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- 1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon and welcome to the Detroit
- 2 Board of Police Commissioners meeting. Today's date is
- 3 Thursday January 28 2021 and please note the following
- 4 reminders for virtual meetings on zoom.us. A message
- 5 regarding zoom policies: attendees do not need to
- 6 identify themselves if they would like to make a comment.
- 7 Attendees can phone in to the meeting and phone numbers
- 8 will be masked by zoom.
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- 15 be fine for logging in.
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- 17 please adhere to the Board's Bylaws and zoom's policies
- 18 of using this forum appropriately. Failure to adhere to
- 19 the policies will result in dismissal from the meeting.
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- 13 provide your email address to get the draft agenda, which
- 14 is distributed each Tuesday to some 360 people. You may
- 15 also subscribe to GovDelivery where there are over 5,800
- 16 people are receiving BOPC news alerts and draft agendas.
- 17 I just received that update earlier this week. Please
- 18 also sign up on the Detroitmi.gov homepage, and also find
- 19 the BOPC Zoom link and much more much more of course on
- 20 the board's website as well as board's Facebook page.
- 21 For public comments instructions, the virtual
- 22 meeting will use a forum for public comments and you can
- 23 sign up on Smartsheet without an email address. The board
- 24 of police commissioners allows one hour from 3:00 to 4:00
- 25 PM for the public to request to speak during public



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- 2 request without Smartsheet, meeting participants may use
- 3 the "raise hand" icon on the website, or they may press
- 4 star nine (*9) on the telephone.
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- 6 joining the meeting, participants will join the meeting
- 7 muted. Please do not start your video unless invited to
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- 12 controls on your computer screen "raise hand," or you may
- 13 dial star nine (*9) from a mobile device. You may use any
- 14 one of these options by 4:00 PM to be acknowledged for
- 15 public comments.
- 16 And lastly, each speaker will have two minutes to
- 17 speak. The BOPC staff will acknowledge each speaker. We
- 18 ask that you remain respectful and professional and
- 19 refrain from violating the Board's Bylaws, zoom's terms
- 20 of services, and other relevant laws and ordinances,
- 21 which are posted on all meeting access forums.
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- 23 background sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.
- 24 And just as a reminder to the honorable board and DPD
- 25 executives and other panelists you do have the option to



- 1 enable or disable your microphone at any time during the
- 2 meeting as well as your video and if you are experiencing
- 3 any technical difficulties please contact the board's co-
- 4 host staff. And also please note honorable board you have
- 5 received additional email correspondences just before the
- 6 meeting for your consideration.
- 7 And now Chairperson Bell.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. Thank you. I'm
- 9 going to call the meeting to order. We've got to have the
- 10 invocation from Chaplain Davenport.
- 11 CHAPLIN DAVENPORT: Yes, sir. Thank you honorable
- 12 Chair. Father God, and heavenly Lord, we thank you for
- 13 this opportunity to serve the City. We asked oh God, that
- 14 you throw your blessings on this Board. Continue to grant
- 15 them wisdom and fellowship, as they make decisions
- 16 regarding the wealth of our officers and the citizens.
- 17 Blessed the entire Detroit Police Department and the
- 18 leadership staff, as well as the City of Detroit as a
- 19 whole, this country in the world. In your hands oh God,
- 20 we are cared for. In your hands we trust. This is my
- 21 prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: All right, thank you, Chaplin. I
- 23 am Commissioner Willie Bell, District 4, and the Chair of
- 24 the Board. The next item calls for the introduction of
- 25 the Commissioner individually. We're going to start that



- 1 process at this time. Vice-Chair?
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon to the citizens of
- 3 the City of Detroit, to this most honorable Board of
- 4 Police Commissioners, and to the folks or the officers in
- 5 blue, women and males who work to keep the City of
- 6 Detroit safe. Good afternoon. Thank you Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 1.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon everyone. This is
- 9 Commissioner Darryl Brown for District 1.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 2
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon, everybody. This
- is Commissioner Shirley Birch, the District where we love
- 14 and respect where we live.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 5.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Burton here. I
- 17 want to make a quick point, Mr. Chairman. Last week I was
- improperly removed from the meeting. District 5
- 19 constituents are very disappointed and displeased with
- 20 the Board. In addition to that, I like to have a copy of
- 21 all of the closed-door sessions, Mr. Chairman pertaining
- 22 to last week's meeting since I was improperly put out of
- 23 the meeting. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 6, excused.
- 25 District 7.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon. This is Police
- 2 Commissioner William M. Davis. Love where you work.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner-at-large
- 4 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon everyone.
- 6 This is Jesus Hernandez at large, present.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Jones.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon everyone, and to
- 9 our great City of Detroit community and the Detroit
- 10 Police Department. My name is Police Commissioner Martin
- 11 Jones at large.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Last but not least
- 13 young man from Little Rock, historic Little Rock Baptist
- 14 Church.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Jim
- 16 Holley, present.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a quorum.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Mrs. White. The next
- 20 item would be approval of the agenda for January 28th,
- 21 2021.
- 22 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we approve the agenda.
- 23 COMMISSIONER JONES: I second.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Mr. Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been properly moved and



- 1 second discussion.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman under discussion,
- 5 I move that we postpone January 21st meeting due to the
- 6 fact that we received them less than 24 hours
- 7 electronically through email. There was no hard copy of
- 8 the January 21st minutes from the meeting. And therefore
- 9 there was only a hard electronic copy sent out in less
- 10 than 24 hours and no hard copy. So I'd like to move that
- 11 we postpone approving the minutes today until next week.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, we are not addressing the
- 13 minutes. We are addressing the agenda.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Roll call vote. Those in
- 16 favor. We go by district if you want to. District 1.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No. That was a no vote. Mr.
- 18 Chairman, did you hear that?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2. District 2 is not
- 20 present.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: District 2 is present.
- 22 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Bernard?
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. I'm sorry. I have to
- 24 agree. I haven't even read those minutes yet because
- 25 you've just emailed them to us. So it would have to be a



- 1 no vote.
- 2 MRS. WHITE: Excuse me. Through the Chair. This is a
- 3 vote for the approval of the agenda.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, the agenda. I apologize. I
- 5 approved the agenda. Thank you for clarifying that.
- 6 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Mr. Chair. District 3.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm here. Yes.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: Okay. Yes, through the Chair or okay, I
- 9 still see Mr. Chair there. So, Commissioner Burch, I
- 10 think Commissioner Chair Bell left off with your vote or
- 11 requesting your vote at this time.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I said yes. He's talking, but
- 13 he's not coming through.
- MRS. WHITE: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Chair. You are
- 15 muted at this time.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can you hear me now?
- 17 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: The agenda was sent out quite early. Is
- 19 that correct, packaged?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. The package was sent out on
- 21 Tuesday. As we generally send each Board packet out and
- 22 the draft minutes were after we
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We are speaking to the agenda.
- 24 MRS. WHITE: Yes sir, everything was sent out on
- 25 Tuesday.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I just want to give that
- 2 clarification. Okay. Where are we?
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch has just voted, and
- 4 so now District 5, excuse me, your vote, and then
- 5 District 5.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to vote no on the
- 7 agenda right now because the agenda is still improper.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, would you clarify what
- 10 we're voting on with all this dialogue, with my internet
- 11 cutting out.
- 12 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. At this time, the honorable
- 13 Board is voting on the approval of the agenda for the
- 14 date of January 28th, 2021. And we left off at your vote.
- 15 Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Well, there's opposition to
- 17 them, but I'll pass at this time. We'll move on. Who is
- 18 next? Would be.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: District 5.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 5.
- 21 DISTRICT 5: I vote no on the agenda because the
- 22 agenda is still improper. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. District 7.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I also vote no, but not because
- of that. I vote. No, because it's a director of personnel



- 1 information.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Commissioner Hernandez.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I vote yes to the agenda.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, thank you. Commissioner
- 5 Jones.
- 6 COMMISSIONER JONES: I vote yes on the agenda.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I say yes, but I
- 9 don't understand why we got to start this at every
- 10 meeting. This is frustrating. I mean, we don't agree on
- 11 nothing. We don't agree on the agenda. The agenda is
- 12 about the agenda. What the hell is wrong with you guys? I
- 13 don't understand this. This doesn't make this no fun
- 14 anymore. What's wrong with the agenda, man? Ain't nothing
- 15 wrong with the agenda. So you guys got to stop this
- 16 stuff. This doesn't make any sense. And I said it, I said
- it. It doesn't make any sense what you guys are doing.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I agree.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: This is not fun anymore. We
- 20 don't get paid for this. I got other things to do than
- 21 listen to this crazy stuff that you all talking about.
- 22 What's wrong with the agenda? What's wrong with it Brown?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: What's wrong with it Reverend
- 24 Holley is that we left off at a meeting and were under
- 25 the impression that we were going to



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, the Chair is
- 2 speaking.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Hold on, you allowed him to
- 4 speak.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No sir, I did not give you the
- 6 floor.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Well I'm requesting the floor.
- 8 Mr. Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: But you don't have the floor.
- 10 We're in the process of voting and Commissioner, I vote
- 11 yes, Ms. White.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the motion
- 13 pass.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I didn't vote. I vote yes as
- 15 well.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, sorry, Commissioner Burch,
- 17 okay, sorry. Commissioner Holt vote?
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, I vote in supported the
- 19 agenda.
- MRS. WHITE: There were 7 yes votes and 3 no votes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. This motion's failed, that's
- 22 what you're trying to say.
- MRS. WHITE: No, the motion through the Chair was to
- 24 approve the agenda.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. I got it. I got confused.



- 1 The no vote like Commissioner Holley says this is really
- 2 so inappropriate. We move on. The next item would be the
- 3 minutes. Are there any corrections to the minutes? Are
- 4 there any corrections to the minutes?
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved, so moved.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there are no corrections to the
- 8 minutes, the minutes are passed.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion Mr. Chair.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I mean, we're not going to vote
- 11 on it?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We don't really, as you learned,
- 13 or rather the rules are, we don't have to vote if there
- 14 is no, which we just got a lesson on. If there are no
- 15 addition or correction, then we can move on with their
- 16 minutes. You don't have to click a form or vote.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
- 18 be recognized to speak.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I do not recognize you,
- 20 Commissioner Burton.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call to overrule the Chair.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We've got to move on. You don't
- 24 say why you have to deal with a rational reason.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I called to overrule the Chair



- 1 because I did say.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's too late. You don't have the
- 3 floor now. You don't have the floor now, sir.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I did state.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You did not state, you don't have
- 6 the floor now. You did not state why. So we move on.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next item would be the
- 9 introduction. Ms. White, you heave the floor.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, Honorable Board.
- 11 The Department of Innovation and Technology is monitoring
- 12 and recording the Board's meeting today. And our court
- 13 reporter is Mr. Don Handyside and Chaplain, excuse me. As
- 14 I previously indicated Chaplain Demetrius Davenport
- 15 conducted the invocation. The following Board staff
- 16 members are in attendance today. Mr. Robert Brown,
- 17 Administrative Specialist, Ms. Teresa Blossom, Community
- 18 Relations Coordinator, Ms. Janya Underwood,
- 19 Administrative Assistant Investigator, Tiffany Stewart,
- 20 Lieutenant James Coles, representing police, HR Division
- 21 and Police recruitment, interim Chief Investigator
- 22 Lawrence Akbar, Supervising Investigator Ansley Cromwell,
- 23 Supervising Investigator LiSonya Sloan, Senior
- 24 Investigator Rosalia Madrigal and also Assistant
- 25 Corporation Counsel Erica Savage-Whitley is also on the



