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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
BOPC VIRTUAL MEETING
June 17, 2021 at 2:57 P.M.

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- 21 background sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.
- 22 Thank you and now Chairperson Bell.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. Is the
- 24 Chaplain able to get on now? I see her, so I assume that
- 25 she's on, right. I am going to call the meeting to order



- 1 so that we have a quorum with the attendance that's been
- 2 cited that I can see at this time. I'm going to ask
- 3 Chaplain, is that Whiteall?
- 4 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Is she able to communicate?
- 6 MRS. WHITE: Chaplain Whitehall. You do have the
- 7 ability to enable your microphones. Mr. Chair, I know
- 8 that we were experiencing some difficulties earlier with
- 9 her technology.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Perhaps we could ask Reverend
- 11 Holley, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Reverend Holley.
- 13 Commissioner Holley, can we have an invocation, please?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes Eternal Father, we are so
- 15 grateful and so thankful for what you have done, what you
- 16 are doing, what you will be doing in the future. We
- 17 praise your Holy name for this day. Bless Lord that
- 18 indeed that you bless all that's involved in this Agenda.
- 19 Bless the City of Detroit. We ask Lord that indeed, that
- 20 you bless the officers who basically serve in this city.
- 21 We just praise you all over and over again. We just thank
- 22 you for everything you're doing right now. We ask that
- 23 you bless this meeting and the participants thereof that
- 24 we might be able to be fruitful and also be a servant of
- 25 yours as well. We praise your Holy name once again in



- 1 Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
- 2 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Holley. We
- 4 move on to the introduction of the Commissioners starting
- 5 with my Vice-Chair.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon. Vice-Chair Annie
- 7 Holt. Good afternoon Honorable Board of Police
- 8 Commissioners, to citizens in our beautiful City of
- 9 Detroit and our most honored men and women in blue.
- 10 Commissioner Annie Holt, Member, At-Large.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, District 1. District 2.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Good afternoon everyone.
- 13 Attorney Linda Bernard for District 2. I want you to know
- 14 that the Amazon plant is like a million square feet is
- taken over the whole area. It's amazing. So I'm looking
- 16 forward to all the jobs it's going to create for people
- in our city at Woodward and eight-mile. Everybody can get
- 18 there.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 3.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon, everyone. I am
- 21 Commissioner Shirley Burch and where we live; we love
- 22 where we live and we respected. So, therefore, welcome
- 23 Amazon. And I don't know if you're in the third district,
- 24 but welcome. God bless everybody.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 4, you Chair,



- 1 Willie Bell. District 5. District 6.
- 2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Lisa Carter,
- 3 District 6.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 7.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon, everyone. Police
- 6 Commissioner William M. Davis. Love where you live and
- 7 love, but especially officers, love where you work.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At large, Commissioner
- 9 Hernandez.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon everyone.
- 11 Jesus Hernandez, At-Large.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At-Large, our Vice--
- 13 Chair-Elect, Martin Jones.
- 14 VICE-CHAIR-ELECT JONES: Good afternoon, everyone.
- 15 First of all, I'd like to say welcome to our new Police
- 16 Chief and all of his executive staff, including First
- 17 Assistant Chief Todd Bettison, all of our community
- 18 partners, and everyone who's just participating in his
- 19 meeting so we can bring about the change that's needed in
- 20 our city. So that way we may be a lawful city and be able
- 21 to enjoy our great outdoors. I'm Commissioner Martin L.
- 22 Jones.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Chair-Elect,
- 24 Commissioner Holley.
- 25 CHAIR-ELECT HOLLEY: Good afternoon. Thank you for



