I'm pretty good. We'll get it started. So I have
- 3 Commander Decker from Major Crimes, Captain
- 4 Liddell, Professional Standards Accountability,
- 5 Captain Tosqui, Realtime Crime Deputy Chief Bliss.
- 6 I have Commander Hope from Chief's Neighborhood
- 7 Liaison. Captain Maye Homicide, Director
- 8 Graveline, Professional Accountability Standards,
- 9 Sergeant Firsdon from IA, Commander Serda, Trisha
- 10 Stein, Lieutenant Stanley, and Deputy Chief Hag.
- 11 And of course we got LSA President, you know,
- 12 under the elected officials category, Mark Young,
- 13 on the line as well.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. I
- 15 appreciate that. Ms. White any other officials or
- 16 elected officials or representatives.
- 17 MS. WHITE: Not at this time, sir.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Any other
- 19 feedback on the Commissioners that was on and
- 20 dropped off? Ms. White.
- 21 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Griffie has
- 22 arrived and we're still trying to locate
- 23 Commissioner Carter because she was on the line
- 24 earlier.
- 25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, this



- 1 Evette. Yes, I'm present.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. How many
- 3 commissioners do we have?
- 4 MS. WHITE: We now have nine.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So Mr. Chairman,
- 7 when did we start calling Commissioners in the
- 8 middle of session. We've never done that before.
- 9 Something new that we voted on or something.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We have always tried
- 11 to make sure we have the communication lines since
- 12 we're on Zoom. It's been from day one because
- it's all been technicality issues, communication
- 14 issues with your personal and also with your
- 15 department technology. So we be trying to
- 16 accommodate people if they make us aware, at least
- 17 try to reach out to them. I have experienced that
- 18 myself, so I can't say. Yes ma'am.
- 19 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, Madam
- 20 Commissioner Carter has joined the Zoom line.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. Good
- 22 afternoon, everyone. Sorry I'm having technical
- 23 difficulties.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And I think that's
- 2 primarily the issue that we're going to have
- 3 ongoing issue with the technical part of it. It's
- 4 just the nature of the business. It's not
- 5 unusual. Most of it been on calls. That's also
- 6 issue of that kind.
- 7 Moving on to my report. I'll make it
- 8 brief as always. Over three months ago a majority
- 9 of Minneapolis City Council pledged to de-fund the
- 10 city police department. It shook up the country
- 11 with that statement. Now some of the council
- 12 members like a do over. One council member who
- 13 supported stated that he met by a spirit not by
- 14 the letter of his words. The council present
- 15 stated that I think our pledge has created
- 16 confusion in the community. However, Minneapolis
- 17 moved to ban choke holds, put in place new
- 18 deescalation requirements and changed reporting
- 19 measures for the use of force for death. The
- 20 council did not have unilateral power to end the
- 21 city police department. As you well know, the
- 22 mayor was in opposition to that type of a
- 23 statement.
- 24 The lesson is that we should be mindful
- of the language and words we use and how it can be



- 1 interpreted. Detroit City Council on Tuesday
- 2 voted six to three to extend the 2020 contract
- 3 with law enforcement company through September
- 4 2022. In Detroit Free Press I made some comments
- 5 on the vote in support of the council voted, how
- 6 they voted. But the article in the Free Press
- 7 focused on the Board of Police Commission with
- 8 others in opposition to council approving the
- 9 contract. It was stated, we do not need retired
- 10 police officers on a civilian Board of Police
- 11 Commissioner. They thanked pro police and don't
- 12 care enough about the community needs and wants.
- 13 There have been no comments in reference to the
- 14 council vote outside of the some comments
- 15 personally, but no one has responded yea or nay in
- 16 terms of how they voted. The council has agreed
- 17 that they would not err and be like council in the
- 18 past prior to their arrival eight years ago.
- 19 They're in accord.
- 20 I would hope that we take note in terms
- 21 of not attacking one another, make negative
- 22 statements about fellow commissioners. Any
- 23 comments of vote is always by the majority, and
- 24 you see that all the time. That vote was six to
- 25 three, and they have taken other votes in terms of



- 1 six to three or whatever, but you achieve a
- 2 minority opinion in terms of discussing the media
- 3 disagreement. They state their position
- 4 sometimes, but it's in accord. I would hope that
- 5 we could have a little bit more harmony and be
- 6 more in accord in terms of the spirit of this body
- 7 that's been around since 1974. That is my hope,
- 8 that is my desire, I pray for that, for unity
- 9 because we have men and women in blue that serve
- in this department 24/7 putting their life on the
- line and extending themselves to all what we're
- 12 dealing with in terms of COVID-19, and also this
- 13 department has been attacked by that. But they
- 14 have responded to protests. We know they're
- 15 working overtime and we're still on demand, but
- 16 all demand is there in terms of service. So in
- 17 the spirit of Detroit because some people express
- 18 their opinion, that's over 800 some thousand
- 19 people in the City of Detroit. So that is not the
- 20 majority opinion. And I support the mayor stating
- 21 that some instance has been unfair in terms of
- issues we have dealt, there's no balance. I hope
- 23 that we have a little bit more balance in terms of
- 24 media. That's why I try to state the position
- 25 majority opinion of this Board as in the past, and



- 1 that's been the case with other chairs in trying
- 2 to have that type of representation duty bound by
- 3 the charter in terms of spokesperson. But
- 4 Commissioners have the right to speak up and be
- 5 concerned, but I just hope that we keep that in
- 6 mind that what we witness sometimes is not in the
- 7 best interest of the spirit of the people in terms
- 8 of viewing our meeting and interacting with us,
- 9 and that's why I think this article sort of
- 10 focused in on that. They didn't focus on the
- 11 council how they voted. So I'll close on that
- 12 note. Thank you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURT: Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, we have
- 15 the resolution, is that Sergeant, is that Irvin.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you post that,
- 18 please.
- 19 MS. WHITE: Yes. We will bring it up,
- 20 and Madam Vice-Chair Holt will be reading the
- 21 resolution.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you
- 24 through the Chair. Is it up, Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, ma'am.



- 1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you.
- 2 Resolution Honoring Sergeant Chimene Irvin.
- 3 WHEREAS Chimene Irvin was appointed to the
- 4 Detroit Police Department on August 11, 1986.
- 5 Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan
- 6 Police Academy, Officer Irvin began her career at
- 7 the Twelve Precinct; and
- 8 WHEREAS Officer Irvin's assignments with the
- 9 Detroit Police Department included the Twelfth
- 10 Precinct and Court Section; and
- 11 WHEREAS Officer Irvin displayed tremendous
- 12 knowledge and leadership skills, and was promoted
- 13 to the rank of Sergeant only August 23rd, 1999.
- 14 As Sergeant, she was assigned to the First
- 15 Precinct, Central District, Third Precinct,
- 16 Investigative Operations, and Commanding Officer
- 17 of the Third Precinct Detective Unit where she
- 18 served until her retirement; and.
- 19 WHEREAS Sergeant Irvin was the deserving
- 20 recipient of the following awards; Officer of the
- 21 Quarter, Female Officer of the year, three Chief's
- 22 Citations, both consent Judgment Awards, the Ford
- 23 Fireworks Award, the Major League Baseball
- 24 All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral
- 25 Recognition Award, and Super Bowl XL Recognition



- 1 Award, as well as numerous letters of commendation
- 2 from citizens and superiors, and.
- 3 WHEREAS Sergeant Irvin has tirelessly served the
- 4 Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit
- 5 and its neighboring communities for 34-plus years.
- 6 She has served the Detroit Police Department and
- 7 the citizens of the City of Detroit with loyalty,
- 8 professionalism, integrity and dedication and is
- 9 widely respected throughout the law enforcement
- 10 community as the consummate professional.
- 11 NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit
- 12 Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf
- of the citizens of the great City of Detroit
- 14 recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions
- 15 and commitment to excellence in public service of
- 16 Sergeant Chimene Irvin. Her display of courage
- 17 and unwavering community spirit has improved the
- 18 quality of life for the citizens of Detroit. We
- 19 wish you all the best in your future endeavors.
- 20 We thank and congratulate you, Sergeant Chimene B.
- 21 Irvin. Board of Police Commissioners. Through
- 22 the Chair. Hello.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. I hear
- 24 you.
- 25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Okay. I move



- 1 that we accept this resolution and add to our
- 2 archives.
- 3 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Properly moved and
- 5 supported. Discussion? Those in favor aye or
- 6 yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed no.
- 9 The motion carries. Thank you, Vice-Chair Holt.
- 10 We move on to Assistant Chief Bettison.
- 11 AC BETTISON: Thank you, Commissioner
- 12 Bell. I'll start out with crime. Just looking at
- our crime overall and our property crime. You
- 14 know, consistently property crime is down in all
- 15 categories, so property crime down 23% and, you
- 16 know, the category of burglary down 34%. Larceny
- 17 is 22%. Motor vehicle theft 14%. Overall
- 18 property crime down 23% like I said. But we're
- 19 struggling in the area of violent crime, and even
- 20 nationally it's just been an uptick in violent
- 21 crime. To put that in perspective, so criminal
- 22 homicides, that's up 22%, sexual assaults, good
- 23 news is that's down 29%. Aggravated assaults,
- 24 which includes felonious assault where weapons are
- 25 used up 22%. Our nonfatal shootings up a whopping



- 1 51% and robbery is down 19%, carjacking's down 9%.
- 2 For Part 1 violent crime 12%. So when you average
- 3 the total reduction in property crime, Part 1
- 4 property crime with Part 1 violent crime, we're
- 5 still showing an overall decrease in Part 1 crime
- of 12%, which leads us into our update when it
- 7 comes to Coronavirus update as well. We're still
- 8 doing good. DPD currently has five members who
- 9 last tested positive for COVID. Of course the
- 10 department at one point has had 368 total members
- 11 who tested positive for COVID, and at one point
- 12 when we go back to April, early March, we remember
- 13 the staggering numbers we had close to 700 members
- 14 that were on quarantine. So the mechanisms we put
- in place as far as wearing masks, social
- 16 distancing, taking temperatures at our precinct
- 17 stations overall that appears to be working.
- 18 We're not gong to take our eye off the ball
- 19 because we know that we're moving into, we're into
- 20 the fall season, and this is going into the flu
- 21 season as well. So we're taking advantage of CBS
- 22 working to ensure that we're getting our members
- 23 making access available for flu shots because
- 24 definitely do not want to have the flu and COVID
- 25 at the same time. So always I've had mine and



- 1 urge the community as well to ensure that they
- 2 inoculate themselves with flu shots also.
- 3 Going into our critically injured
- 4 officers in the line of duty. Police Officer
- 5 Keith Anthony assigned to the 4th Precinct is
- 6 still recovering. And on August 11, 2020, officer
- 7 responded to a call to assist for a kidnapping
- 8 run. Upon arrival he assisted other officers with
- 9 the rest of the suspect. He sustained, Officer
- 10 Anthony sustained multiple injuries during the
- 11 arrest and was conveyed to Henry Ford Hospital for
- 12 head injuries and a fracture to his lower
- 13 extremity. So he's been placed off disabled and
- 14 for having surgery. So we're praying for his
- 15 speedy recovery.
- Sergeant Michael Bailey assigned to the
- 17 7th Precinct back on May 31st during the height of
- 18 the protests, he was assigned out for protest and
- 19 crowd control in the area of Adams and Brush.
- 20 While trying to detain a protester he was injured
- 21 to his lower extremities. He was conveyed to the
- 22 ERH Hospital and he had surgery, and he's still
- 23 off recovering as well. And our Mark Robins, our
- 24 neighborhood police officer over on the east side,
- 25 he's still off recovering as well, so we wish him