- 1 line. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. Good to
- 3 see you Deputy Chief Charles Fitzgerald representing
- 4 Chief Craig. Would you introduce DPD personnel?
- 5 DPD FITZGERALD: Certainly. Good afternoon, sir. It's
- 6 tough to tell because I don't have a list of maybe the
- 7 Board Secretary of who's on. And I know that I believe
- 8 First Assistant Chief Stair is on, Commander Hayes. I
- 9 know that Commander Simms and Captain Newson will be on
- 10 because they'll be presenting later. And I'm sure the
- 11 rest hopefully will reveal themselves at some point
- 12 during the Board meeting.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for the introduction. We
- 14 welcome all those that we cannot see you're here. We
- 15 thank you for participating. DC Fitzgerald, it's good to
- 16 see you this year.
- 17 DPD FITZGERALD: Yes, good to see you. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, Ms. White, do we have any
- 19 elected officials or representative elected officials?
- 20 MRS. WHITE: At this time? Mr. Chair, I just have the
- 21 notification that police officer Ron Thomas Vice-
- 22 President of the Detroit Police Officers Association is
- 23 also present on the line.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mrs. White. Thank you
- 25 for all in attendance. We appreciate your support. We



- 1 move on to my report. The issue about police personnel
- 2. director. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Madam Vice-Chair, you are muted at this
- 4 time.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, I'm sorry, please excuse that. 5
- 6 I move to approve the candidate, Ms. Karina Patillo for
- the position of Director of Police Personnel. 7
- COMMISSIONER JONES: I second. 8
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Point of information,
- discussion. 10
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You've been properly moved and
- 12. second discussion.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Am I being called sir? 13
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis?
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I think this is improper in that
- 16 we, as the Board as a whole, should be aware of all the
- candidates. We should not have a sub-committee making 17
- decisions about that and we should not and if you're 18
- saying that the people voted, the commissioners voted in 19
- a closed session, that'd be non-violation of the Open 20
- 21 Meetings Act.
- 2.2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair. I'm in agreement with
- Commissioner Davis. Okay. If you've selected this person, 2.4
- which one is it? All I received was a text about it, but 25



- 1 is that the candidate that lived in Bellville, that you
- 2 all have automatically selected her?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch. Yes, we did
- 4 not automatically select. We made a recommendation, a
- 5 consensus. We did not take a vote or anything of that
- 6 nature. So here we are today to consider that candidate.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: She's the only one Mr. Bell?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: There was one other candidate.
- 9 We're advancing this candidate.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I too disagree with the process
- 13 based on the fact that we've never had public interviews
- 14 and by us not doing the interviews publicly like that, we
- 15 didn't protect the integrity of the process and make it
- 16 fair and equitable for the rest of the candidates. In
- 17 light of that, we had a candidate drop out. I did request
- 18 that we look at the next three candidates and keep this
- 19 candidate in the pool with the next three. And that was
- 20 something that I would like to see done. I mean, because
- 21 this was not a fair and equitable process. And, like my
- 22 colleagues said we don't even know who half the people
- 23 are and how these people were vetted. And this committee
- 24 that was put together without the knowledge of the Board
- or informing the Board or other Board members to put this



- 1 out like that, it's just not right. It's not fair to the
- 2 public and it's definitely not fair to the men and women
- 3 of the Detroit Police Department and has someone that
- 4 makes sure that we don't give them the best candidate
- 5 possible.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Ma'am.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: As I understand First Assistant
- 9 Chief Stair will be the officer who works closest with
- 10 Ms. Patillo. And as I also understand, she was the
- 11 candidate that received the First Assistant Chief Stair's
- 12 recommendation, yes?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 14 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair?
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am?
- 17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: She did receive first assistant
- 18 chief Stair's recommendation as well, correct?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry, that is correct.
- 20 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you,
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Ms. Annie, Mr. Commissioner
- 22 Bell.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Ms. Annie, that has nothing to
- 25 do. What we are saying is as Board members we didn't have



- 1 the opportunity to select anybody or to know who Patillo
- 2 has -- AC Stairs may know her, but somebody else may know
- 3 somebody else. All we're talking about is no argument,
- 4 it's the process of how you all do things. It's just like
- 5 we're in the dark. I'm done. I don't get it.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: To the Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. I believe Ms. Karina
- 9 Patillo's resume spoke very highly of her skills. Now, to
- 10 say that First Assistant Chief Stair had a pre-knowledge
- of her, I can't address that issue, but again, of the
- 12 three candidates whose resumes we did have Ms. Patillo's
- 13 resume, really stood out among all three of those
- 14 candidates.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I think that this Board is
- 18 skating on thin ice. If we go forward with this action,
- 19 which is highly questionable and improper, I think we're
- 20 opening ourselves up to it further litigation.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: To the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No grounds. Commissioner Davis, we
- 23 followed the best practice with HR staff, who this is
- 24 what they do. Mr. Comrade, you had the opportunity to
- 25 engage. It is a standard procedure that no Board would



- 1 interview all 40 some candidates. That is not even
- 2 feasible. We can barely get through these three
- 3 candidates, unfortunately, one cropped out. We followed
- 4 the best practice, and it also coincides with the past
- 5 history of this Board. Commissioner Holley, I think
- 6 perhaps you can weigh in. I'll come back to Mr. Jones.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Let Mr. Jones go on, I'm
- 8 holding.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones, go ahead.
- 10 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, Commissioner Holley.
- 11 Thank you through the Chair. This process was quite
- involved. I don't agree that the process was rushed in
- 13 any way. We started out with a field of 39 candidates,
- 14 and as you know, it really got whittled down to three,
- 15 and ultimately it got whittled down to two because one of
- those candidates dropped out and we had an extensive
- 17 meeting. I believe each candidate had probably about an
- 18 hour's time to give us an idea of what their credentials,
- 19 what their intent is, what their research is with the
- 20 Detroit Police Department. What plans that they might
- 21 have based upon some of the questions that were asked of
- them during those interviews. We did that with all the
- 23 Commissioners being available to weigh in and listen to
- 24 those interviews. But in the previous process where it
- 25 was, in order to keep from violating the Open Meetings



- 1 Act, there were just a few of the Commissioners that was
- 2 in on that particular meeting.
- 3 So all in all, if it took us this long, and it's
- 4 continuing to take us this long, just to deal with two
- 5 candidates, imagine the thing or the situation we would
- 6 create. If we put 39 candidates before the full Board.
- 7 It's not something that's feasible. And as the Chair had
- 8 mentioned, it was a process where they were vetted and it
- 9 came down to the two candidates with one being able to
- 10 get approval from the persons that were in that meeting.
- 11 Thank you,
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I echo what Commission Jones
- 14 said. That was the process.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, just one more
- 17 question. When you consider the candidates, did you
- 18 consider that residence if I'm not mistaken, this person
- 19 lives out of the city, or you have considered that?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, that is an
- 21 inappropriate HR review process to consider a person
- 22 resident. And I think Mr. Conrad spoke to that, if not,
- 23 he will speak to that. That is inappropriate more or
- less. There are city officials who live outside of the
- 25 City of Detroit. They work in various capacities in the



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- 1 City of Detroit. The residence is not a requirement, and
- 2 also as you well know is not a required for a police
- 3 officer to live in the City of Detroit.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I hear you Commissioner Bell.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Linda Bernard. I want
- 6 to hear from Commissioner Linda Bernard.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, the issues regarding the
- 8 candidate herself are separate from the issues regarding
- 9 the process Mr. Chairman. I was present in that meeting.
- 10 I liked this candidate. I liked the fact that she's a
- 11 military person. She's not a resident of Bellville. She's
- 12 actually a resident of Texas. So I don't know if that
- means that we would be relocating her to Detroit, to the
- 14 metropolitan Detroit area or what, but I think the issues
- 15 that the Board members have raised relate to the fact
- 16 that they feel excluded from the process, that is
- 17 because, and we talked about this, about the composition
- of the committee that was actually acting as a personnel
- 19 committee in terms of interviewing the candidate, that
- 20 no, they weren't actually invited to participate in that
- 21 process.
- I do think Mr. Chairman that had we been given a
- 23 list, for example, all 39 names, and then you had you
- 24 know, like 6, 5 or 6 Board members, 5 Board members, who
- 25 are not just, if you will, appointed Board members, which



- doesn't matter to me, but apparently, it matters to some
- 2 people involved in that process. And then just made a
- 3 cut. You look probably cut out 20 of them right off the
- 4 bat because they wouldn't meet your fundamental
- 5 qualifications and then you just narrow it down. I think
- 6 it's that they were just presented with three people at
- 7 the very end by a committee that they feel is not
- 8 necessarily representative of the full Board. And now
- 9 they're being presented with the candidate. I think
- 10 that's the quagmire Reverend Holley and Commissioner
- 11 Bell, but I liked her, but there are a number of issues
- 12 like I said, are we relocating her? That could be
- 13 \$10,000, \$20,000. I don't know. I don't know what her
- 14 plans are. I mean, she lives in Texas. She owns property,
- 15 she said in Bellville,
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, I'm going to
- 17 ask you to pull back your question,
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: This unreadiness. Can we entertain
- 20 that Commissioner Holt? To.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 22 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Do I understand Chair Bell that
- 23 you're asking us to table this motion?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, I'm not asking you to table.
- 25 I'm just asking for you to pull back your motion.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Withdraw it.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Withdraw your motion now.
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. I moved to withdraw my
- 4 motion.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is there a second?
- 6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We move on to the next item.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Deputy Chief Fitzgerald.
- 10 DPD FITZGERALD: Thank you, Chairman Bell, Honorable
- 11 Board. I'll jump right in. I'm going to try to be brief
- 12 because I know number 12 is going to give a fantastic
- 13 presentation. So I'll jump in with crime. We're still
- 14 struggling with the two things that we finished off the
- 15 year with, homicides and non-fatal shootings. We are down
- one criminal homicide this year, as opposed to last year,
- 17 but that is definitely nothing to be too excited about.
- 18 And our non-fatal shootings were down 23 over last year.
- 19 I mean up 23, excuse me, for a 62% increase.
- We have seen a little bit of a spike in carjackings
- 21 over the last two weeks. It is the season, folks start
- 22 their car in the morning, let it run. I know that when we
- 23 last talked to some of the commercial auto theft people,
- 24 they're heavily looking into the fact that possibly these
- 25 cars weren't actually carjacked, but inappropriately -



- 1 they weren't reported properly. All in all, part one
- 2 violent crime due to the assaults and non-fatal, we're up
- 3 about 11% over last year.
- 4 Property crime continues to trend down, which is
- 5 great. We're down 31% with an overall par one crime being
- 6 down 18%. As far as COVID is concerned, we have at DPD 24
- 7 of our members have last tested positive on their last
- 8 test. We have 28 members currently quarantined. As far as
- 9 the rank of those go most of them are police officers.
- 10 There are 12 of them, 5 civilians 1, detective, 4
- 11 sergeants, a corporal. I think, all in all, we're kind of
- 12 going back in the right direction. So that is a good
- 13 thing. I like to think that this cold weather is helping
- 14 a little bit. Folks are wearing their masks at all times,
- 15 washing their hands. And we're definitely doing our
- 16 social distance.
- 17 First are critically injured officers, not a whole
- 18 lot of change. We've had a couple of officers in the last
- 19 couple of weeks that have been injured. Officer Brenda
- 20 Hernandez was dealing with a mentally ill patient when he
- 21 struck her in the face a couple of times. She suffered a
- 22 broken nose and another person in a vehicle accident. And
- 23 then just last night we had one of our officers slip and
- 24 fall on some ice, going down some steel steps, and landed
- on his head. He is doing okay. He is at home