- 1 allowing me to participate and thank you, everyone, for
- 2 your support. Jim Holley present.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 4 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, through the Chair,
- 5 Commissioner Brown did submit a notification that he will
- 6 be arriving late due to a family emergency, but you do
- 7 have a quorum.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for that notification.
- 9 The next item would be approval for the Agenda for June
- 10 17th.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: So moved.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 15 supported. Discussion. Those in favor, Aye.
- 16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed. Thank you. The next
- item will be approval of the Minutes for June 10th, 2021.
- 19 Any additional corrections to the Minutes?
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been property, move, and
- 23 supported. Those in favor, Aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those oppose.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I oppose, not just oppose Mr.
- 2 Chair. I just want it to go on record that in my belief
- 3 and when I studied what we did last week in voting for
- 4 the Chair and the Co-Chair of this Board, I just wanted
- 5 to go on record that I think it may be a little bias if
- 6 we have two elected members to be on this Board.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch that is an
- 8 improper dialogue in terms of correction. We want to move
- 9 on. Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I wanted to do a discussion too.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to get to go on
- 12 record.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ma'am, we are dealing with the
- 14 Minutes. Okay. It stands, that remark is not a correction
- 15 to the Minutes. Commissioner Davis.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I also want to raise objections
- 17 to the fact that a commissioner wasn't allowed to vote.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We move on to Ms.
- 19 White, would you introduce the staff, please?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, the Department
- 21 of Innovation and Technology is monitoring today's Board
- 22 meeting and our court reporter is Mr. Don Handyside. The
- 23 following Board staff members are in attendance today,
- 24 Mr. Robert Brown, Administrative Specialist, Ms. Theresa
- 25 Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator, Ms. Jonya



- 1 Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Investigator,
- 2 Tiffany Stewart, Director Katrina Patillo, Director of
- 3 Police Personnel, Assistant Corporation Counsel Ericka
- 4 Savage Whitley, Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence
- 5 Akbar, Supervising Investigator Ansley Cromwell, Acting,
- 6 Supervising Investigator LiSonya Sloan, Acting,
- 7 Supervising Investigator Rosalia Madrigal, Senior
- 8 Investigator Adella Rivera, and also Investigator Roselyn
- 9 Banks, Investigator Caroline Nichols, Investigator
- 10 LaShondra Neeley, Investigator Giana Carter, Investigator
- 11 Markita Stanton, Investigator Ana Hiller and also, Ms.
- 12 Angela Cox, Ms. Stephanie Phillips are all in attendance
- 13 today. Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White. Chief White.
- 15 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon.
- 16 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Introduction of your
- 18 command and staff.
- 19 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir. I was trying to see who's on.
- 20 I'm having some technical difficulties. I got bounced
- 21 off. I know up would be the Interim First Assistant Chief
- 22 who's up for a promotion is on the call. And if anyone
- 23 else is there I don't know if you want them to introduce
- themselves, but I cannot see everybody on the call. I do
- 25 apologize.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Ms. White would normally
- 2 indicate who is present if you don't mind. Thank you.
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, at this time in going
- 4 through the attendees' list. I see Captain Aric Tosqui,
- 5 Lieutenant Curtis Shell, Captain Derek May, Captain Lena
- 6 Liddell, Captain Bernel Newson, Director Christopher
- 7 Graveline, Commander Eric Decker, Commander, Kyra Joy
- 8 Hope, Commander Deshaun Sims, Sergeant Gerald Hewitt,
- 9 Sergeant Gwendolyn Stokes, Deputy Chief Grant Ha,
- 10 Sergeant Felicia Jewel, Lieutenant Hall, Lieutenant James
- 11 Coles, Lieutenant Heather Cameron, Deputy Chief Mark
- 12 Bliss, Lieutenant Mark Young President of the Lieutenants
- 13 Sergeants Association, Ms. Sheila McBride, Commander
- 14 Michael McGinnis, Director Reid Branch-Wilson, Sergeant
- 15 Snodgrass, Sergeant Carrie Fairfax Moore, Sergeant Glenn
- 16 Anderson, and also Chief White just introduced Interim
- 17 First Assistant Chief Todd Bettison. And that is all that
- 18 I see at this time. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White, and thank
- 20 you. Chief White. Do we have any elected officials or
- 21 representatives of elected officials?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair Ms. Marie
- 23 Overall of State Representative Tyrone Carter's Office.
- 24 And I just indicated Lieutenant Mark Young President of
- 25 the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and Community