- 1 a speedy recovery. And Detective Kimrey Beckham
- 2 is off recovering where she has sustained a
- 3 gunshot wound, an accidental gunshot wound and
- 4 she's recovering as well.
- 5 But I really kind of wanted to zero in
- 6 on Police Officer Keith Anthony. You know, during
- 7 the process of trying to arrest a suspect how he
- 8 was injured which goes into line that we're seeing
- 9 more aggression and more anger towards the police
- 10 in light of this culture right now. If you think
- 11 about how looking nationally, looking what
- 12 occurred in Los Angeles how the officers were
- 13 recently attacked. Even in the station when the
- 14 suspect went in, attempted to shoot an officer,
- 15 you know. Thank God the weapon didn't go off, and
- 16 that suspect was detained and has been charged
- 17 with attempted murder out in LA. But our officers
- 18 out in the street when I talk to them, they tell
- 19 me that it's a lot of tension out there. Our
- 20 officers are doing their best to deescalate in
- 21 face of what is occurring nationally, which goes
- 22 also what I wanted to talk about is a social media
- 23 post that went up, got a lot views. And it was
- 24 posted by street reporter where he showed an
- 25 incident occurring over in the 4th Precinct and



- 1 some of the newspaper articles had it listed as
- 2 man punched by Detroit Police officers. Says he
- 3 was asking why when they took his friend down.
- 4 And I want to have Detective Graveline who watched
- 5 the video chime in on this as well, so if you can
- 6 release his microphone, Ms. White. But what I
- 7 would tell you is that, you know, when you look at
- 8 the video recording that's taken on a cell phone,
- 9 it shows a snapshot, and it shows what the person
- 10 who's taking the video wants you to see, meaning
- 11 it never focused on the crowd. And what I will
- 12 tell you is it was 25 to 30 folks there in the
- 13 street having a street party, and that officers
- 14 observed an individual with some sort of alcohol
- 15 bottle, tequila bottle in the hand. They also
- 16 observed the individual with a pistol with an
- 17 extended clip in his shorts, so that's why they
- 18 were there to do that investigation. And when
- 19 they attempted to investigate the subject, the
- 20 pistol fell to the ground. And also individuals
- 21 attempted to interfere from the crowd with that
- 22 arrest. And officers did have to use force to
- 23 make that arrest and also contain that scene. And
- 24 so at this point, I will turn it over to Director
- 25 Graveline. So Director Graveline, based off of



- 1 what you've seen from the body-worn camera, could
- 2 you elaborate.
- 3 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Thank you,
- 4 Assistant Chief. Through the Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 6 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: So we have
- 7 reviewed the body-worn camera, and as assistant
- 8 chief described, the officers conducted an
- 9 investigation for a CCW, found a weapon on that
- 10 individual, were able to secure the weapon, and
- 11 the person refused to comply with the arrest,
- 12 stiffened up his arms, refused to handcuffed.
- 13 That ended up leading to a taser incident.
- 14 Multiple people started to crowd around the
- 15 officers. The officers gave multiple verbal
- 16 commands to step back. One of the individuals
- 17 continually continued to reach towards his cargo
- 18 pockets on his pants multiple times. They were
- 19 asked -- he was asked to step back and to keep his
- 20 hands out of his pockets where the officers could
- 21 see them. He refused. He got up close to where
- 22 the arrest was happening. The officers attempted
- 23 to arrest him for interfering with the arrest.
- 24 That began a struggle on the ground as he who was
- 25 clearly under the influence as well ended up



- 1 struggling with the officers and ended up being a
- 2 little bit of a melee on the ground. Another
- 3 individual walked up and continued to film with
- 4 his camera, got right up on top of the officer,
- 5 was told to step back. He slapped one of the
- officer's hands away, and that's when he was taken
- 7 to the ground for interfering with the arrest
- 8 procedures that night.
- 9 So as Assistant Chief was mentioning,
- 10 this actually occurred over about seven, eight
- 11 minute long time period, and the video that was
- 12 spread through social media and then through some
- of the papers picked up about three to four
- 14 minutes into it and did not capture the CCW
- 15 arrests or any of the resistance to the arrest
- 16 prior to beginning.
- 17 AC BETTISON: And just what I would say
- 18 is, our officers in many places around the country
- 19 you hear cases like Commissioner Bell you even
- 20 talked about in Minneapolis where police officers
- 21 actually started de-policing and really, you know,
- 22 based off of not feeling supported, not doing
- 23 police work. Here in the City of Detroit that is
- 24 absolutely not happened. Our officers are still
- 25 answering 911 calls and our officers are still,



- 1 you know, enforcing the laws in this City. Case
- 2 in point, just the week of September 14th through
- 3 September 20th, our officers recovered 90
- 4 handguns, ten long guns, 84 CCW arrests were made.
- 5 So we're still out there actively working to make
- 6 sure that we can keep this community safe and do
- 7 our best to address violence in this city.
- 8 So at this time, I'll rest and take any
- 9 questions that the Commissioners may have.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Go ahead.
- 13 Commissioner Burch.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you so much,
- 15 Commissioner Bell. AC, how are you, sir?
- 16 AC BETTISON: Doing great. How are
- 17 you?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mighty grateful to
- 19 you, mighty proud of you.
- AC BETTISON: Thank you, ma'am.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to say
- 22 over here in Number 11, we still have a lot of
- 23 issues, okay, but you all are addressing it the
- 24 best you can. I want to commend the narcotics
- 25 unit because many times they get calls in the late



- 1 night of these people doing lawlessness that they
- 2 do. And AC, I just want to commend them because a
- 3 lot of times those that are on the battleground,
- 4 as you would say, they don't get those thank yous.
- 5 So I want to thank the Sergeant Austin and
- 6 Muhammad and Lieutenant Coles. I call out their
- 7 names, okay?
- And I want to say to you, sir, there
- 9 was an incident up at 7 Mile. It's that fenced-in
- 10 church right on the corner across from the
- 11 cleaners. That's an area that they fenced off.
- 12 Do you know anything, AC, what happened at that
- 13 corner? That's the night that we did call in
- 14 about random shooting, and then they fenced it off
- 15 with the yellow tape. Can you address that at
- 16 all, or don't you know?
- 17 AC BETTISON: I believe that you're
- 18 talking about a shooting that happened at 7 Mile
- 19 and Dequindre right there.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir.
- 21 AC BETTISON: We do have a Greenlight
- 22 at that location so we did capture some video
- 23 footage, and what I can tell you is it's still an
- 24 active investigation, and I'm looking at it right
- 25 here. A black Jeep pulled up next to a read Chevy



- 1 sedan and fired shots, and our green light video
- 2 footage actually sees the muzzle flash coming from
- 3 the black vehicle firing into the red sedan. So
- 4 with that, you know, we're definitely working it.
- 5 And two individuals were shot. Thank God no one
- 6 succumbed to their injuries, but we do have some
- 7 leads and I will keep you updated as we get more
- 8 information.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I appreciate that,
- 10 and we appreciate that because we do try to guard
- 11 our community with the assistance of the Police
- 12 Departments. So thank you again for your service.
- 13 Stay safe, and we'll speak off the air about other
- 14 subjects. I thank you, though.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis again.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. You got
- 18 it.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have two things,
- 20 sir.
- 21 AC BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: One is the racing
- 23 and people doing donuts and everything. Is that
- 24 about the same? Is it going down? Is it going
- 25 up?



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- 1 AC BETTISON: So it is going down.
- 2 We're still doing drifting and drag racing
- 3 enforcement on the weekends, and the statistics of
- 4 the stats are lower because there's fewer folks
- 5 that are engaged in it. I know at one of our
- 6 problem locations, which was Grand River and
- 7 Oakman, where that is a tremendous hotspot, we
- 8 haven't had any instances over there that I'm
- 9 aware of, and we still run our detail. But what I
- 10 will tell you is the Detroit Police Department,
- 11 Wayne County Sheriff and others have been there
- 12 consistently and the spotters come through and
- 13 take a look because they're still looking. And
- one of the spotters told a lieutenant like you
- 15 guys are still here, and it's like absolutely,
- 16 because we know that you're still looking.
- 17 So we believe that as the weather
- 18 continues to move on closer to the frost and the
- 19 icy period that that will start to really
- 20 diminish. But we've seen a natural decrease in
- 21 drafting, drag racing, but we still have a big
- 22 issue with speeding just in general with folks
- 23 going too fast, so we will continue to do traffic
- 24 enforcement. But to your question, it has gotten
- 25 a lot better, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. I've
- 2 gotten some good reports over by the Grand River
- 3 Oakman.
- 4 My next concern is not a question, but
- 5 has the Department started formulating any plans
- 6 to stop potential voter intimidation, especially
- 7 we have outsiders trying to encourage outsiders to
- 8 come and intimidate voters. I know it's a
- 9 violation of 18 US code 594, but we're going to
- 10 make sure that people are not being intimidated as
- 11 they vote and make sure that we especially
- 12 discourage outsiders from coming in trying to
- 13 intimidate our people.
- 14 AC BETTISON: I'm so glad that you said
- 15 that as well because I've gotten those same calls
- 16 from concerned citizens, and our seniors
- 17 especially of being fearful wondering if it's
- 18 going to be safe for me to go vote. Absolutely it
- 19 will be safe. We are in preparation right now,
- 20 and I'm working with our metro unit, and we're
- 21 going to ensure that we have extra patrols out,
- 22 extra officers out that will be working at the
- 23 polling locations. And when I say working, giving
- 24 it attention so we'll be ready to respond and
- 25 ensure that no one interferes with our Detroiters'



- 1 right to express themselves at the poll. That's
- 2 sacred.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And the Detroit
- 4 Police Department.
- 5 AC BETTISON: Yeah. The Detroit Police
- 6 Department is working with the Wayne County clerk
- 7 as well, and so we definitely have it covered.
- 8 And as we move closer to November, I will keep
- 9 this commission updated. Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: AC, I'm sorry to
- 13 hear about the incident with the officer. I hope
- 14 he recovers well. I know the challenges that you
- 15 guys are up against and just a lot of us are very
- 16 grateful that the men and women of the Detroit
- 17 Police Department are coming to work every day.
- 18 And although I know you don't feel appreciated
- 19 sometimes, but we appreciate you, even those
- 20 that's calling on that cry for help. But I just
- 21 have two questions. I had a situation where I had
- 22 a call from a resident, and she may be having some
- 23 issues. And I talked with one of the NPOs, but I
- 24 wanted to know, when we started the social work
- 25 program, is that in play now that maybe we can



- 1 send the social worker with the NPO to the house
- 2 to evaluate a person that's constantly calling,
- 3 and calling, and calling?
- 4 AC BETTISON: So we have a pilot
- 5 program in place, and at this point, I hate to put
- 6 her on the spot, but if somebody could un-mute
- 7 Tricia Stein.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I could call her
- 9 offline.
- 10 AC BETTISON: Okay. Okay. But yeah,
- 11 we do. And so I just had a call yesterday and
- 12 we're looking to really, really expand that, and
- 13 we're going to put putting in ask in for grant
- 14 dollars so we would definitely ask the Board
- 15 supports us with our request. We put it in for
- 16 grant dollars, but we definitely want to get more
- 17 money so that we can have behavioral specialists
- 18 out with our officers when they respond to those
- 19 type of runs. So thanks.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN. Great. That's
- 21 good to know. Then I'll reach out to you and I'll
- 22 get her information and we can direct it to the
- 23 8th Precinct area.
- 24 Also I got another call from the east
- 25 side about one of the clubs, the gentleman's clubs