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- 1 recuperating. So that is a good thing. Outside of that
- 2 last week both just the East and West sides on patrol,
- 3 they took over 80 some guns off the street with 83 CCW
- 4 arrests. So the men and women as cold as it is out there,
- 5 they are still out there doing their thing, a lot of
- 6 proactive enforcement trying to keep our citizens safe.
- 7 Other than that, that's about it. I'll open it up to any
- 8 questions you have for me.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you,
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, sir. A couple of
- 13 questions. I know this first one, you probably have to
- 14 get back with us, but do you know how many children have
- 15 been shot or killed, I'd say in the last six months.
- DPD FITZGERALD: No, I don't have an actual number. I
- 17 don't know if Commander Decker is on or not, but I can
- 18 definitely get back to you. I know that we've had a bad
- 19 spell of it in the past few weeks with a 4-year-old and a
- 20 5-year-old and a 10-year-old.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.
- 22 DPD FITZGERALD: But for an actual number, I will get
- 23 that to you as soon as possible.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also secondly, gun locks do
- 25 you all have gun locks that you all giving away or



- 1 advocating for people to use?
- 2 DPD FITZGERALD: I do believe the MPO officers in
- 3 each precinct have gun locks readily accessible to them,
- 4 and that would be a wonderful thing to do for folks to
- 5 call and ask or call the precinct and we can make
- 6 arrangements to get the locks out there to them.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I would recommend perhaps
- 8 we should be doing some public service announcements
- 9 about that because we have too many children being shot
- 10 and killed.
- 11 DPD FITZGERALD: For sure.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's it. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No, that's okay. Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have a question, Mr.
- 16 Chairman.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: First of all, I want to
- 19 congratulate you on your report and especially on the
- 20 part of the report that dealt with the medical services
- 21 that you provide officers that are injured on the job.
- 22 It's really good. Your process is great. Even if there's
- 23 no other officer present, they can go to a hospital and
- 24 receive medical attention for something. And then of
- 25 course the supervisor will approve it. I think that's



- 1 fantastic. And that's unusual because usually for
- 2 somebody, you know, you have to have a witness or
- 3 something like that. So congratulations to you on that.
- 4 Then secondly as you may or may not know, I am very
- 5 interested in getting guns off the street without you
- 6 having to put yourself at risk, without the enormous
- amount of money, probably at least \$200,000 per case that
- 8 it costs the citizens of the State and the citizens of
- 9 the City of Detroit, every time somebody is stopped with
- 10 a CCW, they don't have their permit or whatever. And then
- of course they're arrested. Then they've got to go to
- 12 jail for two years. It's an enormous cost to us in terms
- of the overall criminal justice system. So I'd like to
- 14 work with you. Number one, if you're the person that's in
- 15 charge of this, or whoever's in charge of doing a public
- 16 service announcement and everything else to try to get
- 17 people to turn in their guns and also to set up a fund
- 18 for a gun buyback. I don't want young brothers and
- 19 sisters to go to jail simply because they have a gun in
- 20 their pocket. They're not supposed to have a gun in their
- 21 pocket, but they do, so they do. So to me, I don't want
- them to catch a case, catch a felony, you know, go
- 23 through all of that for the next 40, 50 years of their
- 24 life with this hanging over their head. So I want to work
- 25 with you to proactively, not reactively address the



- 1 problem of guns in the community. So please, please,
- 2 please. I'll do anything.
- I know there are no schools right now, so it is hard
- 4 to communicate with you. That's not the point. We can do
- 5 something about this. I'm convinced that we can and I
- 6 need your help, your infrastructure, your intelligence,
- 7 your experience, to deal with it. Please, we have got to
- 8 address this proactively. I'm glad you got 73 guns off
- 9 the street, but that's 73 new felony convictions, 73 new
- 10 cases. All we're doing is contributing to the all-black
- 11 male Academy.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard, you posed
- 13 two statements. There was no question for the deputy
- 14 chief. So thank you. We're going to move on.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: To the Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: First of all thank you, Deputy
- 18 Chief Fitzgerald. Thanks to all the men and women out
- 19 there struggling to do the job. If we do a gun buyback
- 20 program Commissioner Bernard, I would like to work with
- 21 you on that. But also I asked a few meetings ago about
- 22 tickets for the MPOs and our officers that they're not
- 23 getting the ticket books in a timely fashion. And I asked
- 24 if we would get those electronic handheld devices. So I
- 25 just want to know what is the struggle with getting the



- 1 tools officers need to do their job because what we hear
- 2 in District 1, we got new bike lanes and people are
- 3 parking in these bike lanes and it's becoming a problem
- 4 because when they park in the bike lane and the people
- 5 that know where they're supposed to park are parking,
- 6 they're blocking them in and now you have these disputes,
- 7 of people that are in the bike lane. They're feeling like
- 8 they're being blocked in by these people and people that
- 9 are parking on the streets are not. So, we need to
- 10 actively get ahead of this because this is going to be a
- 11 bigger problem during the summer months because they're
- 12 still people out there riding bikes, but I mean, we're
- 13 going to have more people out there riding bikes. We're
- 14 going to have these people parking in these bike lanes
- 15 thinking that there was a parking space. So a part of
- 16 that is to address it with the tickets and warnings and
- 17 just what is the struggle because when we get the
- 18 tickets, from what I'm understanding they only coming out
- 19 with two or three books. That is way not enough for the
- 20 MPOs and the officers over there too they'll write
- 21 those tickets up in a matter of hours. But if we had the
- 22 electronic handheld devices, the only thing we dealing
- 23 with now is we are into the computer system.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown,
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Hold on Mr. Chair. If you're not



- 1 going to do it. Hold on Mr. Chair. The Chair can't
- 2 interrupt me because I want to make a point. If we are
- 3 not going to do it
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, the Chair can
- 5 interrupt. DC Fitzgerald, would you take a note and make
- 6 a notion with Mrs. White to get that issue that he is
- 7 trying to raise in reference to those concerns. We
- 8 appreciate it, we got to move on.
- 9 DC FITZGERALD: Sir. Mr. Chairman I believe Commander
- 10 Hayes is on and I think he's been working on it with the
- 11 parking enforcement director. So if Commander Hayes is
- 12 available, he might be able to shed some light on this.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, we are not going to entertain
- 14 Commander Hayes at this time. You're going to work with
- 15 Ms. White and then get the response probably because we
- 16 have a heavy agenda as you well know.
- 17 DC FITZGERALD: We'll take care of it, thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: HR, the next item would be the HR
- 19 record. Mrs. White.
- 20 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. Lieutenant Coles
- 21 is on the line and staff is enabling his microphone and
- 22 staff co-hosts, if you have a further update, please
- 23 share.
- VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOLT: He's gone, I think.
- 25 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes, good afternoon. Through the



- 1 Chair. One of my sergeants is going to be reporting on
- 2 the information I wanted to introduce him. And I'm also
- 3 the sergeant who's in charge of our field recruiting,
- 4 just so that the Board can get used to and accustomed to
- 5 the individuals that are taking the spot of Lieutenant
- 6 McCord and Lieutenant Gonzalez, who both were promoted
- 7 out of recruiting. That would be Sergeant Glenn Anderson
- 8 and Jordan Hall.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 10 LIEUTENANT COLES: Jordan Hall. Yes, and they're both
- 11 here.
- 12 SERGEANT ANDERSON: Through the Chair. Good afternoon
- 13 honorable Board. My name is Glenn Anderson Sergeant at
- 14 Detroit Police Recruiting.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Afternoon, sir.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, Go ahead Sergeant Anderson.
- 17 SERGEANT ANDERSON: All right. Thank you. I'll be
- 18 presenting our monthly report, the December report. This
- 19 monthly report is provided as a summary of our human
- 20 resources Bureau activities for the month of December
- 21 2020. Also provided are documents, which contain more
- 22 detailed information with respect to staffing, hiring,
- and manpower by race and sex specifically for sworn
- 24 members. Of our current department staffing for sworn
- 25 members, we have 2,586 positions filled. We have 86



- 1 vacant positions. For our civilians, we have 626
- 2 positions filled and 117 vacant positions. As it relates
- 3 to our sworn recruiting from July 1st, 2020 to December
- 4 31st, 2020, we had 2,235 applicants with 33 we're in the
- 5 process. We hired 83. 130 candidates were removed from
- 6 the process for a lack of interest. 1,278 were
- 7 temporarily disqualified, and 276 candidates were
- 8 permanently disqualified and 435 candidates are currently
- 9 awaiting MCOLES testing. In regards to testing for
- 10 December 2020 our written and physical agility
- 11 examination results for our written, we had 43 scheduled
- 12 and out of that 43 we scheduled, 26 appeared, 16 were no
- shows, one withdrew. Now out of that 26 that appeared 22
- 14 passed and 4 failed. That was for our written. For our
- 15 physical agility, we scheduled 64 for the month of
- 16 December. And out of that 64, 39 appeared 4 rescheduled,
- 17 2 withdrew, and 19 were no shows. And out of that 39, 24
- 18 past and 15 failed. We didn't have a December Academy
- 19 class, but our total new hires in December, we had 31
- 20 civilians one police assistant for a total of 32 new
- 21 hires. In respect to our Detroit residency information,
- 22 we have 573 sworn members, 330 civilians, and 30 police
- 23 assistants that reside in the City of Detroit. As it
- 24 relates to our attrition, we lost 17 sworn members in
- 25 December, 4 civilians, and 2 police assistance for a



- 1 total of 23. In regards to our leave of absence and
- 2 restricted duty. For our sworn members, we have 49
- 3 members that are continuous FMLA. We have 153 members
- 4 that are FMLA intermittent, 2 members on medical leave, 4
- 5 members on military leave, 143 members restricted, 51
- 6 members disabled, and 16 members sick for the month of
- 7 December. For civilians, we have 52 that are on
- 8 continuous FMLA, 165 intermittent FMLA, and 4 on medical
- 9 leave. As it relates to our sworn personnel that are
- 10 suspended for the month of December, we had 4 police
- 11 officers, zero detectives, zero sergeants, and zero
- 12 lieutenants. So it's a total of 4. And as mentioned, our
- monthly separations for December 2020 were a total of 17.
- 14 And as it relates to our drop program, we have a total of
- 15 599 members in the month of December, they are
- 16 participating in the drop program. And that concludes my
- 17 report. And I'll open up for questions.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Question for Sergeant Anderson.
- 19 SERGEANT ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have a question.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Two things quickly. You
- 23 mentioned that several police officers of staff are
- 24 disabled. When they're disabled do they get 100% of their
- 25 salary?



- 1 SERGEANT ANDERSON: Yes, It depends. If it was on the
- 2 job, if it happened on duty, they get the salary.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And how long does the
- 4 disability salary continue if you're disabled and unable
- 5 to work?
- 6 SERGEANT ANDERSON: Well, it is continuous, but with
- 7 that, they see the medical section and then we put them
- 8 through physical therapy and we get them back to work. So
- 9 while they're off disabled, if it's a physical injury or
- 10 it might be a psychological injury, we work with them to
- 11 get them back to work.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So they could be on disability
- indefinitely, 100% disability?
- 14 SERGEANT ANDERSON: Well, not indefinitely.
- 15 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. I'd like to
- 16 answer that one through the Chair. Those determinations
- are not made on our level, so we cannot say how long they
- 18 will or will not be on. And that's something that we
- 19 just, we can't tell you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I understand that. I'm
- 21 just asking, can I be on 100% disability for years and
- 22 can receive my full salary? That's my only question.
- 23 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. If you're
- 24 saying for years, it is possible, that could happen, but
- 25 you kind of said indefinitely. So indefinitely is



- 1 different, but yes, for a number of years it could be.
- 2 Yes ma'am.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. And my second question
- 4 relates to your hiring. There are a number of reasons
- 5 that a person can be disqualified, but I wanted to ask if
- 6 a person's offenses as a youth or people who have been
- 7 adjudicated under HYTA, which relates to people who
- 8 committed crimes when they were young, are those offenses
- 9 held against you, or when you are applying to be a police
- 10 officer, because the purpose of HYTA as you and I both
- 11 know, is that there won't be any repercussions for you as
- 12 an adult. Go ahead. Thank you.
- 13 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes, ma'am. Through the Chair. We
- 14 HYTA is considered, depending on the charge that they
- 15 had. We have to also go with what AMCOLS considers, as
- 16 there are some things that they will not hire you for, or
- 17 they won't certify you for. So we cannot hire the people
- 18 that they will not certify, but for the most part, if
- 19 someone has an HYTA and it's a misdemeanor, depending on
- 20 the charge, it's not held against them.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A felony as a youth would be
- 22 held against you?
- 23 LIEUTENANT COLES: A felony will be held against you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Which could be shoplifting an
- 25 item over a hundred over \$100. Yes, okay.