- 1 Advisory Council, Mr. Scotty Bowman. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you for your
- 3 attendance. We move on to the next item would be the
- 4 Chair report. My report will be brief and to the point.
- 5 Today on our Agenda and then the Chairman. We take up the
- 6 chief appointment to the ranks of captain, commander,
- 7 deputy chief, and first assistant chief. You have
- 8 received materials from the department and also from the
- 9 staff. And Chief White's going to speak to you in
- 10 reference to the process of how that works in terms of
- 11 making these recommendations. I think some of the Board
- members are familiar with it. As in the past, they're
- 13 following that script in terms of it's crucial. And
- 14 that's why we entertained Chief White to get this before
- 15 you as soon as possible. And I want to thank the staff
- 16 and Ms. White for working this up in a very short time
- 17 span, but it's critical that we have consistent
- 18 leadership along with Chief White as Interim Chief that
- 19 we have across the Board.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So that's why it's crucial that we
- 21 act on this particular item. Additionally, Chief White
- 22 will report out and share key updates. Deputy Chief will
- 23 present in the event Chief White has to step away. Today
- 24 we are going to hear from the DPD of the training academy
- 25 and we limit the timeframe to 10 minutes with the hope



- 1 that they followed the script. We followed the strip in
- 2 terms of 10 minutes because we have a closed session
- 3 scheduled for local 212 UAW with a staff member, so
- 4 that's a closed session. So we have to really keep our
- 5 agenda tight because as Commissioner Burch said, we don't
- 6 want to be here all night or all evening. We're going to
- 7 try to take care of our business in a timely manner. We
- 8 are still going to adhere to the public comments in a
- 9 meeting decorum, and I don't have to remind you of that
- 10 process and how it works that we need your cooperation.
- 11 At this time I want to address I think I'm going to
- 12 give Chief White the opportunity to speak to the
- 13 promotion of the listed ranks that are coming before us.
- 14 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you Chair and through the Chair,
- 15 let me begin by thanking all of you. I know that this is
- 16 a very unusual number of requests at one time. But it was
- 17 brought on by a number of different circumstances. One
- 18 being a celebration of sorts. We lost Deputy Chief Elaine
- 19 Bryant to lead Columbus, Ohio police department, which is
- 20 a great opportunity for her but they wanted her quickly
- 21 and she had to move quickly. With that, she took one of
- 22 our longstanding captains with her, Captain Potts who was
- 23 doing a phenomenal job for us at the Precinct, coupled
- 24 with the fact that our First Assistant Chief, one of the
- 25 most dynamic leaders we have has left the organization.



- 1 And I come in as an Interim Chief, found myself in a
- 2 quandary of sorts where I've got a number of different
- 3 seats to fill a lot of qualified people.
- 4 CHIEF WHITE: Certainly one of the key steps for any
- 5 incoming chief interim or otherwise is to have both
- 6 short-term and long-term goals. My short-term goals are
- 7 very similar to my long term long-term goals are to
- 8 provide leadership for this organization as well as to
- 9 make the city safer. Equally as important to me are the
- 10 members of the organization that are best suited to carry
- 11 out the strategies on behalf of my office and my
- 12 direction. I consider many individuals for these key
- 13 positions in this organization. We have a I will use a
- 14 sports analogy. We have a very deep bench. There could
- 15 have been any number of people selected for these
- 16 positions. But when I looked at the experience, it was
- 17 very important to me the education and then the
- 18 leadership that each of them has. If you don't have
- 19 people to follow you, if you don't impact people, if you
- 20 don't lead the appropriate way, you just walking around
- 21 with a big title. These people represent for me
- leadership. These are people that I can hit the ground
- 23 with running. And these are people that can lead people
- 24 who report to them to get the most out of them, as well
- 25 as support our officers. I appreciate the Board