- 1 over there with their billboard exposing the body
- 2 parts of women. Is there an ordinance against
- 3 that, and I'm pretty sure it is. Can we just go
- 4 and talk to him or have someone just go speak to
- 5 them about the advertisement?
- 6 AC BETTISON: So let me take a look at
- 7 it and I'll get with Doug Baker because we were
- 8 very, very effective over at the 8th Precinct with
- 9 gentleman's club on Eight Mile and we actually
- 10 ended up getting it shut down, and so if something
- 11 is lewd, lascivious, we will definitely work to
- 12 get that addressed and taken down, so let's talk
- 13 offline about that, and we can work towards it.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Commissioner
- 17 Jones.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Just wanted to
- 19 acknowledge Assistant Chief Bettison and Officer,
- 20 I hope officer. I forgot what her new rank was.
- 21 AC BETTISON: Commander.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: I spent a couple
- 23 of nights downtown at the protest last week and I
- 24 was able to speak with both of them, and I wanted
- 25 to applaud the conduct of the officers that were



- 1 out there. I think Detroit Police Department is
- 2 doing an excellent job with managing the protests.
- 3 I look forward to being out there again and
- 4 working with them again, because I will be keeping
- 5 and eye on things as well. Thank you.
- 6 AC BETTISON: Thank you, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the
- 8 Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I have
- 11 a couple of questions. One of the questions is
- 12 Assistant Chief Bettison, where are we right now
- 13 when it comes to police response time in America's
- 14 blackest and poorest city, Detroit, Michigan?
- 15 Where do we stand when it comes to Priority 1
- 16 calls, Priority 2 and green light locations?
- 17 AC BETTISON: So Commissioner Burton,
- 18 when it comes to Priority 1, right now our average
- 19 time that we're sitting at is total response time,
- 20 ten minutes thirty-eight seconds that I'm looking
- 21 at. And then the prior week it was thirteen
- 22 minutes. So that's for Priority 1. I'm not
- 23 seeing -- oh, Priority 2 response time, which is
- 24 not as imminent or life threatening like Priority
- 25 1, that sits as of yesterday that was at 21



- 1 minutes, and then the prior week it was at
- 2 thirty-five minutes. So in regards to Priority 3,
- 3 Priority 4, Priority 5, I don't have that. And
- 4 those right here, some of them don't get a
- 5 response per se with a actual unit, they're
- 6 transferred over telephone crime reporting unit
- 7 because not every police run requires a response,
- 8 a physical response, so they're categorized
- 9 differently, but I hope that answers your
- 10 question.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. And my last
- 12 question for you is we see that's City is about
- installing 4500 speed bumps across the city. Will
- 14 that have any effect on police response times or
- 15 any other first responder that may be approaching
- 16 trying to arrive to a scene when they got these
- 17 speed bumps? Will that have any effect on police
- 18 response time or any other service response time?
- 19 AC BETTISON: I really don't think so
- 20 because typically the speed bumps are placed in a
- 21 fashion in a city evaluation or an assessment with
- 22 Traffic Safety Engineering, and they'll put them
- 23 not on main thoroughfares, but on side streets
- 24 where the typical speed limit is supposed to be 25
- 25 miles per hour anyway. So, you know, taking into



- 1 account with them being on the side streets versus
- 2 the main thoroughfares, officers typical speeds
- 3 when they're responding, whether it's officers EMS
- 4 or fire, the typical speeds will be increased on
- 5 the main thoroughfares, but when they hit those
- 6 side streets because so many stop signs that you
- 7 have to make typically whether they have lights
- 8 and sirens on anyway, it's just not safe or
- 9 prudent to be able to go that fast. So the amount
- 10 of time if it would be any would be statistically
- 11 insignificant.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you Assistant
- 13 Chief White -- I mean Bettison. Try that again.
- 14 Okay. Thank you, sir. Okay.
- I just want to commend the Department
- 16 in terms of having a hundred chaplains
- 17 representing the chaplain corps in Detroit, and
- 18 it's the largest delegation of chaplains in the
- 19 United States of American, and I just want to
- 20 commend those 20 who joined your ranks. That is
- 21 outstanding in terms of that type of volunteer
- 22 service on a spiritual, need and they have been
- 23 responding.
- As you well know, when we talk about
- 25 these officers being injured, or whatever it is,



- 1 they're assigned to the precinct throughout the
- 2 City of Detroit at large they respond. I just
- 3 want to thank you for that type of commitment and
- 4 I had an opportunity to convey that to them, and
- 5 we have to really get them before us to share that
- 6 historic landmark of a hundred chaplains in
- 7 uniform representing the Chaplain Corps, and I
- 8 know you played a vital role of carrying out Chief
- 9 Craig's vision for that several years ago. We're
- 10 now we're at that milestone, and we're still
- 11 growing.
- 12 AC BETTISON: Yes, sir. And to the
- 13 community, I definitely just want to thank Chief
- 14 Chaplain Caldwell for his commitment, and I think
- 15 this Board knows the commitment of chaplains, but
- 16 to the community as well, our chaplains also like
- 17 over the 8th Precinct they participate in a
- 18 program called After Care.
- 19 They also will respond to critical
- 20 scenes involving injuries, assaults where citizens
- 21 have been injured or hurt. And then also even if
- 22 community members need somebody to come and pray
- 23 or be there with them, our prayer warriors, our
- 24 chaplains will be there for you as well. So if
- 25 anybody if anybody listening would report to the



- 1 Board of Police Commissioners, you wanted a
- 2 Detroit Police Chaplain to come out, come visit
- 3 you, come pray with you, they will definitely be
- 4 available to do that. So we want to ensure that
- 5 we wrap our arms around everyone and with having a
- 6 hundred chaplains, I need a whole lot for them to
- 7 do anyway, and they're willing to step up and do
- 8 it.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 10 AC BETTISON: Put them to work. Let's
- 11 put them to work.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you to AC
- 15 Bettison and to Commissioner Brown, if you would
- 16 be so kind when you have that call regarding the
- 17 social worker and the billboard, may I be a part
- 18 of that conversation? I just wanted to ask the
- 19 commissioner and AC.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 21 AC BETTISON: Absolutely. I definitely
- 22 wanted to invite on behalf of Chief Craig
- 23 Commissioner Willie Burton to be a part of it as
- 24 well. Commissioner Burton, when the Chief was on
- 25 the last zoom call and we talked about mental



- 1 illness and we talked about just the overall
- 2 enhancing the services that we provide, you know,
- 3 police, Wayne County Mental Health Authority, and
- 4 I know that they changed their name to DWIHN, and
- 5 I have to get the new language right. However,
- 6 you know, sir, every call you always advocate for
- 7 mental illness and for increased response to them.
- 8 So we definitely want you, Commissioner Burton, to
- 9 be a part of that with us per Chief Craig.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 12 We're going to hear from the Detective Bureau at
- 13 this time.
- 14 COMMANDER DECKER: Good afternoon
- 15 Honorable Board and through the Chair. I'm
- 16 Commander Eric Decker currently assigned to Major
- 17 Crimes. Theirs is a PowerPoint. I'm not sure how
- 18 the program goes if we're going to put that up and
- 19 we'll go through the PowerPoint.
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 21 COMMANDER DECKER: Detective Bureau
- 22 under Deputy Chief Marlon Wilson consists of
- 23 investigative operations, major crimes, and
- 24 organized crimes. Sorry about that. Getting some
- 25 feedback. Today we're going to really concentrate



- 1 on more the major crimes part as well as crime
- 2 intelligence unit. If you could please skip down,
- 3 ma'am. Under major crimes of course is homicide
- 4 responding to all homicides in the city, unnatural
- 5 deaths, suicides, infant deaths. Fatal squad,
- 6 which is our vehicle accident investigation
- 7 responding to all fatal and critical vehicle
- 8 accidents in the City. Part of homicide is an
- 9 inactive case squad, looking back at cases to see
- 10 if any new leads can be developed. Headquarter
- 11 surveillance is a small group of officers doing an
- 12 incredible job out there directly working with our
- 13 homicide detectives to apprehend people wanted in
- 14 connection with homicides. Developed about five
- 15 years ago and been extremely successful.
- We also have a missing persons, which
- 17 is a one sergeant unit that the amount of work she
- 18 puts into missing persons are currently in one of
- 19 our funeral homes in the area conducting search on
- 20 John Doe victims that have been buried, but just
- 21 incredible amount of work by one person sergeant.
- 22 And also under homicide is our arson, which is
- 23 joint between DPD investigators and fire arson
- 24 lieutenants.
- Next page please, ma'am. Included



- 1 under major crimes is special victims unit, our
- 2 domestic violence, handling all married, formerly,
- 3 currently reside together with a child in common
- 4 cases. Of course sex crimes, which contains four
- 5 different squads, the unknown squad, the known
- 6 squad, the child squad and the sex squad, which is
- 7 the rape kits, and then child abuse, investigating
- 8 all alleged criminal action against children under
- 9 16 years of age.
- 10 Our auto theft, our catch unit is under
- 11 major crimes. They handle all carjackings, all
- 12 stolen vehicles in the City of Detroit and also
- 13 conduct auto parts inspections. And then public
- order crime, copper task force in the old days,
- but they handle the dumping, the graffiti, the
- 16 scrapping, energy theft, and also part of that is
- 17 the cyber crimes unit. They get very deep into
- 18 the whole computer crimes going on these days and
- 19 you'll see a large increase.
- 20 Some of the statistics AC Bettison hit
- 21 on them. Unfortunately, our homicides are
- 22 extremely high, 22%, 232 today versus 189 at this
- 23 time last year. You look at the fatal squad and
- 24 it goes back to some of that traffic, just almost
- 25 doubling the numbers, 235 compared to 164 cases,



- 1 again, critical and fatal cases. I don't know if
- 2 the COVID, just so many things going on that that
- 3 unit is just running crazy right now, so busy, so
- 4 many accidents out there ending in fatalities,
- 5 unfortunately.
- 6 Fortunately, our special victims unit
- 7 is down lower in crime this year going through
- 8 those sex crimes and child abuse crimes 474 to 674
- 9 reduction in 200 cases. Auto theft under the
- 10 carjackings is a little bit down. You'll see the
- 11 public order crimes going back to our copper task
- 12 force, a huge increase, 751 to 500, and then the
- 13 cyber crimes 77 versus 66. There are very
- 14 long-term and deep seated computer type
- 15 investigations.
- 16 Statistically coming out of the special
- 17 victims units, you can see the caseload again way
- 18 down in domestic violence. Fortunately the child
- 19 abuse unit all of them down. You'll see, though,
- 20 that the warrants are not down that much. The
- 21 groups just continue to do the work out there and
- 22 bring offenders to justice.
- Captain Tosqui is going to talk to you
- 24 a little bit about crime intelligence unit, and
- 25 then I think we're going to get back together and



- 1 maybe talk about a little facial recognition and
- 2 how important it is in major crimes.
- 3 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 5 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: My name is Captain
- 6 Aric Tosqui. I'm the Commanding Officer of the
- 7 Crime Intelligence Unit. We are supported by
- 8 approximately three quarters civilian and a
- 9 quarter sworn. Underneath the Crime Intelligence
- 10 Unit we have the Realtime Crime Center that houses
- 11 both the crime intelligence and the traffic
- 12 management. Currently it's under construction and
- 13 we're just placed throughout the City including
- 14 8th Precinct, Precinct Intelligence Unit, the 9th
- 15 Precinct, Precinct Intelligence Unit. But we're
- 16 still in 24/7 full-time operation.
- 17 Also with us is the Project Greenlight
- 18 team. Project Greenlight is a public private
- 19 partnership where businesses enter into an
- 20 agreement to provide realtime footage in exchange
- 21 for our staff devoted to receive, monitor, analyze
- 22 the feeds, provide special patrol visits to the
- 23 various businesses. As of this week there was 702
- 24 businesses in the program.
- We have the counterterrorism threat