- 1 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair, ma'am it's
- 2 whatever AMCOLS says for the felonies. Yes, the felony
- 3 conviction.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you Sqt. Anderson. Sqt. Hall
- 5 next.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 SERGEANT HALL: All right. Good afternoon. Through
- 8 the Chair. Good afternoon, honorable Board and everyone
- 9 else at the meeting. My name is Jordan Hall and I am the
- 10 new Sergeant for field recruitment for Detroit Police
- 11 Department. We operate out of the office of the Chief.
- 12 However, we work very closely, hand-in-hand with our
- 13 police recruiting unit. We're looking forward to working
- 14 with each and every one of you all as well as the
- 15 community. So prior to me being in this position, I was
- 16 assigned to the chief's neighborhood liaison under the
- 17 direction of now Assistant Chief Todd Bettison but he was
- 18 a deputy chief them. So what I'm looking forward to doing
- 19 with this new position is to get in contact with the
- 20 community, seeing what the community wants. Anytime we go
- 21 out in the community, always ask, you know, we want
- 22 Detroiters to be Detroit police officers. So of course
- 23 although we cannot control who applies we're definitely,
- 24 my team and I, we're out on the road and we are trying to
- 25 recruit as many people as we can. So Commissioner Burch



- 1 gave us great suggestions to go to the food drives. So
- 2 you may see us at food drives at the windows of the cars
- 3 you know, recruiting, let them know how great the Detroit
- 4 Police Department is. As well as we're going to be
- 5 meeting with Commissioner Holley and see what kind of
- 6 ideas for recruitment and anybody else. We are open to a
- 7 lot of suggestions because we're a team, and I look
- 8 forward to the challenge. This is going to be fun. I'm
- 9 already excited about it. So if anybody has any
- 10 questions, please let me know.
- 11 LIEUTENANT COLES: To the Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 13 LIEUTENANT COLES: I did also want Sergeant Hall to
- 14 talk about, I think they have some new radio spots that
- 15 were coming up.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 17 SERGEANT HALL: Yes, absolutely. So we actually have
- 18 a recruitment campaign that just, it just began on
- 19 Monday. It's The Bounce 105.1, its Gello. He's actually
- 20 doing a couple of different ads, and I'm going to be able
- 21 to share them with you all. It's already airing and I
- 22 think we're getting some traction from it. I believe I'm
- 23 just going to be doing it. Is it Bushman? I think Bushman
- 24 may be doing some radio advertisements as well. So that's
- 25 what we have so far, the two stations,



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's 105.1?
- 2 SERGEANT HALL: 105.1, the Bounce.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. The Bounce. Okay.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. To the Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just Sergeant Hall and Lt. Coles
- 7 I know I sound always contentious all the time with
- 8 hiring, but I mean, I have my preferences. But I think
- 9 you guys are doing a good job with weathering through all
- 10 of the issues and situations we're going through. And
- 11 just to the new sergeants, just welcome aboard, but also
- 12 I do a food drive. I work every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, and
- 13 if you have some information, you'd like for me to just
- 14 put in those cars when those people are coming through
- 15 because they are doing about 200 people, 200 to 300
- 16 people every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. I'd be honored to just
- 17 put those in there or just have someone come over there
- 18 and put them in there. Because I field over there,
- 19 helping with traffic as well. So if there's some
- 20 information you have and you can get it to me and we'll
- 21 make sure that we get it in those cars, in the hands of
- 22 those people. Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: To the Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you. Just one



- 1 other question Lieutenant. In terms of the new recruits
- 2 and the people that we've been talking about in terms of
- 3 personnel, can you give us some demographic information?
- 4 How many men, how many women, how many African-Americans
- 5 et cetera?
- 6 LIEUTENANT COLES: To the Chair. I'm sorry, is the
- 7 question, how many people are applying at this moment or
- 8 how many people have we hired in the last?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. In terms of your report,
- 10 in terms of hires, right.
- 11 LIEUTENANT COLES: Okay. Through the chair. I don't
- 12 think we have it broken down for that, but I can break it
- down and have it to you by the end of the week, I'll
- 14 action by tomorrow afternoon for the last six months if
- 15 that's right.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. You could share it
- 17 with the full Board, if that's okay with the Chairman we
- 18 would be delighted to know.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You can always share with the
- 20 Board.
- 21 LIEUTENANT COLES: I'll send it through. I'm sorry. I
- 22 apologize. Through the Chair. I'll send it to Secretary
- 23 White.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mrs. White. Send it to Mrs. White
- 25 and she will assimilate.



- 1 LIEUTENANT COLES: Absolutely.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 3 LIEUTENANT COLES: No problem.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Ma'am.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: To Sergeant Hall. When we made
- 9 that suggestion about putting your applications into the
- 10 food baskets or wherever that was to be city-wide, right?
- 11 So by Commissioner Brown saying, he'd be glad to do it.
- 12 That's what your volunteers are doing to find out where
- 13 the locations are, which I know you have a record of
- 14 that, right? But that's away, like you said, to get
- 15 people to join the police department. Another thing I
- 16 wanted to say about the recruiting is that when officers
- 17 graduate and all of that, have you come up yet with any
- incentives to help an officer, a female or male to stay
- in Detroit, are you working on that or whatever
- 20 department does that? To you to Lieutenant Cole, how can
- 21 we assist these young people to stay in Detroit, buy a
- 22 home in Detroit?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, I'll respond
- 24 to that question. That issue is with the Mayor and the
- 25 Chief of Police, that is an incentative. People haven't



- 1 taken advantage of the housing, et cetera, but we can
- 2 have that discussion. We share with you our best
- 3 information on that particular matter.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So, you don't want him to
- 5 answer?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, I'm just giving the answer.
- 7 Yes, there's the housing program, but not that many
- 8 people have taken advantage of that. You can get a
- 9 discount. I have one officer go down the street 4 or 5
- 10 years ago. He took advantage of it. But Lieutenant Cole,
- 11 do you have any more information versus what we share?
- 12 LIEUTENANT COLES: To the Chair? Sir, not on that
- 13 aspect, you are absolutely correct. I did want to say
- 14 though that we do, and Sergeant Hall does go to all of
- 15 the food banks that we know about. There's absolutely, as
- 16 far as I know, there are no written numbers or lists that
- 17 all of them are. So if anyone has any information on any
- 18 more, we would definitely be happy to get it. You can
- 19 contact me or if you go through Secretary White, we'll
- 20 send people and get information to every single one of
- 21 them.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, okay. So we can go through
- 23 you yourself or you're telling us to go through Ms.
- 24 White,
- 25 LIEUTENANT COLES: If you can reach me, ma'am, yes



- 1 ma'am, you can go through me.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'd rather go, Ms. White is
- 3 already bombarded. I'd rather go through you to give you
- 4 the list. Don't put it all over there to her, where
- 5 that's your job. So I'm just saying that there are many
- 6 food banks out there, but we need to know who to directly
- 7 get to, and that's you, sergeant. You're doing an
- 8 excellent job.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Sergeant Hall is a great
- 10 person to fill those shoes. I know him. I've been
- 11 interacting with him. AC Bettison on staff. So he has a
- 12 big shoe if he understands that, I conveyed that to him.
- 13 So I know he is up to the challenge. I do have one
- 14 recommendation. Lieutenant Coles.
- 15 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes, sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'd like you to contact and
- 17 perhaps this is a task for Chief Craiq, to contact a
- 18 potential Hall of Famer, Calvin Johnson, to do a radio
- 19 spot for you. I met him at the 5th precinct food drive. I
- 20 mean, you know, over there for Councilman Spivey. And I
- 21 know he's going to be a Hall of Famer. So we need to
- 22 reach out to somebody of that statue, I think would be a
- 23 plus-plus in terms of recruiting ad or whatever that is.
- 24 Can we, and I convey that to Chief Craig? I know he is up
- 25 to the task.



- 1 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. Yes, sir. I'll
- 2 definitely get that information conveyed to him.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
- 4 Holt.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I just want to say that's a very
- 6 good idea.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Vice Chair Holt, you
- 9 had something to say?
- 10 SERGEANT HALL: To the Chair.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No, thank you though.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We're going to move on to, I
- 13 sorry, HR. Thank you, Lieutenant Coles and your staff.
- 14 Sergeant Hall and Sergeant Anderson, outstanding job.
- 15 12th Precinct. We are going to hear from the 12th
- 16 Precinct now. Ms. White
- 17 MRS. WHITE: Yes. To the Chair, Commander Sims and
- 18 Captain Newson are on the line, sir. Honorable Board.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 20 COMMANDER SIMS: Good afternoon honorable Board. DC
- 21 Fitzgerald, DPD personnel, and community members. Are you
- 22 guys able to hear me okay?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am, we can hear you, good
- 24 to see you.
- COMMANDER SIMS: My name is Deshaun Sims. I'm the



- 1 Commander of the 12th precinct. Here with me on this call
- 2 are Captain Vernal Newson and the MPO team led by
- 3 Sergeant Shirley Bledsoe with MPOs Crowder, Womack,
- 4 Buckman, McGee, and Quinn Abdellah. Today we will be
- 5 providing you with an overview of our crime statistics
- 6 for the 12th Precinct for the calendar year 2020, and
- 7 Captain Newson will go over the crime strategies that we
- 8 are implementing to reduce the number of aggravated
- 9 assaults and non-fatal shootings that occur within the
- 10 12th precinct boundaries. And these are the areas that we
- 11 experienced increases. In 2020 violent crimes are up 3%
- 12 with increases in the areas of aggravated assaults and
- 13 non-fatal shootings. We saw our largest reductions in the
- 14 area of CSC and robberies. We also had a reduction of 12%
- 15 for homicides. Property crimes were down across all the
- 16 categories with our highest reductions being seen in the
- 17 area of burglary. Overall, the 12th precinct realized a
- 18 14% in part one crime reduction as compared to what we
- 19 saw a 10% for the calendar year 2019. Before I bring up
- 20 Captain Newson, I just wanted to speak to you about some
- 21 of the community things we've done in the calendar year
- of 2020, which was reduced or mitigated through the
- 23 pandemic. But we did have a Turkey giveaway through our
- 24 partnership with Good Fellows and the 4th Precinct. We
- 25 gave out a total of 9,000 boxes to families. We adopted a



- 1 family for Christmas and through our partnership with
- 2 Meijers, we took 14 children on a shopping spree.
- 3 Upcoming events that we're looking forward to is our
- 4 Easter basket giveaway, and then conducting a police-
- 5 community summit through our internal and external
- 6 relations team within DPD. One of the things that you all
- 7 mentioned, we do have our community comstat meetings that
- 8 are held on once a month via zoom through AmeriCorps and
- 9 Wayne State University. And we do have gun locks
- 10 available at the 12th Precinct that we are able to give
- 11 out. And I will bring up Captain Newson to speak to our
- 12 crime strategies.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 14 COMMANDER SIMS: Captain Newson?
- 15 CAPTAIN NEWSON: Here we go. Can you hear me?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, just fine.
- 17 CAPTAIN NEWSON: There we go. Sorry about that. Once
- 18 again, good afternoon. I'm Vernal Newsome, Captain at the
- 19 12th Precinct. I'd like to present you with just a
- 20 portion of our strategy for this year, the combat against
- 21 non-fatal shootings and aggravated assault. But first,
- 22 let me introduce my team here also on Zoom today.
- 23 Lieutenant Candice Magikowski. She's the officer in
- 24 charge of the 12th Precinct detectives. Lieutenant Todd
- 25 Marcino. He's the officer in charge of my special