- 1 supporting these selections, and I respectfully request
- 2 that you consider these candidates and recognize that
- 3 they are individually my candidates to assist me in my
- 4 interim role at my short-term strategy, as well as my
- 5 long-term strategy. Thank you for the opportunity.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief White. The Chair
- 7 will entertain a motion.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that the Board appoint the
- 11 following DPD executives to the proposed ranks. Assistant
- 12 Chief Todd Bettison to the rank of First Assistant Chief,
- 13 Commander Franklin D. Hayes to the rank of Deputy Chief.
- 14 Commander Deshaun Sims to the rank of Deputy Chief,
- 15 Captain Kirk E Worboys to the rank of Commander, Captain
- 16 Michael A. Parish to the rank of Commander, Lieutenant
- 17 Brandon D. Lewis to the rank of Captain, Lieutenant
- 18 Rebecca McCain, to the rank of Captain and Lieutenant
- 19 Lawrence Perifore to the rank of Captain.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been property moved and
- 22 supported.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Point of Information.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion now, discussion.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was wondering, are we going to



- 1 vote on all of them in one package or individually
- 2 because there's a couple of them I'm going to vote
- 3 against.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, you heard the motion.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I'm sorry. I have to vote
- 6 against all of them then.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So be it. Okay. You heard the
- 8 motion.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's a bad motion.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other discussion. Commissioner
- 11 Bernard.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, the original
- 13 Board pack had us voting on each person individually.
- 14 Then I think a few hours ago, we got an amendment that
- 15 consolidated all of the candidates as one. Generally, I
- 16 don't have a problem with that, but I do have a problem
- 17 with at least one person being committed I mean,
- 18 appointed to commander because of what I view as some
- 19 performance issues. But if you're going to hold this as
- 20 one grand appointment process and not allow us to vote
- 21 individually and say great things about some really great
- 22 people that have been nominated, then that's your
- 23 discretion. And I like Commissioner Davis would have to
- 24 vote against the group, that I'm so much in favor of all,
- 25 but one person.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other discussion.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I concur with that. I concur.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other discussion.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes, Mr. Chair. Reverend
- 5 Holley.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: These appointments are
- 8 basically temporary, they are not permanent, are they?
- 9 CHIEF WHITE: They're permanent.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: They are permanent, sir. Any time
- 11 a person that's not an interim for deputy chief,
- 12 commander, or captain, they are permanent promotions.
- 13 Chief White has that authority to make these
- 14 appointments, and therefore we are following the process
- 15 that has been in place quite some time of how we don't
- 16 really professionally it's Chief White in his team that
- 17 makes the recommendation, but we do in an area of
- 18 discipline, anything outstanding. We didn't find
- 19 anything, but I think we indicated to you, we're trying
- 20 to alleviate what you concerned about the whole process
- 21 of, being here three hours meeting. So basically we
- 22 asking for your vote at this time. Are we prepared?
- 23 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 25 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I think we need to announce the