- 1 analysis team under the Crime Intelligence Unit.
- 2 That team has a task of looking at ongoing threats
- 3 both domestic and foreign as relates to terrorism
- 4 and looking at different types of infrastructure
- 5 issues throughout the City of Detroit and suburban
- 6 areas.
- 7 Lastly under the Crime Intelligence
- 8 Unit we have the Audio Video Extraction Response
- 9 Team, otherwise known as AVERT. AVERT has a
- 10 couple roles, one is that they are responsible for
- 11 setting up the locations for all the cameras for
- 12 Project Greenlight. So they determine where all
- 13 the cameras are going to be placed, and once they
- 14 are placed, they go afterwards and assure the
- 15 compliance that the cameras are installed
- 16 properly. And second, anytime there is any audio
- 17 or video evidence that needs to be extracted from
- 18 any type of location, whether it's residential or
- 19 business, they are the ones that go out and do
- 20 that. They've been highly trained to do that, and
- 21 they're the only ones in this Department that are
- 22 able to do that.
- Next slide, please. So when we put
- 24 out, the Crime Intelligence Unit puts out on a
- 25 weekly basis a report to the Board of Police



- 1 Commissioners, that provides us information about
- 2 facial uses or facial recognition. I want to
- 3 highlight a couple parts of that report. And this
- 4 is coming from the report that sent out this week,
- 5 and its part of the Board's package, and it should
- 6 be up at the citizen base website. You can see
- 7 that we had a hundred and six uses of facial
- 8 recognition this year so far out of which 64 of
- 9 them led to a match and 42 did not lead to a
- 10 match. So that means that 64 of those would have
- 11 again gone on to the detectives for further
- 12 investigation to corroborate that the much match
- 13 was legitimate, and that the suspect would be
- 14 identified. The bottom part is on the second page
- 15 of the report that we've sent out, and that is
- 16 demographics about the source of the probe photo.
- 17 So if you recall back in May, we met with the
- 18 Board of Police Commissioners. It was asked to
- 19 change the report and add demographics as it
- 20 relates to race, gender of the probe photo as well
- 21 as the source. It has been highly talked about
- 22 that Project Greenlight is only used for facial
- 23 recognition, and I'd like to point out here that
- 24 Project Greenlight is only the third highest
- 25 sources for our pro images for facial recognition,



- 1 which social media being the first and security
- 2 cameras from various businesses being the second.
- 3 So those are two things that I definitely wanted
- 4 to point out. This report, as I said available
- 5 weekly.
- 6 Please go on to the next slide. Point
- 7 out a fee of the crimes that had occurred and the
- 8 type of suspects and victims that we have for
- 9 these cases. So we just look at the latest one.
- 10 There was a robbery at the 8000 block of
- 11 Greenfield where a 16 year old male was robbed.
- 12 Through the use of facial recognition, we were
- 13 able to generate a match. Detectives followed up
- in that match, and through various corroborating
- 15 evidence we were able to identify a suspect and
- 16 bring that suspect to warrant status. And you can
- 17 see here the types of warrant statuses that these
- 18 violent suspects have. Two counts of armed
- 19 robbery, two counts of assault with intent to
- 20 murder, two counts of assault less than murder,
- 21 one count of carrying concealed weapon, and seven
- 22 counts of felony firearm just on this one case
- 23 alone. I won't go through each of these.
- 24 Everyone that's watching can read this, but you
- 25 know, we're looking at very serious crimes of



- 1 aggravated assault and robberies here. We're
- 2 looking all throughout the city.
- 3 And you can see the types of accounts
- 4 that's coming on here. We have assault with
- 5 intent to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon,
- 6 robbery armed, felony firearm. And the last one,
- 7 that subject was on probation and was violated by
- 8 the probation officer in this case.
- 9 So that's just some of the examples of
- 10 the outputs of our use of facial recognition as a
- 11 lead, and when the detectives take that lead and
- 12 they find the corroborating evidence, they're able
- 13 to bring about this type of resolution for cases
- 14 that wouldn't cases that may otherwise be
- 15 whodunits.
- And at this time, we would ask that we
- 17 have a video that we would like the Board to play.
- 18 This is a video that we presented to Detroit City
- 19 Council at their Public Health and Safety
- 20 Committee meeting, and for those that did not get
- 21 a chance to see it, we offer it here for the Board
- 22 of Police Commissioner's.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 24 MS. WHITE: Captain Tosqui, if you have
- 25 the video readily available, I have designated you



- 1 as cohost for that shared screen feature.
- 2 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: I will make it
- 3 available.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Allows you to enable volume
- 5 right within that panel, that panel boxes.
- 6 (Video played)
- 7 COMMANDER DECKER: Through the Chair.
- 8 The very powerful video to bring that closure
- 9 first and I'll also been involved with City
- 10 Council meetings and spent a lot of time in this
- 11 last couple weeks. And listen, I understand some
- 12 of the issues that facial rec and how contentious
- 13 it can be. I want to thank this Board that
- 14 supported us and came up with this policy and
- 15 allowed us to use this technology. It's a lead.
- 16 It's something that has to be corroborated. Just
- 17 a lot into it. It's not like hey, here's Max.
- 18 That's your person. There's so much mirror.
- 19 And again, I represent major crimes
- 20 part, the homicide, the rapes, the carjackings,
- 21 the ones that are allowed for facial recognition.
- 22 And I don't know the price of life to bring that
- 23 closure to a family or to a rape victim to take
- 24 that suspect on.
- There's another part along with the



- 1 families and the victims, especially these
- 2 homicides, these sex crimes investigators, they're
- 3 not a 9 to 5 job. It's not eight hours that they
- 4 spend on a job and come back. They take these
- 5 cases in. It's part of them. They carry them
- 6 forever. They talk to those families over and
- 7 over. And there's a piece, you know, it's a huge
- 8 puzzle out there that it's a scavenger hunt to go
- 9 find that puzzle piece and to identify that
- 10 perpetrator is a huge part of that puzzle.
- 11 I'm going to ask Detective Manzella to
- 12 share facial recognition story from a homicide
- 13 investigator, if I may through the chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 15 DET. MANZELLA: Through the Chair.
- 16 Thank you. My name is Detective Laura Manzella.
- 17 I am currently assigned to the homicide section.
- 18 I've been with the Detroit Police Department
- 19 probably for 21 years. I have a case where facial
- 20 recognition was utilized. I'm going to give names
- 21 because Defendant in the case pled guilty. I have
- 22 a father Maleek Slater, who's a victim, a mother,
- 23 Clairenda Holcomb, who's a victim. They have
- 24 three children together, an eight month old, a
- 25 three year old, and a five year old.



- 1 Back in May of 2018 Maleek brought a
- 2 person to a barbecue that the people at the
- 3 barbecue didn't know this person. Maleek ended up
- 4 leaving with Clairenda and this is unknown person.
- 5 A few hours later, Maleek's body was found on the
- 6 east side of Detroit in the middle of a street
- 7 with no shoes on and no identification. The next
- 8 morning Clairenda's body was found still on the
- 9 east side of Detroit still on the east side of
- 10 Detroit in a separate location. She was severely
- 11 beaten. You can tell she fought for her life.
- 12 She was shot two times in the head. She was left
- 13 in the middle of the street also with her clothes
- 14 torn. It was horrible. And then a couple hours
- 15 later their vehicle was found burnt also on the
- 16 east side of Detroit.
- 17 From witnesses that were at the
- 18 barbecue, one of the witnesses pointed me towards
- 19 a gas station that this unknown person went to
- 20 with him and Maleek. We were able to retrieve
- 21 video. It was not a Greenlight location, so the
- 22 video was really grainy. So what we did is we
- 23 actually put the video out to the news. From the
- 24 news through Crime Stoppers, I actually got a tip
- of a Facebook account that they believed belonged



- 1 to this person. The Facebook account was in a
- 2 fake name. So from there, there was a good
- 3 picture I could get from this person and I sent it
- 4 out to facial recognition, to Crime Intel. Crime
- 5 Intel came back with a name. At that point, I did
- 6 not stop my investigation. I continued. I met
- 7 with witnesses from the barbecue. Photo lineups
- 8 were shown. The man from the facial recognition
- 9 photo, his name was Reginald Greene was identified
- 10 as the person that left with Clairenda and Maleek.
- 11 From there, I looked through Maleek's cell phone
- 12 records. The same day as the homicide, I was able
- 13 to find a phone number that belonged to a Reginald
- 14 Greene. So from there, I was able to type on
- 15 Reginald Greene's cell phone. His cell phone was
- 16 plotted and he was actually at the dump site of
- 17 Maleek's body. His cell phone was there. His
- 18 cell phone was also at the dump site of
- 19 Clairenda's body, and then his cell phone was also
- 20 placed at where the vehicle was burnt. So all
- 21 three locations, his cell phone as at. So from
- 22 there, we located Mr. Greene, did search warrants,
- 23 talked with him. He denied knowing Maleek and
- 24 Clairenda. A warrant was sent to the prosecutor's
- 25 office, which the signed.



- 1 Further on, DNA came back, and because
- 2 Clairenda fought so hard for her life, his DNA
- 3 ended up coming back underneath her fingernails.
- 4 So thankfully for all this investigative purposes
- 5 and also because of facial recognition, I was able
- 6 to get Reginald off the street as fast as possible
- 7 and get some type of justice for these children
- 8 that lost both of their parents in a horrific
- 9 crime. Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Than you, Detective,
- 11 for that reporting out. I was impressed by that
- 12 when I witnessed that when you went before the
- 13 subcommittee of the council. I know Councilman
- 14 Roy Macallister is a former homicide detective,
- 15 and also Councilwoman Ayers was so moved by what
- 16 she experienced and with those witness families
- 17 and with this Detective testifying, I was moved by
- 18 that. I thought it would be appropriate for this
- 19 Board to see the actual work of what we're doing
- 20 here. It's not in a vacuum. These are real
- 21 people who have witnessed the victim of crime over
- 22 and over again. And plus this Detective in terms
- 23 just knowing that type of work putting in, like
- 24 you said, you don't just go home at 4:00. You're
- 25 on call. You work that case I just want to



- 1 commend Commander Decker being one of those career
- 2 what I call real cops from your reputation out
- 3 there leading this task force. And Captain Tosqui
- 4 I was think was important to have that type of
- 5 interaction at that particular time. Thank you.
- 6 COMMANDER DECKER: And thank you, sir.
- 7 I understand the contention behind it. I just
- 8 want to thank this Board for their supporting the
- 9 help on the policies and allow us to use this
- 10 technology going forward to bring justice, take
- 11 bad people from the streets and justice for
- 12 victims. And I'm sure myself and Captain Tosqui
- 13 will answer any questions from the Board.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Ouestion.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. I know
- 18 recently, the Michigan State Police they posted it
- 19 was an article about them dealing with missing
- 20 people, missing persons. I was wondering, what
- 21 type of success rate do you have dealing with
- 22 missing people or missing persons? And also is
- 23 some of those, A has some of those been found to
- 24 be involved or been placed in human trafficking?
- 25 COMMANDER DECKER: I don't have great



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- 1 answers for you, sir. I mean our -- currently
- 2 we're doing -- you know, DNA is huge. I'm not
- 3 sure if that's the article that you're talking
- 4 about. That's what our current dig is out to
- 5 identify unidentified or John Doe or Jane Doe
- 6 decedents, and it's not only homicide decedents,
- 7 it's just John or Jane Does. From our more huge,
- 8 I mean one of them is a huge success to me to
- 9 bring again that closure to a family. And from a
- 10 strict homicide perspective, it's very hard to
- 11 solve a homicide when you don't know who the
- 12 victim. It's possible we have obtained warrants
- 13 on John Doe victims, but most of the cases have to
- 14 start with identification. The rest of your
- 15 question, sir? Statistically, Commissioner?
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was asking do
- 17 you all help to find very many missing people?
- 18 Because I know there was an article about the
- 19 police and successful they had been in helping to
- 20 find missing people.
- 21 AC BETTISON: Assistant Chief Bettison
- 22 through the Chair. This article came out a couple
- 23 hours ago, and I had a chance to read it. And
- 24 absolutely when it comes to human trafficking, if
- 25 you remember the Board approved us getting a grant