- 1 operations team and cease-fire team. The single highest
- 2 crime category the 12th Precinct experience during 2020
- 3 was an aggravated assault as the Commander indicated at
- 4 12% overall. Of the aggravated assault and non-fatal
- 5 shootings increased by 54%, compared to the previous
- 6 year.
- 7 In total, the city experienced a 53% increase in
- 8 non-fatal shootings of which we learned that 31% are
- 9 argument based. So we took note of this. So what we did
- 10 was, we put together a strategic goal for 2021 to reduce
- 11 the level of gun violence in the 12th Precinct,
- 12 specifically in an effort to accomplish this goal; we
- developed a gun violence reduction plan by implementing
- 14 the following strategies. First, we formed a dedicated
- 15 high-impact ranger unit assigned with the responsibility
- 16 for apprehension of name, offenders, and gun
- 17 confiscations, excuse me, associated through the
- 18 aggravated assault complaints that are filed.
- 19 We increased the special operations unit to
- 20 strategically expand resources for the non-fatal shooting
- 21 investigation and the ceasefire program. That way with
- the ceasefire program the message could be delivered
- 23 regarding non-fatal shootings and also aggravated assault
- 24 or any complaint. In the detective unit, we established a
- 25 gun assault team and increased the number of non-fatal



- 1 shooting investigators, both under the directive of
- 2 relentless investigative follow-up and prosecution of gun
- 3 crime. We also added a sergeant with direct oversight of
- 4 both teams and in collaboration with the professional
- 5 education and training of homicide and crime scene
- 6 services, we developed a comprehensive training format
- 7 for the detectives in the areas of crime scene
- 8 investigations, evidence, identification, and
- 9 collections, firearm ballistics for NIBIN. Here is one of
- 10 my specialties, wound pattern detection, as well as
- 11 search warrants for cell phones.
- 12 Finally, we mandated a case review process where a
- 13 supervisor is responsible for a 24-hour case review
- 14 followed up by a 72-hour case review and completed with a
- 15 7-day case review. This review was culminated by a weekly
- 16 accountability meeting with the Captain, myself, and with
- 17 the Commander and the Lieutenant of my selection to
- 18 ensure that the cases have received adequate follow-up.
- 19 The end yield of the 5-point strategy configuration is to
- 20 increase a deterrent of committing gun violence in the
- 21 12th Precinct and relentless follow-up for investigations
- 22 that would be similar to those of homicide. Thank you
- 23 for your attention. Any questions?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?
- 25 COMMANDER JONES: Yes. Commissioner Jones. I



- 1 definitely want to thank the 12th Precinct for that
- 2 presentation. I've been over to the office with Commander
- 3 Sims and had an opportunity to sit down and discuss the
- 4 fact that I'm a --
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, Commissioner Jones,
- 6 we're having some technical difficulty with your
- 7 microphone. So Mr. Chair, I'm not sure if you wanted to
- 8 come back to Commissioner Jones?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Any other Commissioners.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I definitely want to
- 11 congratulate you Commander Sims on your report. And of
- 12 course, that of, of Captain Newsom. What's your telephone
- 13 number? I'm going to shoot over there after this meeting
- 14 if you're there. And I want to talk to you personally if
- 15 that's okay.
- 16 COMMANDER SIMS: The telephone number in the office
- 17 is 5961210.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you. And I'd ask
- 19 Akbar to meet me since he's right around the corner, if
- 20 you don't mind, Melanie. Thank you.
- 21 COMMANDER SIMS: Yes.
- 22 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am, no other questions. We
- 24 move on then. Thank you, Commander Sam's, Captain Newson
- 25 for, outstanding work at the 12th Precinct, and that's



- 1 ongoing. Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair. I'm so sorry. I
- 3 wanted to mention and thank Commander Sims. He's one of
- 4 the Precincts that volunteered because they're supposed
- 5 to be in all the Precincts, but our LOVE signs are posted
- 6 on the property. So we appreciate all of the Precincts
- 7 that have been working with us to get that message out to
- 8 our citizens and our police department. Thank you,
- 9 Commander. Thank everybody over there at number 12.
- 10 COMMANDER SIMS: You're welcome.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Mrs. White, we move on
- 12 to the gunshot detection system policy directive.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, Director
- 14 Reid Branche-Wilson is on the line and will be presenting
- 15 today and also Captain Aric Tosqui from Crime Intel,
- 16 Crime Intelligence. Thank you
- 17 MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: Through the Chair. This is Reid
- 18 Branche-Wilson. I'm the director of Administrative
- 19 Operations at DPD. I'll give Captain Aric Tosqui if
- 20 you're available to give a brief intro before we get
- 21 started. Thank you.
- 22 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Yes. Can you hear me?
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes.
- 24 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Yes. Through the Chair, Tosqui,
- 25 Captain, Crime Intelligence. So you all know that we have



- 1 engaged in a contract with the ShotSpotter and prior to
- 2 our deployment of a ShotSpotter technology in the 8th and
- 3 9th Precinct, we are establishing policy. We worked with
- 4 the Board back in, I want to say around November 2020 in
- 5 drafting that policy. We had, once we crafted it, and got
- 6 approval from the Chief, we have submitted it for review
- 7 and we are here today to answer any questions about the
- 8 policy that has been submitted. Thank you.
- 9 MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: Through the Chair, I'm going to
- 10 just go through if it's all right. Do I have permission
- 11 to share screens?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes sir.
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: Okay. So I'm going to go through
- 14 Oh, it says I don't, but
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, you can try now. Thank you.
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: Got it. Okay. Thank you all. So
- 17 hopefully now you can see a PowerPoint slide.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Yes.
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: So, today before we start
- 20 talking about the policies itself, just take a minute to
- 21 talk about why we went and procured gunshot detection,
- 22 and then also talk about the technology itself, and then
- 23 really we can go to the policy. The reason why we really
- 24 don't need to analyze this data too closely, we can just
- 25 look at it and say, there are too many shots fired calls



- 1 in the City of Detroit. Nearly 30 shots fired calls per
- 2 day in 2020 with the 8th and 9th Precincts just at 4
- 3 shots fired calls per day in each Precinct. And as
- 4 Captain Tosqui already mentioned, that is the area where
- 5 we will be focused. So again, just we wanted to procure
- 6 this technology so we could have a better way of tracking
- 7 and identifying those gun casings and being able to
- 8 respond to those runs.
- 9 Going to the next slide, the actual technology
- 10 itself just wanted at a really high level, because again,
- 11 this is a policy conversation, but wanted to talk about
- 12 what the technology itself can and can't do, and just be
- 13 clear on how it works and I'm going to be a hundred
- 14 percent upfront. I am not an IT person, but I'm going to
- 15 speak it in terms that I understand. And basically what
- 16 that is, is there are audio sensors that are placed
- 17 throughout the coverage area. And whenever there's a loud
- 18 noise that resembles gunfire detected by three of the
- 19 sensors it has to be three sensors, then a short audio
- 20 snippet gets sent to the ShotSpotter Incident Review
- 21 Center and there, what happens is they actually analyze
- 22 that to determine whether or not it is a qunshot or
- 23 something else.
- So basically at a very high-level ShotSpotter can
- 25 detect outdoor audible gunfire within that defined



- 1 coverage area. It can also send a short audio snippet to
- 2 the ShotSpotter Incident Review Center. It cannot be
- 3 triggered by human voices or produce live streaming of
- 4 sensor audio by company employees, police, or other third
- 5 parties.
- 6 Actually, ShotSpotter did an independent audit and I
- 7 believe it was 2019 that talked about how there was an
- 8 extremely low risk of excuse me, I'm pulling that up
- 9 right now of any potential problems with privacy in
- 10 regard to ShotSpotter. So going to the next slide,
- 11 apologies. I had too many tabs up. So talking through
- 12 that, the actual procedure and this is where we're
- 13 getting into the policy portion. I just wanted to talk
- 14 about what will happen should a gunshot occur in the
- 15 coverage area. So when someone shoots a gun in that
- 16 coverage area, multiple mounted sensors, as I said, at
- 17 least three will detect this precise location and the
- 18 number of rounds that have been fired. That information
- 19 is sent to ShotSpotter who then authenticates the qunfire
- 20 to determine whether or not it was indeed shots fired.
- 21 Once they confirm that then it gets sent to DPD and we
- 22 will be actually dispatching that run through our
- 23 precinct intelligence units. Those are the smaller real-
- 24 time crime centers in the 8th and 9th Precincts. We'll
- 25 have a designated unit that is responsible for responding



- 1 to those ShotSpotter units. They will go to the scene,
- 2 canvas, the area for victims' evidence and witnesses, do
- 3 general police work, and thereafter the next day they
- 4 actually return to the scene and re-canvas for any
- 5 additional evidence.
- 6 Moving on and this is actually really from hearing
- 7 from the Board and as Captain Tosqui mentioned at the
- 8 first meeting we had with the Board, we really wanted to
- 9 make sure that even with what was already in the contract
- 10 and the technology's capabilities, we wanted to build in
- 11 policy as well, that DPD cannot monitor a Vive audio from
- 12 audio senses. And DPD can only hear audio from confirmed
- 13 qunshot incidents, and that audio can only be reviewed
- 14 when it's pertinent to active investigations involving
- 15 the discharge of a firearm. And violations of these
- 16 protections are subject to discipline or termination. And
- 17 the last item I wanted to just mention to you all is that
- 18 we also want to be transparent about the gunshot
- 19 detection use center. And to that end, we put in the
- 20 policy that we would create a quarterly report where we
- 21 discuss the number of confirmed gunshot detection. Sorry,
- 22 what? Oh, quishot detection incidents, number of false
- 23 gunshot detection, incidents, average response time, as
- 24 well as the number of confiscated guns, gun casings, and
- 25 arrests stemming from a gunshot detection, excuse me,



- 1 notifications. Captain Tosqui, is there anything you
- wanted to add that I might've missed?
- 3 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Just two things. One is that it's
- 4 very important to know that we have drafted into the
- 5 policy that the ShotSpotter is only to be used as an
- 6 investigative lead. It is not sufficient enough to
- 7 warrant an arrest. It is enough to bring officers to the
- 8 scene to conduct an investigation. Second is that
- 9 ShotSpotter in and of itself is not enough to violate any
- 10 Fourth Amendment protection of anyone's home or of
- 11 anyone's property. So if the shot is originated on the
- 12 property, in the backyard of a house, it would have to be
- 13 further corroborating evidence that would allow officers
- 14 the ability to investigate that yard. So on a public
- 15 street, obviously it's different, but that's built into
- our policy that you would be able to find in 307.8-3.2
- 17 and 3.3.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have a question.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, I'm going to ask -
- 20 this is a hot subject, but I'm going to ask limit
- 21 yourself to two questions, two questions, but we can get
- 22 around to all the 11 commissioners, if not all 10, can we
- 23 do that?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. I'll raise my hand again.
- 25 I'll do my 2. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Couple things. How



- 1 many sensors are actually mounted in an area?
- 2 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Through the Chair, the amount of
- 3 sensors are not known to DPD. Part of that has to do with
- 4 FOIA requirements. If ShotSpotter were to tell us the
- 5 locations and the amount of sensors that are placed
- 6 throughout they would be subject to FOIA, and then we
- 7 would be disclosing where the sensors are. So that's only
- 8 known to ShotSpotter. We just know that there are enough
- 9 out there to triangulate the position of where the
- 10 gunshot is. If after our evaluation, we find false
- 11 positives, or we find shots that are going undetected,
- 12 and we give that to ShotSpotter, then they will either
- 13 add sensors or adjust where sensors are. But the amount
- of sensors is not something they tell us.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I was just trying to get a
- 16 ballpark. Secondly, the sensors are capable whether you
- 17 use them for that or not picking up the conversation. For
- 18 example, if the FBI, let's say you did my area with shop
- 19 center, shots fired, pardon me. And you were able to pick
- 20 up, as you said, gunfire. If, for example, another
- 21 intelligence agency wanted information from my yard, they
- 22 could use that technology to gather that information from
- 23 you. Is that correct?
- 24 CAPTAIN TOSOUI: It is not correct. We own all the
- 25 data. ShotSpotter does not own any data. They're not per



