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**To:** Council President Pro Tem James Tate  
**Through:** Council President Mary Sheffield  
**From:** James E. White, Chief of Police, Detroit Police Department  
**Date:** April 05, 2023  
**Re:** **Responses to 2023-2024 Budget Analysis**

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Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 24, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for the Detroit Police Department.

**1. Please describe cold case and victim advocacy programs.**

Homicide Cold Case

The Detroit Police Homicide Cold Case Squad investigates a variety of homicide cases. The Squad assists with the overall effectiveness of Homicide by alleviating some of the caseloads from the citywide homicide squads. The Cold Case Squad assumes investigative responsibility for cases where the lead investigator (OIC) is no longer with Homicide and has been over two years since the incident date. Cold Case Squad is typically activated in one of two ways:

1. Additional information is presented that requires investigative action.
2. A victim's family member or loved one reaches out requesting an update.

Cold Case Squad is continually reviewing cases to see if recent advancements in DNA testing capabilities would aid in furthering the investigation and potentially lead to the identification of the offender responsible for the murder. Cold Case Squad is a critical component of the operation of DPD Homicide in that it advances investigations that may not otherwise receive the attention deserved, and it meets a significant need of the community by keeping those who lost loved ones informed on the investigation.

**2. List which precincts and units have cold case and victim advocacy.**

Homicide Cold Case

The Homicide Cold Case Squad is a centralized unit operating from DPD Homicide at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. It services homicide investigations for all of the department's precincts.



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### Victim Assistance Program

The Detroit Police Victim Assistance Program is the counseling unit within the Detroit Police Department under the command of the DPD Special Victims Unit - Major Crimes. The Program provides continuous social work and supportive services to the victims, families, and communities affected by sexual assault, domestic violence, and homicide victims within the City of Detroit. Our mission is to enhance the well-being of the aforementioned victims by providing services designed to alleviate barriers to the restoration of a healthy physical and emotional state.

Services include:

- Free and Confidential Services 24/7, Days a Week.
- Individual and Group Supportive Counseling.
- Safety Planning.
- Victim Crimes Compensation (assistance completing an application) for Michigan reimbursement fund that covers crimes victim expenses due to a crime or loss.
- Walk-Ins assistance to all locations.
- Liaison with the Officer in Charge and the Victim.
- Community Outreach.
- Court Support.
- Emergency Transportation.
- Condolence Calls to Secondary Victims of Homicide.
- Community Outreach.
- Respond to Emergency Department Pager at Detroit Medical Center Hospitals for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
- 24/7 Crisis line.

### Victim Assistance Program

The Detroit Police Victim Assistance Program operates from several locations:



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**Main Hub:**

- Old Hutzel Hospital (management staff and volunteers).

**Occupied Precincts:**

- 4th Precinct - Social Worker
- 7th Precinct - Senior Social Worker
- 8th Precinct - Social Worker
- 10th Precinct - Senior Social Worker
- 12th Precinct - Social Worker

**Detroit Public Safety Headquarters:**

- Domestic Violence Advocate
- Homicide Advocates (two members)

**Vacant Precincts:**

- Precincts: 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 11

**3. List which precincts have specially trained staff regarding cold case and victim advocacy.**

**Homicide Cold Case**

The Homicide-Cold Case Unit is the only DPD unit with members investigating Homicide cold cases.

**Victim Assistance Program**

All Detroit Police Victim Assistance Personnel are either Mastered Leveled Licensed Social Workers or Accredited Victim Advocates. The State of Michigan requires Social Workers to obtain Continuing Educational Credits to sustain their license. Advocates are accredited through the National Organization for Victim Assistance. All personnel must complete State training through an accredited victim-training program, either online or in person. Personnel is required to complete 16 hours per year.