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- 1 about two and a half years ago. It was a cops
- 2 grant that focused on human trafficking, and we
- 3 were going to hire 15 police officers and add it
- 4 to our vice unit. So our vice unit, along with
- 5 her our with our sex crimes unit worked hand in
- 6 hand with Michigan State Police on a task force.
- 7 So oftentimes what doesn't get reported is that
- 8 DPD is involved in this as well, and that it's
- 9 really multi-jurisdictional. So we have DPD
- 10 officers assigned, and I'll be able to get you
- 11 more specifics by checking in with our vice unit
- 12 to see whether or not we were involved. But when
- 13 it comes to human trafficking, it doesn't just
- 14 stop in one city, it's across counties, and
- 15 sometimes even across state lines.
- So we have recovered missings, and the
- 17 biggest problem that we have oftentimes is because
- 18 those Johns, those pimps will get them addicted to
- 19 drugs. It's finding them places to get them that
- 20 support that they need to reintegrate them back
- 21 into society. So we partner with other agencies
- 22 as well so that it's one thing to recover them,
- 23 but also to be able to get them whole. And we
- 24 work also with 36 District Court, Judge Shannon
- 25 Holmes, so that even if a girl is picked up for



- 1 prostitution, to be able to make the distinction
- of whether or not they're a victim, or whether or
- 3 not they're out there willingly. So I hope that
- 4 answers some of the questions, but I can give you
- 5 much more thorough report a little later,
- 6 Commissioner.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 AC BETTISON: Thank you, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair. Mr.
- 10 Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am,
- 12 Commissioner Burch.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. First of all
- 14 I'd like to congratulate Commander Decker in his
- 15 new position. Evidently, sir, you happened to be
- in the right place of all the good work that
- 17 you're doing thus far.
- I wanted to say to AC Bettison,
- 19 regarding the facial recognition, it is such a
- 20 topic. Can you explain to me why is there so much
- 21 division and different opinions about the
- 22 Greenlight and the facial recognition? Some say
- 23 it's racist. Some say it is ugly as far as those
- 24 green lights make a person think I won't go to
- 25 that location because it must be under a criminal



- 1 investigation. They think of that place instead
- of being safety, what you think they're thinking,
- 3 they may think AC, why am I going to that place of
- 4 business? That green light to me can be a
- 5 negative signal. I gave you quite a bit to talk
- 6 about, but what makes the citizens keep not
- 7 wanting the Greenlight? There's something to
- 8 that. Could you just share, Commander Decker, and
- 9 AC.
- 10 AC BETTISON: I'll start it out because
- 11 Greenlight is completely separate from facial
- 12 recognition. The two are completely separate.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I know that.
- AC BETTISON: Yep.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. I know that.
- AC BETTISON: And I was initially
- 17 tasked by Chief Craig on the ground to be one of
- 18 the, you know, get the Greenlight started. So I
- 19 was on the ground before we even knew what the
- 20 Greenlight was going to look like. And as we
- 21 developed and got partners to come on board, it's
- 22 all about branding. So we never imagined that we
- 23 would have close to seven hundred green lights.
- 24 We started out with I believe it was nine
- 25 businesses, you know, eight Greenlight locations.



- 1 And soap from there, you know, how do you brand
- 2 it? How do you let folks know that this is a save
- 3 haven. And so with branding, we coined it
- 4 Greenlight. So we had to find a Greenlight. So
- 5 what was the Greenlight that we identified and set
- 6 upon. We didn't know that we would get up to 700
- 7 of them, but that was based off of the community
- 8 actually going to businesses, protesting
- 9 businesses that they didn't feel was safe. So
- 10 this was a community drive. It wasn't a police
- 11 drive to get all these green lights. And there
- 12 have been many community block clubs and groups
- 13 that have wen to businesses where they didn't feel
- 14 safe and demanded the owner joint the program.
- I can give you another example right
- 16 there at Grand River and Wyoming. Horace
- 17 Sheffield along with the DABO Center. They
- 18 demanded that that gas station across the street
- 19 become a Greenlight. And those citizens over
- 20 there won't go to a place unless it's a
- 21 Greenlight. So I do understand that we got to the
- 22 point --
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: AC, please. I
- 24 understand what you're saying. I was one of the
- 25 ones the very first beginning when Chief Craig



- 1 started that. I was on the street telling people
- 2 to get the Greenlight. But please go to the
- 3 facial recognition. What is it that they keep
- 4 coming to us on public comments? Some of my
- 5 people in the neighborhood, I don't like facial
- 6 recognition. Some like it. I looked at the tape
- 7 of mothers that lost their husbands or their son.
- 8 I've watched that okay. I'm just saying what is
- 9 it that we can bring some kind of closure to this
- 10 facial recognition because after all, Detroit is
- 11 predominantly black. I think that's why the
- 12 people are saying that it's a racist system. And
- when you make mistake a, AC, and that person goes
- 14 to jail then, again, he's embarrassed, his family
- 15 is embarrassed and then the City is sued. I've
- 16 never seen so many people suing the City.
- 17 Everybody is sue happy. So what are you going to
- 18 do about that when the facial recognition makes a
- 19 mistake again? It's made two already, right?
- 20 AC BETTISON: I got you, Commissioner.
- 21 I'm going to comment, and what I will tell you is
- 22 thank God the City of Detroit got a Board of
- 23 Police Commissioners. So give yourselves a round
- of applause because you all help us get model
- 25 policy and even make us strengthen policy to



- 1 protect the citizens in the community. So this
- 2 policy that we have is a model policy that ensures
- 3 protection and safeguards. And as a result, we
- 4 modify and craft our policies to be more stringent
- 5 than the would have been before. So that's what
- 6 having civilian oversight does, and that's a
- 7 direct result of this Board of Police
- 8 Commissioners.
- In those two to cases that we're being
- 10 sued for with misidentification that's been
- 11 probably displayed in the news, both of those
- 12 cases came from the same detective and came before
- 13 the policy was implemented that you all approved.
- 14 Since then, we haven't had an issue. And then
- 15 more so, the issue with those two cases wasn't a
- 16 misidentification, it was an issue of sloppy
- 17 detective work.
- 18 So why people don't like facial
- 19 recognition, there's been national articles that
- 20 have been written that said that with the
- 21 algorithm, it doesn't identify black or brown
- 22 people as accurately as it would Caucasian
- 23 individuals. So that has been a bone of
- 24 contention.
- 25 However, the issue also is the fact



- 1 that people don't understand how we use it. We
- 2 don't rely on the first pick that facial
- 3 recognition gives us. If we rely just on the
- 4 first pick, meaning when you put the picture of a
- 5 still shot, they call it a probe photo, into the
- 6 software, it will give you anywhere from 25 to 50
- 7 pictures. We have trained analysts, trained by
- 8 the FBI that will go through and look, and they
- 9 use other factors as well, but they use biometrics
- 10 that they've been trained on, which is the study
- of the face, and then also other things, and I can
- 12 have Captain Tosqui speak more to that. After
- 13 they believe that it's an individual, it can be
- 14 picture 25, it could be picture three. Then
- 15 another analyst has to peer review it and ha to
- 16 agree. Then from there, it has to go to a
- 17 supervisor before it even goes out to the
- 18 detective that initially submitted a photograph to
- 19 be run through the system. So those are layers
- 20 that the Board of Police Commissioners ensured
- 21 that we have there. And we never use still live
- 22 shots. We took that completely out. So it's
- 23 never running through the software of a camera
- 24 when you walk into a business and somebody's
- 25 taking an image of your face and running it



- 1 through all these different databases. And we
- 2 also only utilize our own DPD mug book. So
- 3 there's a of misinformation out there, and through
- 4 these various forums like this, we seek to educate
- 5 our community. And also prior to COVID pandemic,
- 6 we were given tours of our Realtime Crime Center.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's okay.
- 8 That's okay, AC. Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: AC Bettison, thank
- 10 you. We're going to wrap that portion up. We're
- 11 going to wrap it up.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a comment,
- 13 Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do you have a
- 15 question?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a -- I do
- 17 have a comment. Through AC Bettison. We just saw
- 18 recently in New York where an 18 year old student
- 19 was misidentified. His name was Ousmane Bah. He
- 20 was 18 years old. He was misidentified by facial
- 21 recognition where now him and his family is suing
- 22 Apple for a billion dollars. The City of Detroit
- 23 is begging for another unwanted casualty by
- 24 continuing to allow law enforcement to use facial
- 25 recognition. I call it techno racism, cannot



- 1 identify one black male from another. We saw
- 2 where Roberts Williams was misidentified with this
- 3 racist technology. Michael Oliver, another black
- 4 man here in the City of Detroit was also
- 5 misidentified.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Burton, we're
- 7 gong to wrap it up. You got your point across.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: He slept on a
- 9 concrete floor.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Assistant Chief,
- 11 we're going to wrap this up.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: What happens if
- it was your son, your loved one? Would you still
- want to use this racist technology?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move
- 16 on.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My question for
- 18 you, Chairman Bell, and for anybody on the
- 19 Commission.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We're
- 21 going to move on. It's duly noted. We're going
- 22 to move on to the next. Thank you Assistant and
- 23 Commander and the Captain. Everybody got their
- 24 point across. Thank you. Now we're going to move
- 25 on to Civil Rights Division.



- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes. Lieutenant Firsdon.
- 2 We are unmuting his microphone.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 4 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Sorry about that.
- 5 I apologize. I am Lieutenant Firsdon from the
- 6 Civil Rights Division. I appreciate the Board
- 7 allowing me the opportunity to present on behalf
- 8 of the Civil Rights Division today, and on behalf
- 9 of Deputy Chief Mark Bliss.
- 10 First, I would like to describe what
- 11 the Civil Rights Division is responsible for. We
- 12 are responsible for the substantive -- oh, excuse
- 13 me. Is the PowerPoint ready?
- 14 MS. WHITE: Yes. We are bringing it
- 15 up.
- 16 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Sorry. Thank you.
- 17 Okay. The Civil Rights Division is responsible
- 18 for the substantive and procedural requirements of
- 19 all police-citizen contacts within the constraints
- 20 of the Detroit Police Department policy,
- 21 constitutional policing practices, and -- excuse
- 22 me. Constitutional policing practices and the
- 23 law. Law. This is accomplished through audits
- 24 and inspections. The Detroit Police Department's
- 25 policies audit team and compliance team are



- 1 assigned to the Civil Rights Division. The Civil
- 2 Rights Division is responsible for the following
- 3 commands, that is risk management, the management
- 4 awareness system, and the body-worn camera review
- 5 team.
- 6 Currently we have 14 personnel assigned
- 7 to Civil rights which includes a captain, two
- 8 lieutenants, two sergeants, four police officers,
- 9 two police assistants, one performance and
- 10 compliance analyst manager, one performance and
- 11 compliance analyst, and one performance and
- 12 compliance analyst. Excuse me, the first one was
- 13 a senior performance and compliance and the second
- one is a performance compliance analyst. Those
- 15 are auditors.
- So our methods of maintaining
- 17 compliance are through risk management, the
- 18 management awareness system, our body-worn camera
- 19 team reviews, which is Event Recording Compliance,
- 20 and now we have added a layer of ensuring that the
- 21 members are completing their on duty introductions
- 22 and synchronizations with their in-car video
- 23 systems, conducting environmental audits,
- 24 specialty audits, and compliance audits.
- 25 So risk management's responsibilities,