- 1 our contract allowable to give that to any third party
- 2 and whether the sensors pick up anything, they do not
- 3 trigger an investigation, unless it's a gunshot. Now I
- 4 will say if a human voice is able to be loud enough to be
- 5 speaking at the time that gunshots are going off, and
- 6 it's loud enough to be heard on top of a gunshot then,
- 7 and only then will the human voice be heard on the audio.
- 8 But the likeliness that a human voice would be loud
- 9 enough to trigger a sensor, according to ShotSpotter's
- 10 technology that is something that's not possible.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: And building off that, sorry. To
- 14 the Chair from Captain Tosqui's point. That's also why we
- 15 made sure it was very important that we kept in-policy
- 16 that you could only listen to those audio snippets if it
- 17 was relevant to an active investigation involving a
- 18 firearm discharge.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis was next.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. Has ShotSpotter, as an
- 23 investigative tool, been useful in closing any cases or
- 24 made any arrest as a tool with it.
- 25 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: It has in the past, we have not used



- 1 it since our pilot project, so we don't have any current
- 2 data on that. It's used throughout the country. It's
- 3 actually used throughout the world on multiple different
- 4 things. It's used in many locations in the United States.
- 5 There's a lot of positive stories with that. We don't
- 6 have anything in Detroit because we're not using it at
- 7 the moment until we have the policy in place.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. During your pilot, was it
- 9 useful to help save someone that might've been shot that
- 10 you all were able to get to the area?
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: So through the Chair, it wasn't
- 12 really a pilot. It was in 2015. I was not actually at the
- department at that time. So I don't know the specifics
- 14 behind that. What I can say is I know it was helpful to
- 15 investigations and we do have some statistics surrounding
- 16 the first deployment of ShotSpotter. But I can't speak to
- 17 that specific question, but we can come back and follow
- 18 up to see if there's anything specific. To that point
- 19 though, I will say that the opportunity to get a more
- 20 specific location than what oftentimes a 911 call will
- 21 produce is really valuable because it allows the officers
- 22 to actually know where to respond to versus if you're
- 23 calling 911. If I'm calling 911 from my house, I'm not
- looking out the window to try to find exactly where that
- 25 shots are being fired. So I can't give that precise



- 1 location.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Through the Chair. The information
- 4 that we had given out before, I can just reiterate that.
- 5 It equates to 18 search warrants, 30 weapons recovered,
- 6 571 rounds of ammunition, 9 arrests, and casings from the
- 7 scene were matched in NIBIN then later on linking members
- 8 of gutter hog gang to a homicide.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holt is
- 11 next.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you Chair Bell. Thank you,
- 13 Captain Tosqui and Mr. Branch-Wilson. During December
- 14 after Captain Tosqui had made a presentation in the
- 15 neighborhood, one of the citizens who were privy to that
- 16 presentation called me, and what she was interested in
- 17 having was an enlarged map that Capitol Tosqui uses in
- 18 his presentation. And eventually what I understood from
- 19 her that all she wanted was to have a general location as
- 20 to where the ShotSpotter would be used in Precincts 8 and
- 21 9. My question to you, Captain Tosqui as a rule, the
- 22 Detroit Police Department and all the law enforcement
- 23 agencies that subscribed to ShotSpotter, they do not know
- 24 exactly where the sensors are installed, correct?
- 25 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: That's correct. We don't have any of



- 1 that information.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 3 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: So we have the general area of
- 4 coverage, and we have high confidence that the area
- 5 inside that location is about a 95% probability that
- 6 gunfire in that area will be detected. There could be
- 7 some ancillary detection outside, but ShotSpotter
- 8 guarantees on the inside of that area coverage.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. And can you expound on why
- 10 it is law enforcement agencies do not know the exact
- 11 location where the sensors are installed?
- 12 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Yes. Through the Chair. The major
- 13 reason is because of the FOIA implications. If we were to
- 14 have the locations where sensors were, then that could be
- 15 FOIA and through public record, the locations of the
- 16 sensors could be identified by the public. They could be
- 17 at that point easily identified for malicious destruction
- 18 of property or folks take them down or some other type of
- 19 criminal activity with that. So not telling us where they
- 20 put the sensors up prevents that from happening.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: One last question. That's a two-
- 22 fold question probably. Okay. You use the word snippet to
- 23 describe how much voice audio is recorded. Is that in
- 24 times of 30 seconds or what's the snippet?
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: Through the Chair, and I



- 1 apologize if I miscommunicated that. So that snippet
- 2 would be only for the gunfire. So it would be a second
- 3 before the gunfire and a second after. So it would only
- 4 be triggered for that gunfire incident, but then a second
- 5 before and a second after.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you for that
- 7 clarification. And, I was about to tag my second part
- 8 question, and sometimes when you do want to use the
- 9 information that comes from the ShotSpotter
- 10 investigation, there's an individual that has to have
- 11 access to that data. Is there any special training that
- 12 officer has to have in order to review extensive data
- 13 from the ShotSpotter, the person who is in charge of
- 14 reviewing, is there any special training?
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: So through the Chair, if I'm
- 16 understanding the question correctly, we're not going to
- 17 be the ones doing the preliminary review of the potential
- 18 gunshot. So ShotSpotter has a team, that's their
- 19 professional career or I don't know if that's their
- 20 professional career, but that's their job where they
- 21 review that sound to say, yes, it's gunfire or no, it's
- 22 not gunfire. So once they make that determination, once
- 23 the ShotSpotter technicians make that determination, then
- 24 they send it to us. Our teams are going to be trained on
- 25 the application and use and those sorts of items as well.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you for your presentation
- 2 and your response to our questions.
- 3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm getting ready to say, wait,
- 6 wait.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Mr. Chair, and to the two
- 9 gentlemen. Often we find this in the area where we live
- 10 in the Northeast of Detroit, that we hear qunfire pretty
- 11 often. The officers and our officers are excellent, the
- 12 ones that do night patrol. Okay. So get my point that
- when gun fires are shot, you may think is right outside
- 14 your door, but it's not, it can be in the next block. So
- 15 how do we get the information and if this is an
- 16 experiment, what you all are doing, how do you know where
- 17 the gunshots and get that little spot thing you got to go
- 18 and look for the bullets? How do you know that when we
- 19 can't tell you what street it's on?
- 20 MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: So through the Chair and you
- 21 know a part of that I'm going to say is high level
- 22 because Commissioner Burch, I'm going to be honest, I
- 23 can't get really granular with the technology side of it,
- 24 but that's what the power of these sensors are, is that
- 25 because they position those sensors and are able to



- 1 triangulate a particular location. That's why they are so
- 2 much more powerful than just us, you know, trying to
- 3 identify, because just like you said, you hear it, you
- 4 don't know where it is, but those sensors are much more
- 5 in tune in the combination of having multiple of them can
- 6 really sync up an exact location. I don't know, Captain
- 7 Tosqui, can you give any details beyond that?
- 8 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: No. Through the Chair, you're
- 9 absolutely right. Working the streets as well, there have
- 10 been situations where I've been called out as when I was
- 11 a patrol officer we get called out to shots fired in the
- 12 area, and the officers are really just driving around,
- 13 hoping that somebody comes out and says, you know, says
- 14 that they are a witness, or, I mean, we're not hoping
- 15 that we hear, you know, the victims, but we're hoping
- 16 that we have some type of direction of where that shot
- 17 is. So the benefit of this is that the triangulation of
- 18 the sensors gives you a pinpoint. And then you have a
- 19 radius around that pinpoint. So it says, you know, is
- 20 probably right here at the corner of 7-mile and Gratiot
- 21 as an example. And then if you don't see any shell
- 22 casings right there, try within 25 meters around.
- Now, if we get to a scene, first the indication
- 24 happens within about 60 seconds of the gunshot. So that
- 25 goes from the gunshot happening to ShotSpotter technology



- 1 and reporting back to DPD. We'll dispatch the car, and
- 2 then when the car gets there, it's possible that either
- 3 A, the subjects are gone or B, the subjects are still
- 4 there. So if they're gone and it's nighttime Commissioner
- 5 Burch, like you're saying and we don't find any evidence;
- one of the things that we've built in is that we're
- 7 coming back up the next day to re-canvas for the evidence
- 8 too, and then the other thing that we built in not
- 9 necessarily in this policy, but with our NIBIN program,
- 10 is that we're going to be doing community outreach with
- 11 the groups that are in the neighborhoods at the 8th and
- 12 9th Precincts that are in this target area to let them
- 13 know that we had got shots called through the ShotSpotter
- 14 system or that we had shots fired, or we have somebody
- 15 shot that was in the area. So we have a multilayered
- 16 approach. We're hoping that we're going to get increased
- 17 911calls for service as well. We know that because there
- 18 are so many shots that happen and most people think that,
- 19 well, what's the use of calling the police, even if they
- 20 show up, they're not going to find anything. We're hoping
- 21 that this increases with that, and then ultimately both
- 22 the shots called and the actual shots decrease over time.
- 23 I hope that answers your questions.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: And I just want to say this
- 25 because other commissioners have comments. Would you



- 1 please get my number from Ms. White, that won't burden
- 2 her so I can speak to you because we have suggestions to
- 3 help you. I don't want to see it over the air. Ms. White
- 4 will give you my number and you call me.
- 5 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Sure.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Can you do that?
- 7 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: I can.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 12 One of the things I wanted to say is that I had been
- 13 looking really into this program and doing some online
- 14 research. Our staff has the job of preparing a tremendous
- 15 package for use on the shots about a program they've
- included cities that ShotSpotter is used in, they've
- 17 included some legal items also in our package on this
- 18 week or whatever. So a lot of the questions that I had
- 19 were answered. So these couple of questions that I have
- 20 here are basically for community listeners. I want to be
- 21 assured that civil liberties, civil rights, and
- 22 everything is not being taken advantage of. We want to
- 23 make sure that that's not the case. So, based upon the
- 24 information you've given us about the ShotSpotter
- 25 program, are you indicating that the video portion of it



- 1 is, there's no video that can be activated to record any
- 2 citizen in any kind of way?
- 3 MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: Through the Chair, there is no
- 4 video associated with ShotSpotter.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Okay. Secondly, I wanted
- 6 to ask where ShotSpotter is concerned. Can you tell our
- 7 community listeners that if there's any local control
- 8 whatsoever over the ShotSpotter program, as far as if a
- 9 gunshot is detected, is there anything done at a local
- 10 level, or are we relying on that information to come back
- 11 from the ShotSpotter corporation?
- MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: We do not get any alert until
- 13 ShotSpotter verifies it and sends it through us, sends it
- 14 to us, excuse me.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay, great. Thank you so much
- 16 for your presentation.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have
- 19 a few questions on this. First, the statement is that the
- 20 technology can be abused to violate our civil liberties
- 21 and serve as another techno-racism unfairly targeting
- 22 people of color and people that live in poverty. Our
- 23 primary concern is that the technology can be used to spy
- 24 on people and record private conversations. In 2015 a
- 25 Massachusetts court relating to an incident in which