- 1 fact that Commissioner Burton is in the meeting, Ms.
- 2 White?
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. He was in the
- 4 meeting, but he has a sense dropped off, but we did want
- 5 to make that notation for the record. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Roll call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1. District 2.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, but I do support all the
- 12 appointments. I've already spoken to the Chief about the
- 13 appointment that I have grave concerns about.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I would just go along with the
- 16 majority so we can move on.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What is your vote, ma'am.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I said yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Burch.
- 20 District 4, Bell. Yes. District 5. District 6.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner Hernandez.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Absolutely, yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair There were 7=Yes votes and
- 6 2=No votes. The motion passed.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. And we commend all the
- 8 individuals that have been promoted. Approval for the
- 9 promotion. We're looking forward to the interaction. And
- 10 I want to say that we know all the candidates from First
- 11 Assistant Chief down to the Commander. We would get to
- 12 know the captains in the near, near future, but all these
- 13 other individuals we work with and serve with, and we
- 14 understand what Chief Craig stated himself, that he left
- 15 a good team.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chief Craig?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief White, I'm sorry. Yes, Chief
- 18 Craig stated that he left the good team and I emphasize
- 19 Chief White was part of this team as Interim Chief. And
- 20 we heard the announcement of the First Assistant Chief at
- 21 the introduction of informal processes with the Mayor and
- 22 Chief White. That's the first promotion he was going to
- 23 make. And he indicated the day after he would bring it
- 24 before the Board. So I just want to commend them and as
- 25 we move forward, next on the agenda. Thank you, Board.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move right into
- 3 before we act, I want to give Chief White the opportunity
- 4 because I know he's got some pressing business, so I want
- 5 to bring him before you now to report out. Thank you.
- 6 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much. Through the Chair.
- 7 I appreciate the opportunity again, to address the
- 8 Honorable body. I do want to give my report and I will be
- 9 leaving to speak with the new promotees. And again, I
- 10 thank you. My first group of promotees as Interim Chief,
- 11 I did not take that lightly. This is the group that will
- 12 help me as I move forward and in this community and with
- 13 this body make the permanent selection of chief of
- 14 police. They will be part of my judgment as well so that
- 15 they were very important to me. This is week three, for
- 16 me, it feels a little bit longer. But it is week three as
- 17 interim Chief of the Detroit Police Department as the
- 18 Honorable body is aware that we did a five-point strategy
- 19 to address crowd management issues throughout the city. I
- 20 had an opportunity to get out last week.
- 21 CHIEF WHITE: I'll be going out again this week and
- 22 see a number of different issues that needed our
- 23 attention. The officers are doing amazing work, just
- 24 absolutely amazing work. I could not be more proud of the
- 25 men and women that do this work on a day in and day out



- 1 basis. I was telling a citizen this week you know, that
- 2 coming back to the City of Detroit to serve with these
- 3 folks is one of the absolute highlights of my career
- 4 being out there with them and seeing the work that they
- 5 do, you know, you have to pause and say summer for them
- 6 too, and they have families as well, but they're here day
- 7 in and day out during the work that they do. Our
- 8 community partners or they're with us including Detroit
- 9 300. Thank you Commissioner Jones for being there as
- 10 well.
- 11 CHIEF WHITE: So there's a lot of work going on. The
- work continues. This five-point strategy is not the end
- 13 all be all to crime-fighting in the City of Detroit.
- 14 Certainly, it is a framework for how we go about our
- 15 business. We will move the strategy around. We will make
- 16 modifications to the strategy to make sure that it is
- 17 both effective and unpredictable. We want to be
- 18 systematically unsystematic and how we deploy our
- 19 resources, so no one can set their watch by us and what
- 20 we're doing. Again, the neighborhoods are a priority. One
- 21 of the things that I'm most happy about is looking at the
- 22 calls for service, looking at the response times, there
- were zero drop-offs. Certainly, there's room for
- improvement, but there were zero drop-offs in our
- 25 response to our community. So I'm most proud about, about



1 that.

| 2 | CHIEF WHITE: In addition to that program, I'll be |
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| 3 | going down there this week. I think I mentioned that |
| 4 | again I was able, or we were able to acquire some golf |
| 5 | carts to assist our officers and moving around through |
| 6 | the parks. Brand new golf carts, very happy about that |
| 7 | through the Public Safety Foundation. Those would be a |
| 8 | great help for our supervisors to give water to our |
| 9 | officers who were standing on these corners. And 80, 90 |
| 10 | degrees weather. Also, it will assist our officers and |
| 11 | being able to move through these browse through the |
| 12 | parks, which is becoming increasingly more difficult due |
| 13 | to the numbers that we're seeing in the parks. In |
| 14 | addition to that, we have a couple of community events |
| 15 | this weekend. Actually, one that just happened in one |
| 16 | that we're planning to launch this weekend. And that is |
| 17 | our 12 for 12 recruiting event. I have challenged these |
| 18 | Precincts to assist in recruiting, to engage our members |
| 19 | of our community Detroiters and talk to them about being |
| 20 | a police officer what that means for us, those of us who |
| 21 | have done it for a number of years, and also those who |
| 22 | want to change policing and change it from the inside. |
| 23 | CHIEF WHITE: Come apply for the police department, |
| 24 | come to your local Precinct and bring those kids, bring |
| 25 | those grandsons that just graduated from high school and |