- 1 they monitor and evaluate the management awareness
- 2 system. The management awareness system is a
- 3 proactive tool. It provides a systematic review
- 4 performance indicators. And currently there are
- 5 52 performance indicators as indicated in the
- 6 manual. So once a threshold is met with
- 7 performance indicators, risk management reviews a
- 8 member's profile. We have two categories of once
- 9 a threshold is met. And the first one is a
- 10 category one, which means there's three
- 11 performance indicators with met within six months,
- 12 and those indicators include traffic crashes, use
- of force, citizen complaints, and civil
- 14 litigations. And a category two would be five
- 15 separate occasions of a member missing course
- 16 being sent to court in six months. So once a
- 17 determination is made as to whether performance
- 18 value, a determination is made as to whether a
- 19 performance and valuation enhancement review
- 20 session is required. PEERS is a meeting attended
- 21 by the member and the supervisor for the purpose
- 22 of discussing performance issues.
- So the following are some examples of
- 24 audits at the Civil Rights Division. Conducts.
- 25 The first one is a body-worn camera. This is



- 1 outside of our normal bi-weekly report for
- 2 CompStat purposes. We do get requests and do
- 3 body-worn camera audits that are date specific and
- 4 focus specific. And as previously stated, we had
- 5 recently done one, which included a 15-day review
- 6 of all introductions and synchronizations
- 7 throughout the department.
- 8 Another example of audits we conduct is
- 9 the environmental audit, and these are generally
- 10 at the direction of the Chief of Police. So these
- 11 are command specific and the focus on morale,
- 12 staffing, attendance, sick time, cases closure
- 13 rate, EEO, Equal Employment Opportunity, Americans
- 14 with Disabilities Act, training, firearms
- inventory, facility and vehicle inspections, and
- 16 citizen complaint records, which are handled by
- 17 the Office of the Chief Investigator.
- 18 So we also do specialty audits which
- 19 are focused and topic specific. Some examples of
- 20 ones we've done recently is we've audited the
- 21 department safes and the vending machines to
- 22 ensure that we do have access, knowing what we
- 23 have in our safes, what our combinations are,
- 24 where there came from, we can properly access
- 25 them. And vending machines ensuring that are



- 1 licensing is uniform and that we are handling
- 2 monies uniformly also.
- And we also do compliance audits, and
- 4 these are our audits that we reports out
- 5 routinely. And the first one is body camera
- 6 audits. We report those out bi-weekly, and use of
- 7 force audits, which is ongoing. And we also
- 8 conduct a quarterly report on buccal swabs, and we
- 9 also -- we conducted energy weapons, also known as
- 10 tasers, daily. We review those documentations, we
- 11 review the videos and we upload those results into
- 12 a Smart Sheet.
- 13 And why does the Department audit. We
- 14 audit to ensure compliance with Department policy
- 15 and law to mitigate liabilities, to document and
- 16 track statistics, to identify issues, to identify
- 17 safety issues, to identify trends and patterns and
- 18 recommend improvements to operations. And the
- 19 audits that we conduct, we do make a finding and
- 20 make recommendations with those audits to policy
- 21 if applicable.
- 22 So when we conduct and environmental
- 23 audit, we do it with the assistance of Civil
- 24 Rights Division, Risk Management Professional
- 25 Standards Bureau, Human Resources EEO,



- 1 professional education and training, resource
- 2 management, and fleet management.
- 3 At this time, I'd like to open it up
- 4 for questions.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Excellent
- 8 presentation. And if Commander Decker is
- 9 listening, excellent presentation also as well.
- 10 Can certainly move one to reconsider certain
- 11 things. But with your audits, on your
- 12 environmental audits, how are they prompted,
- 13 because I had a two-part question.
- 14 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: So they're
- 15 prompted by direction if there's and identified
- 16 problem, and they're also prompted by request from
- 17 a commanding officer.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And does that lead
- 19 into some type of investigations like emails, text
- 20 messages and things concerning City property?
- 21 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: That is not part
- 22 of the environmental audit. What we look at is
- 23 the topics of as stated is the attendance, the
- 24 facilities, morale, complaints, stuff of that
- 25 nature, not at members text messages or emails.



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1	COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.
2	LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: You're welcome.
3	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis.
4	CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
5	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question as it
6	relates to the environmental audits. Was you
7	involved with the environmental audit at the 6th
8	Precinct dealing with some of those racial issues,
9	and do you all help to audit racial issues.
10	LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: So I was not
11	involved with the 6th Precinct audit through the
12	Civil Rights division. I was actually at the
13	disciplinary administration at the time.
14	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But do you all
15	have a schedule? Did you all I think you all
16	probably should go around to different precincts
17	and do environmental audits. Is there any plans
18	to do anything like that?
19	LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: As stated, they're
20	at the direction of generally the Chief's Office
21	or a designee, or at the request of a commanding
22	officer. Like when a commanding officer takes
23	over a command, they will request audits to
24	identify any problems. If they hear something,
25	after talking with their staff they, I can't say



- 1 often, but occasionally they request an
- 2 environmental audit.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
- 4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the chair.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Back when he was
- 7 going through the latter part of his presentation,
- 8 it was something in one of the lines about a swab,
- 9 same thing explained what that definition of those
- 10 letters were.
- 11 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: So a buccal swab
- 12 is when a member -- excuse me, when a citizen is
- 13 arrested and they're taken to the DDC, the Detroit
- 14 Detention Center, by statute, if somebody's
- 15 arrested for a felony or a high misdemeanor such
- 16 as a sexual, a CSC, criminal sexual conduct
- 17 charge, a high misdemeanor such as that, by
- 18 statute they're required to provide a DNA sample.
- 19 So that audit that to make sure that we are doing
- 20 that in compliance with statute.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Thank you
- 22 very much. And also wanted to acknowledge
- 23 Commander Decker also in his presentation for
- 24 Greenlight and also for FRT.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.



- 1 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: If I may.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sure.
- 3 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: This is something
- 4 discussed with Ms. White, and I know that a topic
- 5 that comes up quite often with the Board through
- 6 watching the meetings is body-worn camera
- 7 compliance.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 9 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: Just for
- 10 statistics purposes, this year the Police
- 11 Department, the Civil Rights Division, we have
- 12 reviewed 26,512 events of members body-worn camera
- videos to ensure that they're in compliance, and
- of those 26,513 videos, we are not 97% in
- 15 compliance with the use of body-worn cameras.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you've.
- 17 LIEUTENANT FIRSDON: And this is up
- 18 from 16,801 last year for the entire calendar
- 19 year, and we are still at 97% compliance last
- 20 year.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank
- 22 you for reporting out. Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could we recess for
- 25 about five minutes, please?



- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you put us on
- 3 pauses on recess, please.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 6 (Whereupon a recess was
- 7 Held in the proceeding)
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Okay. So we are back on
- 10 the record, sir, and the meeting is being
- 11 recorded. And just briefly through the Chair,
- 12 Honorable Board, the incoming correspondence is
- 13 listed on the Board's agenda for today. There are
- 14 six items and they are specifically listed on the
- 15 agenda and one other item that I would like to
- 16 highlight at this time that is not listed was that
- 17 is for the record and for your clarity. Recently
- 18 the Board approved the Department's Taser X2
- 19 conducted energy weapon Department directive
- 20 304.7. And one of the questions raised during
- 21 that presentation was whether or not officers or
- 22 members are allowed to carry tasers during
- 23 secondary employment. And for the record, the
- 24 Department policy does allow members to carry
- 25 tasers during secondary employment to allow the



- 1 less lethal options that are afforded during
- 2 regular tour of duty. So again, for the record,
- 3 tasers are allowed by policy to be carried during
- 4 secondary employment. And so I wanted to clarify
- 5 that for the record. And that concludes the
- 6 incoming correspondence for this week.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms.
- 8 White.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Ms. White, correct
- 12 me if I'm wrong because I don't have it in front
- of me, but didn't the policy specifically say that
- 14 they were not allowed to carry tasers in secondary
- 15 employment? The one that we voted?
- MS. BURCH: I agree.
- 17 MS. WHITE: No, sir. Through the
- 18 Chair. The policy that was previously approved by
- 19 the Board in 2017, in 2017, did allow and did
- 20 permit officers or members to carry tasers during
- 21 secondary employment, and that was actually one of
- the recommendations that the Board posed to the
- 23 Department was to make sure to address whether or
- 24 not they could be carried during secondary
- 25 employment, and again, it's allowed to provide the



- 1 member with the less lethal option, both during
- 2 regular employment or regular tour of duty and
- 3 also during secondary employment.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Right, but I'm
- 5 talking about the policy that we just voted on
- 6 specifically where I think I recall reading it,
- 7 and saying specifically that they were not allowed
- 8 to carry tasers. So do we need to really revisit
- 9 this to look at it to make sure.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, why don't
- 11 we share that policy in the near future. You can
- 12 send it out after this meeting and, in fact, we
- 13 can review it.
- MS. WHITE: Will do.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We're going
- 16 to move on.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 19 Unfinished business. New business. Ms. White, I
- 20 think Commissioner Holt, or Commissioner Carter,
- 21 one of the two.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Madam
- 23 Vice-Chairperson Holt? Okay. I do still see her
- 24 on the line. Maybe she is muted. Commissioner
- 25 Carter?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have something
- 2 under unfinished business and new business.
- 3 Somebody keeps muting my mic form the BOPC.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, I just
- 5 want to also indicate that we are locating
- 6 Commissioner Carter and Vice-Chair Holt. And also
- 7 for the record, Honorable Board, you do have the
- 8 capabilities of self-muting and muting your
- 9 microphones at any time during the meeting. Thank
- 10 you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Under new
- 12 business, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, you have
- 14 the floor on behalf of those two Commissioners.
- 15 You just have to pause, sir.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. The Commissioner,
- 17 Madam Vice-Chairperson Holt --
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Right now I call
- 19 for Chairman Willie Bell's resignation for the
- 20 abuse of Chairmanship.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, go ahead.
- 22 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair,
- 23 Honorable Board, Madam Vice-Chairperson Holt, she
- 24 wanted to make a quote.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just got a



- 1 second from Commissioner Bill Davis.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead, Ms. White.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Excuse me. Through the
- 4 Chair, Madam Vice-Chairperson Holt wanted to
- 5 indicate on the record that she had a proposed
- 6 bylaw amendment, and I will share that information
- 7 at this time to the entire Board. But just
- 8 reading from what Madam Vice-Chairperson
- 9 indicated, the specific provision that she
- 10 proposing to amend is as follows: Article 4,
- 11 officers of the Board duties removal and Board
- 12 staff Section 7 removal. It states in part, any
- officer may be removed by the Board by a majority
- 14 vote whenever in its judgement, the best interest
- of the Board would be served thereby. So that is
- 16 the current bylaw provision. Madam
- 17 Vice-Chairperson Holt is proposing to amendment
- 18 the Board bylaw to the following: Article 4
- 19 officers of the Board duties removal and Board
- 20 staff to read as follows: Section 7. The Board
- 21 may by an affirmative vote --
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order.
- 23 I put a motion on the floor to call for Chairman
- 24 Bell's resignation.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Point of order.