- 1 ShotSpotter recorded a verbal conversation among people
- 2 before and after a fatal shooting.
- 3 The Massachusetts court found the recording was
- 4 prohibited and an exception under the State Wiretap Act,
- 5 the court granted the defendant motion to suppress the
- 6 recordings. In addition to that, there was another case,
- 7 and none of these cases were mentioned in the packet that
- 8 we received, but in New York, a judge ruled ShotSpotter
- 9 data inadmissible calling it unreliable scientific
- 10 evidence. It was the Syvonne Simmonds, case number 6:17-
- 11 CV-06176. And now, Syvonne Simmonds is suing ShotSpotter
- 12 and the police department, and that raises many questions
- 13 based off of the lack of transparency from ShotSpotter
- 14 and how they changed their report. Can you relate to any
- of that? Can you speak to any of that first and the judge
- 16 ruling in New Jersey, I mean, New York, or can you speak
- 17 to the reference of the Massachusetts 2015 case? Both of
- 18 these are high profile cases.
- 19 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Through the Chair. So I go back to
- 20 the point that we made in the beginning that no human
- 21 voice will trigger the audio snippet to go into
- 22 ShotSpotter. The only time the human voice will be heard
- 23 is that if it happens to be in the one second before the
- 24 gunshot, or if the human voice is loud enough to speak
- 25 over that of a gunshot. Michigan also has wiretap laws



- 1 that are in place. I know attorney Nestle's looking into
- 2 maybe changing those laws but those laws are in place
- 3 that would rule in these cases should something outside
- 4 of policy and outside of the contract happen. We have a
- 5 strict policy that's set up here. And again, I referenced
- 6 307.8-3.3 in the directive where ShotSpotter is only a
- 7 lead. It cannot be used to bring about a warrant, it
- 8 cannot be used to initiate an arrest.
- 9 So if any of the cases where an officer would take a
- 10 ShotSpotter lead and go right, and arrest somebody
- 11 without any further corroborating evidence that would be
- 12 directly against the policy. We have a very strict policy
- 13 as it relates to discipline. You cannot use ShotSpotter
- 14 to go in somebody's house. You cannot use ShotSpotter to
- 15 go into somebody's yard, and that's also in policies
- 16 307.8-3.2. I know that Director Branche-Wilson has
- 17 scoured policies for ShotSpotter from around the country.
- 18 And I'm quite confident that ours is one of the strictest
- 19 policies as it relates to the protection of liberty,
- 20 first amendment liberty, and fourth amendment liberty.
- 21 And I am very confident in the fact that because we own
- 22 the data, nobody will have access to any kind of audio.
- 23 And I just think that the idea that the gunshots are the
- ones that are going to trigger the audio and that a human
- 25 voice, or some type of other neighborhood type sound with



- 1 the exception of firecrackers, because it has been shown
- 2 that sometimes there's a misidentification with the
- 3 firecracker, depending on the type of caliber it is, but
- 4 that nothing else is going to trigger that snippet to go
- 5 to the ShotSpotter and then come back to us.
- 6 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: And those are the only recordings
- 7 that we have. So I'm very confident in what we have in
- 8 our policy here in terms of safeguarding civil liberty.
- 9 MR. BRANCHE-WILSON: And just to build on Captain
- 10 Tosqui and through the Chair, excuse me. The one example
- 11 you gave of the firecracker and the rare example of that
- 12 would occur. That's also why we built in the policy that
- they could only listen to that audio snippet when it's
- 14 about an active investigation for our firearm discharge.
- 15 So just wanted to complete that last thought,
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, I just want to
- 17 make a real quick comment. I want to compliment both of
- 18 my sisters Ms. Holt, and obviously Ms. Burch for their
- 19 questions and their participation. They were fabulous in
- 20 this discussion. And I'd like the Board to know that the
- 21 shots have fired where ShotSpotter, a company is located
- 22 in Newark, California. So apparently this was all done by
- 23 satellite through technology. Our information goes to
- 24 California, is that what's happening?
- 25 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Through the Chair that is correct.



- 1 They have two centers, one's in California, and I believe
- 2 the other one's in Washington DC.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So it's all of our information
- 4 and the other cities. That information goes through
- 5 satellite, obviously to these other communities, and then
- 6 they communicate back to us. Is that correct?
- 7 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Through the Chair.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We don't know. Okay. There is
- 9 no office here for ShotSpotter?
- 10 CAPTAIN TOSOUI: Through the Chair, that's correct.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, no disrespect. I
- 15 just like to ask you, will you be open to us bringing in
- 16 someone from the university level to speak in reference
- 17 to ShotSpotter as well as getting more community
- 18 opinions, from the members of the community since this
- 19 technology is going to be something that they're trying
- 20 to use for the community. It doesn't reduce police
- 21 response times. There are false alarms when it comes to
- 22 ShotSpotter based on the reports, but would you open to
- 23 having a public hearing on ShotSpotter, having somebody
- 24 from the academic level to come in and speak to this, as
- 25 well as community activists and civil liberty groups,



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, this is our
- 2 open forum, as you well know, all our meetings are open
- 3 to the public and they have the opportunity. And this
- 4 matter also went before the Council in terms of the
- 5 contract. That was an open forum for people to have
- 6 participated. So we all continue, it's on our website,
- 7 and they can contact us by email, text, or call. We would
- 8 note that, but other than that, this is the forum. This
- 9 forum will go on for quite some time, so we're going to
- 10 move forward. Thank you
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. One last
- 12 comment.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Did I hear a voice?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes sir. Commissioner Holt.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am, briefly.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you. To piggyback on the
- 17 last request that was made by our Commissioner and also a
- 18 comment alluding to the fact that we have not received an
- 19 extensive amount of information on the ShotSpotter. Our
- 20 most recent packet is well packed, full of information. I
- 21 believe before when ShotSpotter was first introduced to
- 22 us, the two cases that were targeted were a part of that
- 23 research. Again, the packet that we received shows that
- over, I don't know what, 90 cities or so subscribed to
- 25 ShotSpotter. I say this as an opportunity on the part of



- 1 DPD and with the assistance of Ms. White and her staff to
- 2 ensure that the Board has as much information that is
- 3 needed so that we can be in a position to support the
- 4 policy. In other words, I see transparency here. So
- 5 that's my spiel on bringing in more people to speak on
- 6 the issue.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, I agree with Ms.
- 9 Holt, but I don't think there's any harm in us getting a
- 10 different point of view. I mean, we are here obviously to
- 11 protect the community, and if there's a community voice
- 12 on this, I'm not aware of it, but Commissioner Burton
- 13 seems to feel that there is from the ACLU and others.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have no problem with
- 16 listening.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: They spoke loud and clear at the
- 18 Council. If you revisit the Council meeting on this issue
- 19 of the contract that was locked ACLU, they all weighed in
- 20 on it. So we got to move on. I want to thank the Captain,
- 21 thank Mr. Branche-Wilson for participating in this
- 22 dialogue. And I want to thank Ms. White for preparing
- 23 this information. It's quite lengthy, so go through it.
- 24 I'm not concerned about what happened across America. I'm
- 25 concerned about Detroit and what's happening with



- 1 Michigan, how are we dealing with that? So we have all
- 2 the information. So I would hope that you would take time
- 3 and digest it. Well, we're going to move on to the next
- 4 item on the agenda. Ms. White.
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, honorable Board.
- 6 If you can please refer to the agenda for the incoming
- 7 correspondence for this week, and they are as follows.
- 8 Number one, weekly DPD facial recognition technology
- 9 report for the week of January 18th, 2021 through January
- 10 24th, 2021. The second item consisted of the DPDs 2019
- 11 annual report, which was a digital version that was
- 12 published due to COVID-19. Additionally, the honorable
- 13 Board received the 2021 Detroit police department,
- 14 virtual community comstat meetings, flyers, and
- information from Crime Intelligence, Captain Tosqui in
- 16 your packet today. And lastly, you also just indicated
- 17 the staff reports consisting of, and not limited to the
- 18 research and material prepared by BOPC administrative
- 19 staff on gunshot detection, technology consisting of the
- 20 information that DPD transmitted involving the contract,
- 21 various PowerPoint presentations, and then also the
- 22 Board's research and evaluation material of other policy
- 23 directives from around the country, publications and
- 24 other support material for your consideration. And please
- 25 know that we are accepting recommendations for the policy



- 1 directive as it is with that and the Board's office at
- 2 this time. Thank you. And that concludes the incoming
- 3 correspondence.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. Unfinished
- 5 business.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I would like to continue to
- 9 request the names of any sub-committees or committees
- 10 that you have formed and what members are on it, and what
- 11 minutes have been generated.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I can respond to that Commissioner
- 13 Davis. I do not have any committee, period. I do not have
- 14 any committees. Okay. That is factual, that is truthful.
- 15 And I say in my term of office, I cannot have any
- 16 committee by our bylaws. So there's no committee
- 17 structure at this time. Okay.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I would have a sidebar
- 20 consultation with you but. I'm not going to debate my -
- 21 you asked a question. I gave you a statement.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But that was false.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Any new business.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairman, new business.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Commissioner Holley.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr.
- 2 Chairman, I'm really still concerned about this crime and
- 3 I just feel like we owe it to the community to try to do
- 4 something proactive. I'm asking that if you would allow
- 5 the staff to put together a policy conference of some
- 6 sort like with the chief judge or the district court, the
- 7 deputy mayor, Chief Craig, the prosecutor's office 4
- 8 commissioners somebody from the black caucus, and
- 9 Lansing, Brenda Jones, House suppressing, Jen Jones, 2
- 10 parents, and someone from the Detroit public school
- 11 system. And we all sit around and see what we can do. We
- 12 are right now ahead of last year's homicide. And I just
- 13 feel like that we're just going on and on. And I'm asking
- 14 that you really consider it through your office to really
- 15 have us put this kind of conference together. We can do
- 16 this by Zoom, or we can do it in the headquarters. We've
- 17 got enough space for social distancing, so we can get
- 18 ahead of this game. This is getting two girls got
- 19 killed at the first of the year. Three people are killed.
- 20 I just don't know how we can sit here in good conscience,
- 21 and not try to do something proactive about homicide.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes sir, Commissioner Holley. I
- 23 heard you loud and clear. We are trying to work that up.
- 24 I'm going to ask you, I'm not saying a committee. I'm
- 25 going to ask you to co-chair along with Commissioner



- 1 Davis and myself with the staff. It's not a committee,
- 2 it's a task force to deal with the issue of crime in the
- 3 City of Detroit. Is that something that we could do
- 4 Commissioner Davis?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'd be willing to be a part of
- 6 that group.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, be part of that group.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Okay.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commission Jones would like to
- 12 participate as well.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, let me say this. Let me say
- 14 this, Commissioner Holley and Commissioner Davis and all
- 15 the Commissioners will have an opportunity at the table.
- 16 We would do a Zoom forum. We're trying to work it up. So
- 17 we heard Commissioner Holley at the end of the year, and
- 18 we're going to be on course to do that. We go on into the
- 19 month of February. It's Black History Month. And
- 20 Commissioner Holley, we are ahead of the homicide
- 21 shooting at this time.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Right.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So we're on the same page to try
- 24 to get our voice out there. So, Commissioner Burton.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You said, Burch or Burton?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Burton.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair, I have a couple
- 3 of motions that I'd like to make, but first I want to
- 4 start off by saying, I wish that this body, I hope that
- 5 this body does follow the Board bylaws when it comes in
- 6 reference to approving the minutes, it does state in our
- 7 bylaws that we must have them for 48 hours prior to
- 8 voting on our minutes. And so we look at our minutes
- 9 there was no hard copy. We got an electronic copy that
- 10 was sent out in less than 24 hours. I do move at this
- 11 time that we properly vote on those minutes because the
- 12 way we voted, the way you passed the minutes, Mr.
- 13 Chairman was improper, so I'd like to move that we vote
- 14 up or vote down on the Board minutes because it does go
- 15 against our bylaws. We have not followed --
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, first, you
- 17 just said, you just got an electronic copy. We would
- 18 address the minutes next week of last week's meeting, we
- 19 would address the minutes from next week. You just got a
- 20 copy of it, so I hear you. So we're doing it in that
- 21 manner.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So we're going to postpone
- 23 approving the minutes to next week?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. We already approved it,
- 25 but we will revisit the minute since you don't have a