- 1 may not be going away to college. And let's talk to them
- 2 about a very rewarding career in law enforcement. And we
- 3 launched this week, this Saturday in the 7th Precinct.
- 4 The Commission will be seeing for the next 12 weeks each
- 5 Precinct having their event again for the next 12 weeks.
- 6 Lastly, we did a community closet event at the 6th
- 7 Precinct, which is just, if the Commission has had an
- 8 opportunity to go by and see that I tell you, it is one
- 9 of the most amazing things that I've seen, to take a
- 10 police Precinct lock-up area, the jail, and a Precinct
- 11 transform it into a community closet, give out food,
- 12 clothing for returning citizens, people who are looking
- 13 to get back into the workforce that needs a suit, diapers
- 14 for children.
- 15 CHIEF WHITE: It is just something that should be
- 16 talked about nationally. It is unbelievable and hats off
- 17 to the men and women of the 6th Precinct and Captain
- 18 Potts who was at the 6th Precinct and helped launch that
- 19 program. It's something that we're going to look to drive
- 20 and get attention for because that's what people need to
- 21 see in policing that we care. And they're just doing
- 22 amazing work. And there was a small news article on that,
- 23 but I'm going to make sure that they get the attention
- 24 that there's more attention put on that event. When you
- 25 transform what was once a very negative environment when



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- 1 you talk about a jail at a Precinct and us, the history
- 2 of our Precinct jails, and to see that it's been cleaned
- 3 up painted by the police officers, and now it's being
- 4 used to serve the community.
- 5 CHIEF WHITE: Every news story in the city should be
- 6 talking about that and not just what's happening in
- 7 Greektown. So we need some balance in our news reporting.
- 8 And while we're on the subject of Greektown, once again,
- 9 we were able to recover 13 illegal weapons. I think it's
- 10 important to point out once again, that 70% of those
- 11 arrested were from outside of the City of Detroit. We
- want to make sure that people enjoy our city. They
- 13 respect our city and treat the residents and the
- 14 community with respect and dignity. But to come to our
- 15 city and commit a crime, or to come to our city and
- 16 disrespect our residents and those who live, work and
- 17 visit our town and compromise their safety is something
- 18 that we are not going to tolerate. So again, we're going
- 19 to be out there again, and again, we're going to be
- 20 systematic. We're going to be unsystematic, and we're
- 21 going to ensure that we're doing everything in our power
- 22 to have a safe summer. And with that best of my report,
- 23 I'll take any questions.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Question.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am. Commissioner Burch,



- 1 then Commissioner Bernard, then Commissioner Davis.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, I'm sorry. You go ahead.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: It doesn't do any good to raise
- 5 your hand, right?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Be nice.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: This is bull.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell, I'll pay closer
- 9 attention.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead, Commissioner Burch.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Interim White, thank you so much
- 12 for taking my question and my comments, have you sir,
- 13 considered the neighborhoods, as you say, is your
- 14 priority, one of your priorities. So I look at how the
- presence of officers used to be when we had many
- 16 stations. Do you have any idea, or do you have any
- 17 concerns that perhaps you might bring back many stations
- 18 plus the area of the 9th and 11th Precincts are within my
- 19 boundaries? So with that being said, many times the
- 20 criminals, those that start to trouble is at night, have
- 21 you considered perhaps doing a shift change where
- officers would be available in the evening, however you
- 23 would work that. I'm saying not to work the officers to
- 24 death because they can't do that. I pitied them for the
- 25 hours they have to have Chief White, but have you thought