**4. Please describe the CIT program.**



The Crisis Intervention Team program is a 40-hour training focused on community partnerships of law enforcement, mental health, and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families, and other advocates. It is an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis intervention training to help persons with mental disorders and/or addictions access medical treatment rather than place them in the criminal justice system due to illness-related behaviors. It also promotes officer safety and the safety of the individual in crisis responses. Participants will be able to identify trauma informed policing practices, as well as tools to help de-escalate crisis situations.

**5. What is the current status of Radio Patrol?**

As of March 20, 2023, 13 active Radio Patrols are operating citywide.

**6. How many Radio Patrols are in District 1?**

There are four (4) Radio Patrols in District 1

- Berg Lahser
- Old Redford Plus
- Rosedale #23
- Grandmont #4

**7. What are plans for Radio Patrol expansion?**

Our expansion goals for 2023/2024 are as follows:

- To bring back Radio Patrols that are currently inactive from the Pandemic.
- Focus on historic neighborhoods and naming the Radio Patrols as such. Also, connecting with faith-based institutions within those boundaries to assist with new Radio Patrols.
- Partner with our local Community Colleges and University Criminal Justice Departments to recruit students as Radio Patrol volunteers.
- Partner with the NPO Program / District Managers /City Council Liaisons.
- Implement various social media platforms to increase "Awareness."
- Utilize billboards to increase "Awareness" (1 East, 1 West).



**8. What is the status of the Greenlight Program thus far?**

There are currently 869 PGLD partner locations.

**9. How many officers are currently certified to be weighmasters? Additionally, please provide a breakdown of where weighmasters are stationed by district.**

There are currently two police officers certified as weighmasters, and both are assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit of the Metropolitan Division. Weighmaster enforcement is not stationed by districts. Traffic Enforcement Weighmasters have citywide jurisdiction.

**10. How many cameras and alert systems have been installed in the city since City Council approved the new ShotSpotter contract in 2022?**

The expansion implementation started to go live at the very end of 2022. We are providing information for YTD 2023 (1/1/2023 - 3/29/2023) for simplicity.

**a. How many alerts have been recorded since installation?**

DPD has received 3,470 ShotSpotter alerts in YTD 2023.

**b. How many open cases have been initiated?**

ShotSpotter alerts are connected to 655 RMS reports in YTD 2023. 214 of these are crime reports.

**c. How many closed cases were investigated?**

Of these 214 crime incident reports, 36 have been closed, and 2 have obtained warrants. 105 are still actively being investigated.

**d. How many alerts have led to prosecution?**

DPD does not have access to prosecutor or court data and is unable to determine how many cases related to ShotSpotter have been charged.

**e. How many weapons have been recovered?**

A request to NIBIN was submitted for the number of firearms that have been recovered that are connected to ShotSpotter. The information is forthcoming.



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**f. Since the city started utilizing ShotSpotter, how many alerts have led to gun-related convictions?**

DPD does not have access to prosecutor or court data and is unable to determine how many cases related to ShotSpotter have resulted in convictions.

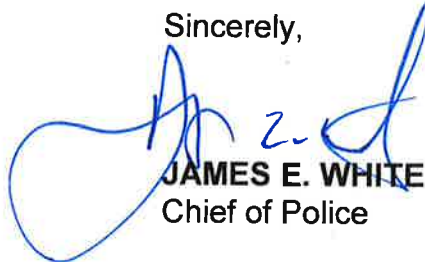
**g. How many cameras and alert systems have been installed by district?**

ShotSpotter implementation does not include cameras, so none have been installed as part of the expansion. DPD is not directly involved in the installation of ShotSpotter equipment and is generally unaware of the specific locations where hardware is installed. So far, 8 of the 9 Precincts that will receive expanded coverage have gone live.

Other initiatives used by the 8th Precinct to reduce violent crime include Project Green Light Detroit, Project Ceasefire, License Plate Readers, Intimate Partner Violence Initiative, Mental Health Co-Response, and the Parks Detail, in addition to other patrol and officer deployment strategies.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact our Agency Chief Financial Officer, Nevrus Nazarko, of the Office of Departmental Financial Services at (313) 596-5494, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



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