- 1 Ms. White has the floor.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order.
- 3 I put a motion out there to call for Chairman
- 4 Willie Bell's resignation.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, continue,
- 6 please.
- 7 MS. WHITE: So through the Chair, the
- 8 Board may by an affirmative vote of the two thirds
- 9 seven members remove the Chairperson, Vice
- 10 Chairperson for cause. Prior to any such removal,
- 11 at least three members of the Board shall have
- 12 filed a request in writing that the Chairperson or
- when the proceeding involve the Chairperson, the
- 14 Vice Chairperson schedule such action at a Regular
- or Special Board meeting, the Chairperson or when
- 16 the proceedings involve the Chairperson, the Vice
- 17 Chairperson may at his or her discretion approve
- 18 or reject the request. If the Chairperson or the
- 19 Vice Chairperson approves the request, the person
- 20 subject to removal shall be notified and shall be
- 21 provided an opportunity to address the Board prior
- 22 to the vote. And so that is the proposed bylaw
- 23 amendment that is en route to your inbox. And
- 24 please note that the current bylaw provision that
- 25 indicates and provides for revision to bylaws



- 1 allows for a 30-day review and distribution of the
- 2 actual bylaw amendment and then for a vote to take
- 3 places. And so that information is being
- 4 distributed to your inbox.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms.
- 6 White. Thank you. Ms. White, did we establish an
- 7 agenda? I don't think we did, is that correct?
- MS. WHITE: No, sir, we did not.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: It was not
- 10 approval, so the Chair we're going to move to
- 11 announcements. The next meeting is going to be on
- 12 Thursday October 8, 2020.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I
- 14 call for your resignation as Board Chairman
- 15 because of how you dictate these meeting.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next committee
- 17 meeting going to be Thursday, November the 12th.
- 18 Oral communication at this time.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I have
- announcements.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mrs.
- 22 Burch. Make your announcement.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. I would
- 24 like that in lieu that AC Holt, whatever happened
- 25 to her, I wanted to mention just about the voting.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: AC also said, Mr.
- 3 Chair, that they the police will be around where
- 4 the people will feel safe going to vote. I wanted
- 5 to know, did anybody have the drop boxes that
- 6 going to be all through the City, were the police
- 7 going to monitor those boxes and was it going to
- 8 be like a volunteer watching those boxes so that
- 9 they wouldn't be tampered with? And that's my
- 10 question to AC and to everybody listening out
- 11 there, I believe that a person should be sitting
- 12 at the drop off locations, drop off box locations.
- 13 And the other thing, the announcement I had is
- 14 that there's a positive billboard with the Local
- 15 Engineers 324 Spectrum Neon Belmont Shopping
- 16 Center Imperial Market that we have posted at
- 17 State Fair and Woodward on the south side of
- 18 Woodward beyond the Perfecting Church under
- 19 construction. That's the good news and positive
- 20 news that anybody wants to invest in what we're
- 21 doing in the neighborhood. Please call
- 22 Commissioner Burch. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you,
- 24 Commissioner Burch. And I would bring it not only
- 25 to attention AC Bettison, I would have that



- 1 discussion with Chief Craig and the mayor in
- 2 reference to DPD. I know they can't sit on those
- 3 boxes, but they can monitor, and we'll make sure
- 4 that we have that dialogue. Mr. Brown? Is that
- 5 Mr. Brown?
- 6 MR. BROWN: Yes, sir. Good afternoon,
- 7 Mr. Chair and Honorable Board. We currently have
- 8 12 speakers. Your first speaker would be
- 9 Lieutenant Mark Young, President of LSA, Ms.
- 10 Bernice Smith, followed by Mr. Eric, Minister Eric
- 11 Blunt.
- 12 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Can you hear me?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 14 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: First all, I want to
- 15 thank you, Commissioner Bell, for the statements
- 16 that you made in the beginning about the
- 17 anti-police rhetoric, the defund the police, all
- 18 of that stuff. We told you from the beginning,
- 19 that was emotional rhetoric, agenda driven not
- 20 data, not fact driven. Minneapolis and other
- 21 cities are now suffering the consequences. Well,
- 22 actually, they're not suffering the consequences,
- 23 the honest, decent citizens, especially the youth,
- 24 the seniors, and hard working people are suffering
- 25 from the anti -police rhetoric.



- One of the things that upset me and it
- 2 drives me to anger to this day is that our city
- 3 did not inform the anti-police and the anti-police
- 4 rhetoric people about how much progress we've
- 5 made, our achievements, our already reform, how we
- 6 dealt with a barricaded gunman for two to three
- 7 days because we show compassion versus use of
- 8 force. In many cases, our members were injured
- 9 because we want to avoid using force.
- I want to say to the men and women on
- 11 the Detroit Police Department, they are the
- 12 greatest. They are the best, and they do it
- 13 unconditionally. You've already defunded them.
- 14 In the past we use layoffs and bankruptcy and
- 15 everything to defund them, so they got their
- 16 victory there. I hope they enjoy it.
- 17 Crime is out of control to some
- 18 degrees, but they still show up. Some people say
- 19 it's not a good time to be a police, I am proud to
- 20 represent the real police. Also every tool
- 21 available to these men and women, you have an
- 22 obligation to make it available to on facial
- 23 recognition included, along with benefits and
- 24 wages for them. Make this a career and not a job.
- 25 Also, the other thing that fuels my



- 1 anger right now is a lack of participation in the
- 2 census. It's deplorable. Another bankruptcy
- 3 could be looming if we don't step up and resolve
- 4 this issue quickly. We believe that victims
- 5 matter.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Ms. Bernice Smith. Ms.
- 7 Smith?
- 8 MS. PANNELL: No. She's not here.
- 9 This is Sharon. I couldn't get her on the phone,
- 10 okay?
- 11 MR. BROWN: Okay. Minister Eric Blunt.
- 12 Mr. Blount.
- 13 MINISTER BLOUNT: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 15 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. Can you hear me
- 16 Board?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 19 MINISTER BLUNT: Okay. Good. Chairman
- 20 Bell, your opening comments on the requirement for
- 21 unity of statement is wrong, especially with
- 22 controversial issues. Just like the supreme
- 23 court, the dissenting opinion is and deserves to
- 24 be heard. Recall that you, even you, Chairman
- 25 Bell, went out of your way to make a TV interview



- 1 on opposing the Boards decision not to discipline
- 2 Dewayne Jones. The Chief's report out to this
- 3 civilian oversight Board, not including the status
- 4 of disciplined officers, even those on the Giglio
- 5 Brady list is problematic, especially in light of
- 6 the fact that the report out has for years
- 7 included details on fallen and injured officers.
- 8 At Tuesday's City Council meeting, one
- 9 of the many disturbing statements DPD leadership
- 10 made was that even if the facial recognition
- 11 contract does not go through, they were still
- 12 going to do it anyway. This is highlighted by
- 13 Councilman Lopez' dissenting opinion and it was
- 14 published in the Detroit News. This we're going
- 15 to do it anyway is extremely dangerous coming from
- 16 a police department to a city council meeting.
- 17 Today the facial recognition technology repeated
- 18 presentation only highlights successes. A
- 19 critical analysis of performance must include both
- 20 sides. Why DPD leadership will never let the
- 21 story of those falsely identified share their
- 22 stories reveal the corruption used by DPD in
- 23 support of facial recognition technology.
- 24 The presentation by the Civil Rights
- 25 Unit, who approved the 52 measure indicators? Are



- 1 there other indicators that are just as good? How
- 2 do we know if these indicators are best practices?
- AC Bettison loves to state, we are the
- 4 model of this and that, never with any proof. I
- 5 yield my time.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 7 speakers would be Love Where you Live, Doniko
- 8 Williams and Susan Steigerwalt.
- 9 LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE: Hey, I'm District
- 10 3, or Love Where I Live. Liza Belvy is my name.
- 11 Please consider how you can be democratic and let
- 12 elected commissioners be heard, and how you can
- 13 delay a vote if someone falls off a call. I'm
- 14 teaching my courses for Wayne State remotely, so
- 15 I'm sympathetic to technological issues, but I ask
- 16 you to think about how to adjust procedures so you
- 17 can uphold democratic values and not whatever
- 18 you're doing here. Oh, so embarrassing. I feel
- 19 very sad that my Commissioner was not heard.
- I also feel like DPD knows how hated
- 21 this facial recognition program is to spend so
- 22 much time and effort on trying to emotionally
- 23 manipulate this Board to support FRT. The time
- 24 for anecdotal stories is over. I second what
- 25 Minister Blount said. I want to hear statistics.



- 1 I want to hear per dollar amounts on how much you
- 2 paid for FRT and how many cases were solved, with
- 3 the lawsuits filed against the City for wrongful
- 4 arrests factored in. Closure, while nice, does
- 5 not bring a person back, and each of the women in
- 6 the videos said the cases were almost closed and
- 7 not each closed.
- 8 So using faulty technology like FRT
- 9 that misidentifies people of color more than half
- 10 the time is wrong. Surveillance is not safety.
- 11 Facial recognition is not about safety. The
- 12 technology is dangerous, it is racist. It's
- 13 another area of this country where people of color
- 14 are preyed upon. No more. I pray the God gives
- 15 you courage to do the right thing and to stop this
- 16 unjust program.
- 17 Finally, I would rather that money to
- 18 deal with people having mental issues not go to
- 19 DPD, but to an organization of social workers
- 20 without guns who get more than eight hours of
- 21 training dealing with mental health. As all you
- 22 have said, DPD is way overworked, so let's move
- 23 some of these tasks that could be better done by
- 24 other organizations over to those other
- 25 organizations and away from DPD. Thank you. Yes.



- 1 Also, I feel like these meetings would be better
- without Chairman Bell's opening remarks, they're
- 3 very embarrassing and it makes me feel like these
- 4 meetings are just his personal platform. Thank
- 5 you, Commissioners Brown, Burton, Burch, Davis,
- 6 the majority of our democratically elected
- 7 commissioners who represent the people of Detroit
- 8 for your bravery --
- 9 MR. BROWN: Mr. Williams. Mr.
- 10 Williams.
- 11 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Hello.
- MR. BROWN: Yes. We can hear you.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Hello.
- 14 MR. BROWN: Yes. We can hear you.
- 15 MR. WILLIAMS: Hi. Yes. I would like
- 16 to say assuredly that I am not in favor of
- 17 Chairman Bell's remarks, and I, too, second that
- 18 he should resign. This is very embarrassing. You
- 19 know, you've been on here for too long, and you
- 20 have no respect for the citizens, for the
- 21 residents that you are paid to serve, and you do
- 22 not serve us here on this Board, Commissioner
- 23 Bell. It's very, it's very shaming of you right
- 24 now. I hope the media doesn't get to you tonight.
- 25 Anyway, I want to say that I am still



- 1 against facial recognition technology. I am still
- 2 against racial profiling of the Detroit Police
- 3 Department. It is very unfair. You know, for an
- 4 African American city, 80% African American city
- 5 to have facial recognition where other states and
- 6 other cities have banned it because of false
- 7 identification, because it identifies people who
- 8 haven't even committed crimes. I believe in
- 9 community policing. Community policing as well as
- 10 watch of the leg of the Detroit Police Department.
- 11 Now, I may not say defund the police, but I damn
- 12 sure say reform the police, and that means reform
- 13 has to come through the people. And we have laid
- 14 out policies, demands and such that have not been
- 15 followed. Again, I would like for Chairman Bell
- 16 to please hand in his resignation of the City of
- 17 Detroit. Thank you.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Ms. Steigerwalt.
- MS. STEIGERWALT: Hi. Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 21 MS. STEIGERWALT: Great. First of all,
- 22 Commissioner Bell, it seems, does not believe in
- 23 the 1st Amendment. I thing that's really
- 24 critical, and I want to echo that the previous
- 25 speakers regarding, regarding the need for



- 1 minority views being supported, not crushed. Of
- 2 course we want crime solved, but I want to also
- 3 echo that to, to put a video together that does
- 4 not mention Robert Williams and Michael Oliver is
- 5 completely, completely unfair to the subject.
- 6 Very emotional video. Not balanced.
- 7 Also concur that, that we need data on
- 8 how many people are misidentified as well as
- 9 identified before instead of this sort of
- 10 anecdotal data. And I am personally as a
- 11 physician and a 44-year, 44-year member of the
- 12 Detroit community oppose facial recognition
- 13 because it's a flawed technology. And it is
- 14 stated and stated that it is processed in a
- 15 different way with five people having to look at
- 16 it. That's totally inefficient and wasteful.
- 17 They could be doing something else, or we could
- 18 save the Department money so that we could have a
- 19 group of social workers coming out and take care
- 20 of the people that need social work, not policing.
- 21 Just want to add that Oakland, San
- 22 Francis, Boston, Portland, Summerville and others
- 23 have discontinued facial recognition. Again, if
- 24 we use a flawed technology, any technology can be
- 25 used or misused, why use a flawed one and risk