- 1 hard copy, move on.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: All right. My motion that I
- 3 like to make right now, Mr. Chairman, thank you very
- 4 much. I would just make one motion at this point now. I
- 5 moved that we oppose the Board attorney's position.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, we are not in a position to
- 7 oppose anything. We went through the process with the
- 8 director of personnel. We're still bogged down with that.
- 9 HR can only handle one task at a time. So there are
- 10 issues that we are going to address in that manner, so I
- 11 want to move on. Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner, just second a
- 13 motion. Commissioner Davis said ---
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, we're going to move on as far
- 15 as personnel matter I think we discussed that. Any
- 16 announcement, Mr. Robert Brown.
- 17 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Yes, sir. Good evening, Mr.
- 18 Chair and this honorable Board. The announcement,
- 19 upcoming meeting for the next virtual meeting is
- 20 Thursday, February 4th, 2021 at 3:00 PM. And your next
- 21 community meeting is Thursday, February the 11th, 2021
- 22 and at 3:00 PM. And Mr. Chair, if it's okay I'll go
- 23 through right to oral communication. We currently have 7,
- 24 8 speakers. Your first 3 speakers would be Ms. Bernie
- 25 Smith followed by Ms. Sharon Parnell followed by Minister



- 1 Eric Blunt, Ms. Smith.
- MS. PARNELL: Hi, Bernice, won't be here today.
- 3 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Okay, Ms. Parnell.
- 4 MS. PARNELL: My concern was about those shots fired.
- 5 When did they put those in the city, and if they're all
- 6 over the city? And they already answered my question on
- 7 the gun locks. I do appreciate that because we need some
- 8 type of answers for these children being shot and killed.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 10 MS. PARNELL: That that concerned me more than
- 11 anything. Thank you so much and have a great day.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. There's no technology
- 13 of shots fired at this time because we don't have a
- 14 policy.
- 15 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Minister Eric Blunt.
- 16 MINISTER BLUNT: Yes, this is Minister Eric Blunt, a
- 17 lifelong Detroiter. Can you hear me?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 19 MINISTER BLUNT: This ShotSpotter is just another
- 20 technology. People do not trust the police. Just this
- 21 week, the leadership of the Michigan State police was
- 22 discovered to be illegally and without authority using a
- 23 technology called end-to-end encryption where they
- 24 conceal and delete their conversations. There's just too
- 25 much technology in the police hands for which they are



- 1 not held accountable. As it relates to this Board, many
- 2 have described it as dysfunctional, but after the five
- 3 years that I've observed this Board, it forces me to use
- 4 another adjective, corrupt. At first, I believe this
- 5 Board was not able to focus on civilian oversight, but
- 6 now I am convinced that this Board is not willing or even
- 7 avoid focusing on civilian oversight, which is police
- 8 misconduct. I truly believe, if not all, most of these
- 9 commissioners are intelligent enough to walk and chew qum
- 10 at the same time, but it must be intentional that this
- 11 Board refuses to focus on civilian oversight, which is
- 12 police misconduct. Sometimes you only need to look at the
- 13 agenda. It's dominated by resolutions recognizing police
- 14 officers and lengthy discussions on crime statistics and
- 15 crime prevention. So the majority of the time and energy
- 16 and resources spent by this Board are not primarily
- 17 directed toward police misconduct. And therein lies the
- 18 problem. I yield my time.
- 19 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 20 speakers would be a caller whose phone number ends in
- 21 402. I don't see Ms. Petty, Ms. Michelle George, and KC.
- 22 Go ahead caller 402, 402.
- 23 CALLER 402: It's been a long time since I've been
- 24 able to hear you [01:46:49 inaudible] the union today.
- 25 Thank you so much for letting me speak. I was thinking



- 1 about the shots fired program initiative, and speaking
- 2 about the children and the loss of their lives and the
- 3 parents and the collapse of the guns. And also the MPO
- 4 often innovating themselves to help and assist. And in
- 5 that manner to preserve the lives of their babies. That
- 6 is admirable in the DPD as well as also the transparency
- 7 and the order the Chairperson and the Assistant Chair
- 8 working together. The flow that I hear is admirable,
- 9 outstanding, and it just astounds me how you continue to
- 10 flow as human beings together, even on sensitive matters.
- I don't see you, but I still can feel and hear you; the
- 12 humanness coming out. And I appreciate the humanness
- 13 coming out and also appreciate the I mean, Chair Bell
- 14 doing as he usually does keeping the flow and the order
- 15 with authoritativeness and the cooperation of the others
- 16 that are speaking and trying to speak. Thank you so much,
- 17 Chair Bell for doing what you do, and thank you so much
- 18 Board speaking to you. Because if you weren't like you
- 19 was Chair Bell, they wouldn't want to speak, they would
- 20 walk away. I admire that in you Chair Bell. Continue to
- 21 do so --
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 23 MR.ROBERT BROWN: Miss Michelle George?
- 24 MISS GEORGE: Yes, good evening. You can hear me?
- 25 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Yes.



- 1 MISS GEORGE: Hi, Mr. Brown. Okay. To Chairman Bell
- 2 and the honorable Board. I wanted to make a comment.
- 3 Commissioner Burton, we have to have something there's
- 4 too much shooting in the city. Now I know the officers,
- 5 all of the presentations were excellent. But with all the
- 6 shootings that we have in the city now with the facial
- 7 recognition program, this is what should have been done
- 8 before the policy came out. And probably the only reason
- 9 the policy has come out is because of all the pushback
- 10 with facial recognition. So that program needs to desist,
- 11 but with the shot, the ShotSpotter, we need to have that
- 12 and it's too much gunfire. I can't even get the breaking
- 13 news story off my phone. What Chief Craig and Mayor
- 14 Duggan needs to do, I did email the assistant chief email
- 15 about the missing children. We don't hear about that.
- 16 Children are missing. I don't hear Amber Alert when it's
- 17 dealing with Detroit. I don't understand this and the
- 18 Mayor, he doesn't present anything. No sir, every blue
- 19 moon, Chief Craiq will come out when it's a crime, that's
- 20 what a normal administration will do. You will come out
- 21 when it's a crime like Ms. Parnell stated with all these
- 22 children. What you're going to do, where the locks are
- 23 going to go. We in the inner city, we don't have the
- 24 patrol like they have downtown. We need new leadership in
- 25 the city. It's just unfortunate. The City Council paid



- 1 \$200,000 for a movement "Black Lives Matter." Instead of
- 2 going after the individuals, when we saw George Floyd's
- 3 breath leave his body. So my thing is that we need better
- 4 leadership. Will someone please answer my email? I know
- 5 we make these public comments. I don't understand it. I
- 6 know Assistant Chief Bederson, he will answer the email.
- 7 Will someone please answer my email? I'm going to send
- 8 out another email to the Assistant Chief's email. I would
- 9 like an answer. With all of this crime, it's ridiculous.
- 10 So will somebody please do that? Thank you for taking my
- 11 comments. Thank you very much.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. ROBERT BROWN: And KC.
- 14 KC: Hi, can you hear me?
- 15 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Yes.
- 16 KC: Hi, I'm calling to request that you urge DPD to
- 17 drop the countersuit against protestors. You should know
- 18 that they're currently on the wrong side of history with
- 19 this countersuit, and I think you need to be working
- 20 towards breaking down DPDs, obviously inflated ego, and
- 21 get them to admit that they're in the wrong to attack
- 22 peaceful protestors. Also, hey, Chairman Bell, can you
- 23 please stop talking over and muting other commissioners
- 24 because they say something that hurt your feelings.
- 25 You're doing great harm because these commissioners are



- 1 speaking about issues that I very much care about as a
- 2 citizen in Detroit. Please stop silencing my
- 3 representation. If you cannot do that Commissioner Bell,
- 4 I respectfully request that you step down from this
- 5 position due to incompetency. I'm also going to add that,
- 6 can we please listen to Commissioner Burton? And could we
- 7 please get some more insight regarding the technology of
- 8 ShotSpotter? I would like to hear some more inputs that
- 9 are more than just what DPD has compiled in a newsletter
- 10 for you. Thank you. I yield my time.
- MR. ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair, your last speaker
- 12 would be CAC Chair, Scotty Bowman.
- SCOTTY BOWMAN: Okay. First of all, could you reset
- 14 the timer?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Right?
- 16 SCOTTY BOWMAN: Thank you. Okay. So by the way, here
- 17 are my thoughts. First of all, the safeguards you have
- 18 for civil liberties and privacy are a little unclear. I
- 19 was somewhat encouraged by hearing that it only recorded
- 20 the second before and after a gunshot. And the system was
- 21 only triggered by that. What's a critical question is
- 22 whether or not that triggering happens at the station
- 23 where the microphone is set up or is it at the computer
- 24 that is somewhere on the other side of the country so
- 25 that we still have all that audio being transmitted



- 1 either by wire, through servers, satellite, all of the
- 2 above most likely before it gets to its destination.,
- 3 Because if that's happening, then you still have that
- 4 audio out there. If on the other hand, the microphone
- 5 where it goes before the transmission occurs is triggered
- 6 only by gunshots or explosives. And then the only thing
- 7 transmitted is the gunshot audio and a second before and
- 8 after that's quite a different story and that's not
- 9 nearly as bad. So I think we need to clear that up. There
- 10 definitely needs to be a public hearing on this policy
- item that you put on the agenda before it is voted on and
- 12 finally, please don't shut commissioners out of the
- 13 meetings or mute them or black their video because you
- 14 are uncomfortable with them. That is disenfranchising the
- 15 voters of the 5th District last week and overturning the
- 16 results of the 2017 election de facto. I yield.
- MR. ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair that was your last
- 18 speaker.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. If there is no other
- 20 business before this body a motion.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Bell, Mr. Bell.
- 22 Yoo-hoo.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Ma'am



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I just want to say
- 2 this before we go off, would you, as Chair asked Mayor
- 3 Duggan to attend whether or not it'd be a closed session
- 4 or however you would do it, but through Zoom, so we can
- 5 speak to him as commissioners, as our particular concern,
- 6 especially about our own district. I am in number 3, as
- 7 everybody knows. Would you please go to him and ask him
- 8 that. I'm asking you, Mr. Bell, as Chair of the Board of
- 9 Police Commissioners. Will you do that, sir?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I can do that but the Mayor is
- 11 open to talking to any commissioner directly or
- indirectly. You don't need me to be that.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Well, excuse me. I didn't
- 14 say you be there. I said, I want to hear what Mr. Davis
- 15 says, I want to hear what Mr. Hernandez he's not here.
- 16 I want to hear what their
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'm present.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Individual concern, because Mr.
- 19 Bell, we probably share the same issues. Mayor Duggan
- 20 needs to hear from the people, which we serve the
- 21 people. But when I go one-on-one, I may take a little
- 22 group, but if I take all my commissioners, guess what?
- 23 You are representing a thousand or 2000 more people.
- 24 What's wrong with that, what's wrong with that?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, I want to talk



- 1 to you indirectly. We cannot meet as a whole with the
- 2 Mayor. That would be improper. So the Chair would
- 3 entertain a motion, but I will meet with you on that
- 4 item. The Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment.
- 5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON BELL: Through the Chair, through
- 6 the Chair. I like to through the Chair, Chair Bell.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm listening, go ahead.
- 8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. One last comment.
- 9 I really encourage the commissioners to delve into the
- 10 packet that was sent, that was delivered to our homes in
- 11 relationship to ShotSpotter. It is a wealth of
- 12 information that also would support the concern that we
- 13 have academics to speak on the issue. So look at the
- 14 materials. They are very, very thorough. In fact, one of
- 15 them is so unbiased that you almost want to say, well,
- 16 why didn't Ms. White include this packet? But honestly,
- 17 she was trying to do due diligence to ensure that we had
- 18 a very unbiased discussion on ShotSpotter.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: A motion for adjournment would be
- 20 in order.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We stand adjourned. We stand
- 23 adjourned. Thank you.

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Meeting Adjourned at 5:00p.m.



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