- 1 about changing or altering the hours they do to combat
- 2 some of these activities at nighttime? Yes, sir.
- 3 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. Absolutely. We have
- 4 overlapped shifts. I'm challenging each Commander, Deputy
- 5 Chiefs, and some of these new Captains and Deputy Chiefs
- 6 that you just promoted ma'am to be innovative and get out
- 7 of the status quo and come up with some ideas. But yes,
- 8 we have overlap shifts and like it, to mini stations, I
- 9 like more mobile mini stations. I like to be able to move
- 10 them around to different communities. You know, we use
- 11 our command post a lot, and I can see a model coming
- 12 where we could have a mobile mini station that moves
- 13 throughout our various communities based on the issues
- 14 that are happening in that community. So that's something
- 15 we are looking at.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Davis, and then
- 18 Commissioner Bernard. Commissioner Davis has a virtual
- 19 hand raised.

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- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: As always. Hello Chief White. My
- 22 question to you is this, I know recently you announced
- 23 your five-point program and then you indicated that you
- 24 were going to propose a curfew for 17 and under, I was
- 25 wondering, have you reached out and any reaction from the



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- 1 young people. And also most of the studies I've read,
- 2 indicate that most of the crime committed by teenagers
- 3 happened during the afternoon.
- 4 CHIEF WHITE: Through the, I'm sorry Brandon, [30:47]
- 5 inaudible]. Through the Chair. So curfew, I'm not going
- 6 to impose a new curfew. There's already a curfew on the
- 7 books. And as we go through and strategically try to
- 8 manage the problems if necessary to enforce the curfew,
- 9 we will. We didn't find that necessary last week so it's
- 10 not something that we're going to do with a blanket
- 11 approach. But if it becomes necessary where we have
- 12 unruly activity, and we find that it's teenagers or
- 13 something like that, we are absolutely open to doing it.
- 14 But in addition to that, we're looking at enforcing the
- 15 rules at the bars and the restaurants. I mean, if they're
- 16 at a capacity limit they need to make sure that they are
- 17 being responsible. We issue some noise violations last
- 18 week to a number of bars and entertainment facilities
- 19 downt.own.
- 20 CHIEF WHITE: This week we're going to be doing the
- 21 same. We're going to be taking the license of one of the
- 22 businesses. I'm not going to discuss it now because I'm
- 23 working through that with Buildings and Safety on the
- 24 reasons. And I don't want to tip my hand on that, but the
- 25 bottom line is we're going to be doing a lot of different



- 1 things, but as part of that, we're going to be looking at
- 2 if it's necessary to enforce a curfew. But that's not
- 3 something that we had to do last week. And it's something
- 4 that we hopefully don't have to do, but it is part of the
- 5 tools that are in our toolbox.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So have you reached out to any
- 7 young people?
- 8 CHIEF WHITE: I have not personally reached out to
- 9 young people other than the ones on the football teams
- 10 that I met in the park last weekend. And that was quite
- 11 enlightening. And they've got some ideas on how we can do
- 12 a better job and I'm going to listen to them. I'm
- 13 actually going to be starting a youth advisory council in
- 14 the police department. That's one of my long-term
- 15 strategies, and I want to hear from them about some
- 16 solutions and ideas. And the young folks that I met with
- 17 last week gave me a lot of ideas, but I have not gone out
- 18 and ask about the curfew and as it relates to our
- 19 enforcement activities.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's all I have for now.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Bernard. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just two quick questions.
- 23 Number one. Do you want donations to the 6th Precinct for
- 24 the I'm calling that a store, but I know it's not a
- 25 store that you've put there, and what donations do you