- 1 people being in appropriately --
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 3 speakers would be Ms. Ashley Smith followed by Mr.
- 4 Scotty Boman, follow by JW. Ms. Smith.
- 5 MS. SMITH: Hi. I'm Ashley Smith,
- 6 sister of Sheldy Smith, victim of Detroit Police
- 7 brutality. I would have to say that I agree with
- 8 Minister Blount and Love Where You Live.
- 9 Personally, I find it unconstitutional deal
- 10 against the 5th Amendment to have cameras being
- 11 utilized in such a manner. Also, I think it's
- 12 literally a waste of taxpayer's money to utilize a
- 13 system when there's a state mandate for mask. So
- 14 we have an inaccurate use of technology.
- So I believe -- I agree with the
- 16 citizens. I think there's added value -- there's
- 17 no added value with this program, especially in
- 18 today's time of COVID-19 and people's face not
- 19 even being viewable or really seeable.
- 20 Also I thought it was a slap in the
- 21 face to me and my family for DPD to talk about
- 22 fund raising for mental health programs where
- 23 we've all known, and we've all heard me
- 24 complaining about you promoting a police officer
- 25 who attacked a person who had a mental health



- 1 issue. So, you know, it comes up very fraudulent,
- 2 and very fake, and very inconsiderate.
- 3 Again, justice for Sheldy, end Project
- 4 Greenlight. And also, I think we need to -- I'm
- 5 disappointed in this meeting. We have to be fair
- 6 and we have to follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- 7 And also I believe that citizens should be able to
- 8 ask questions to subject matter experts about
- 9 items such as Project Greenlight and facial
- 10 recognition because it affects the citizens more
- 11 than anyone else. I don't think it should just be
- 12 questions to the Board themselves, but to the
- 13 community in whole. So hopefully, that will be
- 14 soon. Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Boman.
- 16 MR. BOMAN: Hello. Once again, there's
- 17 way too many things going wrong here to comment on
- 18 all of it. But of special note this meeting we
- 19 have Commissioner Bell, again, ignoring Robert's
- 20 Rules where a motion was seconded and not
- 21 recognizing Commissioner Burton. And, of course,
- 22 I could see his bias in the matter because it was
- 23 for him to resign, and he doesn't want to do that.
- 24 But the -- and then there's this discussion of the
- 25 majority of people being able to silence a



- 1 minority of commissioners and being able to gang
- 2 up on them and keep them out; that they want to
- 3 make the bylaws that way. Maybe I should remind
- 4 you the City Charter defines how people become
- 5 police commissioners and who can and cannot be a
- 6 police commissioner, not your bylaws.
- Finally, okay, then we got -- oh,
- 8 there's no final yet. The facial recognition
- 9 thing in addition to and, again, you know, we've
- 10 heard the fact that you have one person tell the
- 11 story doesn't change the fact that yeah, we've
- 12 heard that it solves some cases. I mean from a
- 13 factual standpoint, that's all you're saying.
- 14 And, again, we have the broader problem of
- 15 creating a system that systemically discriminates
- 16 while it's flawed, and if it is fixed, becomes a
- 17 dangerous means of mass surveillance or tracking
- 18 everyone's movement, or even a social credit
- 19 system like they have over in China.
- 20 Finally, back to Sheldy Smith, and back
- 21 to Dewayne Jones. Regardless of what happens to
- 22 Mr. Jones, and I have not heard this addressed, I
- 23 brought it up several times, what about all of the
- 24 officers who were trained to do what he did and
- 25 say that he did exactly what they would do, and if



- 1 they had it to do over again, if they were in his
- 2 situation, they'd do exactly the same thing, you
- 3 need to deal with that, the training of all those
- 4 offices, because you said Jones was wrong. Well,
- 5 how can they be right?
- 6 MR. BROWN: JW.
- 7 JW: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 9 JW: Okay. Great. First of all, shame
- 10 on everybody who supported the facial recognition
- 11 technology, but those are the same people that are
- 12 probably going to sell us out on the Fairgrounds,
- 13 and so everybody who cares about the Fairgrounds,
- 14 please get on that call right now because it seems
- 15 like Marshall Bullock went out and did some
- 16 chicken dinner politics and got a bunch of people
- 17 to get on and say yes, not really knowing much
- 18 about it.
- 19 Also, I suggest, Chairman Bell, that
- 20 you watch Chairman Alton James of the City
- 21 Planning Commission run a respectful meeting. You
- 22 continue to disrespect my elected official and
- 23 that's why there should all be elected officials
- 24 on the Board. Justice for Sheldy, that was just
- 25 another egg on the face that you won't handle this



- 1 right. Now, hey, Love Where You Live, you may not
- 2 love where you live if Amazon gets their warehouse
- 3 and they bulldoze our historic buildings there.
- 4 So -- and -- however, you know, for the whole
- 5 concept the defund the police, I agree, that's not
- 6 the best terminology. I'm not against all police,
- 7 but I am against the ones that misbehave and
- 8 follow corrupt orders from above. I would like to
- 9 commend Officer Maurer 2564 who helped me out with
- 10 exemplary service. But yeah, defund the police
- 11 also covers the concept of prosecutors and
- 12 attorney generals that cover for law enforcement
- 13 that lie, kind of like what happened to me in
- 14 California when the attorney generalship of Kamala
- 15 Harris' people just told lie, after life, after
- 16 lie, and then the courts looked the other way. So
- 17 folks, we got not a good selection here.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next two
- 19 speakers would be Miss Michele George followed by
- 20 Miss Brown. Miss George.
- MS. GEORGE: Can you hear me? Hi, Mr.
- 22 Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Hi. Yes, we can.
- 24 MS. GEORGE: To Chairman Bell and to
- 25 the Honorable Board, and also to Assistant Chief



- 1 Bettison, thank you for your report.
- 2 Chairman Bell, the issue when
- 3 Commissioner Burch tried to get on, that was just
- 4 disrespectful. She still should have been allowed
- 5 to vote. You should not be the only one going to
- 6 see Chief Craig and Mayor Duggan. So hopefully if
- 7 it's not bylaws like Scotty said, maybe it could
- 8 be some type of with Charter.
- 9 Also Council President Brenda Jones,
- 10 Council President Sheffield and Lopez voted down
- 11 facial recognition. The issue that we have with
- 12 the Commissioner Burch like you were stating, it's
- 13 data privacy concern, facial recognition, racial
- 14 bias, low reliability, lack of regulation, and
- 15 individual privacy concerns. I feel for those
- 16 families. I also had a cousin murdered. But the
- 17 issue is, just like Minister Blount said, to make
- 18 that -- that's the problem I have with the City.
- 19 Oh, we're going to do it anyway. And that's why
- 20 Lieutenant Mark Young, you are correct about the
- 21 increase in crime. Because I'm telling you,
- 22 somebody ever knocked me in my head, the first
- 23 thing I'm going to do is call the police.
- So we pray for the police. We want the
- 25 police here, absolutely. But I wanted to say



- 1 also, Lieutenant Mark Young, President Trump took
- 2 money from the justice department so police
- 3 precincts wouldn't have the money to make people
- 4 look at the violence and vote for him. Also he
- 5 took away racially sensitive training. So if
- 6 anybody saw the debate, the President also
- 7 defunded the police. So it can have the opposite
- 8 effect. I wanted to definitely make that point.
- 9 But also I have some African American
- 10 nurses knows about this facial recognition, and
- 11 I'm asking the citizens to write the Michigan
- 12 Department of Civil Rights. We were on the call
- 13 yesterday for public comment to have a hearing on
- 14 facial recognition. We need you all to vote.
- 15 Don't hurt the police. We need the police. We
- 16 don't need you --
- 17 MR. BROWN: Miss Brown.
- MS. BROWN: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 20 MS. BROWN: Okay. Thank you. Good
- 21 afternoon, Commission. My name is Tara Brown, and
- 22 i live in District 5. That is part of the Tiny
- 23 Homes Community right there at Monterey and
- 24 Woodrow Wilson. Thank you Commissioner William
- 25 Davis for asking about the drag racing because it



- 1 is a problem. The other night we're at Elmhurst
- 2 exit 60 right off the Lodge. The other night, our
- 3 power was knocked out after a drag racer lost
- 4 control of his car and hit a pole. This has been
- 5 ongoing at the intersection of Monterey and
- 6 Woodrow Wilson. So when I hear somebody say that
- 7 the drag racing has -- when I hear specifically AC
- 8 Bettison say that the drag racing has started to
- 9 go down, I don't where he's talking about. Maybe
- 10 on Grand River, because it certainly is over on
- 11 Monterey and Woodrow Wilson. And with this drag
- 12 racing, people have been hit by and fallen out of
- 13 cars that have lost control. Someone has been
- 14 shot and killed at one of these drag races. I
- 15 mean what is the plan that the City of Detroit has
- 16 to do something about this and be serious about
- 17 it? You have Detroit Police, Detroit Police
- 18 employees and City of Detroit employees out there
- 19 spectators and participants, and I mean this is
- 20 ongoing. The police, we call the police.
- 21 Sometimes they come, sometimes they don't. They
- 22 turn on their sirens. They scare them off with
- 23 the sirens, and then five minutes later they come
- 24 back. And everybody is complaining about it, but
- 25 nothing is happening with this drifting and this



- 1 is drag racing.
- 2 And I also want to say, with all due
- 3 respect, it is the job of Chief Craig to protect
- 4 and serve the citizens of Detroit. It is not his
- 5 job to help derelicts find a place to race cars
- 6 that they knew they didn't have a place to race
- 7 when they bought them. He should have stayed out
- 8 of that because now once he set that precedent
- 9 where he gave them a place to drag race, or
- 10 suggested one, now they all feel like they're all
- in with him, and it's just absolutely lawlessness,
- 12 and everybody is doing what they want to do. You
- 13 all need to speak to the Detroit Police, or I
- 14 don't know what has to happen, but something --
- 15 somebody needs to come up with a plan. These
- 16 houses are 3 and 400 square feet, and if somebody
- 17 hits one of them, they're going to kill us.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your
- 19 last speaker.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr.
- 21 Brown. When we're talking about the technology,
- 22 my system is fading. We just hit a rain storm in
- 23 this area, and I'm losing power. I was trying to
- 24 hold on and make sure everybody who had public
- 25 comments and we got them in. So we have had folks



1	dropping off, so we're going to stand adjourned.
2	We don't have an official agenda now way to vote
3	it down, so we stand adjourned, Ms. White, because
4	I don't have power, and Vice-Chair Holt has left
5	the meeting, and other Commissioners left the
6	meeting too, so we stand adjourned. Thank you for
7	your attendance.
8	(The proceeding was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.)
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2	STATE OF MICHIGAN )
3	) SS
4	COUNTY OF OAKLAND )
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6	I, Melinda R. Womack, Certified
7	Shorthand Reporter, a Notary Public in and for the
8	above county and state, do hereby certify that the
9	above deposition was taken before me at the time
10	and place hereinbefore set forth; that the witness
11	was by me first duly sworn to testify to the
12	truth, and nothing but the truth, that the
13	foregoing questions asked and answers made by the
14	witness were duly recorded by me stenographically
15	and reduced to computer transcription; that this
16	is a true, full and correct transcript of my
17	stenographic notes so taken; and that I am not
18	related to, nor of council to either party nor
19	interested in the event of this cause.
20	Melencle R. Womach
21	FUILLUCIE P. LI moch
22	Melinda R. Womack, CSR-3611
23	Notary Public,
24	Oakland County, Michigan



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