- 1 want? And secondly, I heard the Mayor's announcement
- 2 about the fact that he did not want the rooftop bars in
- 3 Greektown, you know, keeping the music up really loud,
- 4 because it makes everybody on the streets and everything,
- 5 I guess, more excited. So he said he wanted it to be
- 6 known that this was not a "party city." Is this something
- 7 that we're only doing downtown?
- 8 CHIEF WHITE: No. Ma'am, I'm sorry, go ahead. I
- 9 decided to answer your question, please continue.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Is it something that we're
- 11 only doing downtown. His emphasis was on Greektown and on
- 12 the rooftop bars.
- 13 CHIEF WHITE: So this is not just a downtown issue. I
- 14 mean, those of us that live in the community and know
- 15 what's happening in the community, know that you can have
- 16 the same issue at Balduck Park. You can have the same
- 17 issue in Rouge Park. What we're talking about is noise
- 18 ordinance, right? And so from vehicles, if I can hear
- 19 your, your vehicle 10 feet from where your car is and
- 20 you're playing music or any other noise emanating from
- 21 that vehicle, then there's a north noise ordinance on the
- 22 books that we can enforce. Certainly, we don't want to be
- 23 running around writing everybody a ticket for everything.
- 24 We want to tell them to turn the music down. And if they
- 25 turn it down, it won't be a problem. But if they refuse



- 1 to turn it down, then we may be issuing a ticket on that.
- 2 As it relates to businesses and the ones that are
- 3 downtown or any part of the town there's a 50-foot noise
- 4 ordinance.
- 5 CHIEF WHITE: So if I can hear your music 50 feet
- 6 from your building, again, we've, we've instructed the
- 7 officers to give them an opportunity to turn it down. If
- 8 they turn it down, not a problem. If they continue to
- 9 violate the rules, we will issue a ticket. And last week
- 10 we did that and I anticipate this week, we will do the
- 11 same. Now, the difference between the businesses and the
- 12 private residences, which also the ordinance applies to
- 13 the businesses, they have a business license and that
- 14 gives us other options. They have to be cooperative
- 15 partners with the community. They also have a
- 16 responsibility to provide an element of safety to their
- 17 patrons. And so there are other challenges that we can
- 18 engage them on as it relates to maintaining their
- 19 licenses and their good relationship with the city. That
- 20 certainly is not available to us when we're talking about
- 21 private residences vehicles and things such as that, but
- 22 everyone will be challenged to maintain a certain level
- 23 of decorum within the law, as it relates to how we engage
- 24 this summer, everyone, every park, every community, as
- 25 well as our businesses.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yesterday at the Detroit City
- 4 Council meeting President Jones, commended the DPD on
- 5 their management of the activity over the weekend. And
- 6 she also extended a plea that we enjoy our outdoor
- 7 privileges without having to overly stress the community
- 8 and the DPD and yes, Commissioner Bernard, we made a
- 9 contribution. The Board made a contribution over at the
- 10 6th Precinct community closet when Captain Potts was
- 11 there. So I'm sure they will more than welcome your
- donation. And lastly, NACOLES supports the youth council
- 13 Chief White. So we're looking forward to it. And I'd like
- 14 to be considered as one of the people with whom you allow
- 15 to work on that endeavor.
- 16 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. Thank you,
- 17 Commissioner. And I would absolutely love to take you up
- 18 on that offer. When I was with the Michigan Department of
- 19 Civil Rights, we had started putting together our youth
- 20 council and we had met with a number of colleges from
- 21 Wayne State, University of Michigan. And they were very
- 22 excited about it. And we had talked about right before I
- 23 got this opportunity reaching down into the high schools
- 24 and bringing them up and talking to them. You know,
- 25 everyone says that the kids are our future. Well, the



- 1 future is now, the kids are our present and we need to
- 2 make sure that we reach out, communicate with them, and
- 3 really problem-solve with the young people because they
- 4 know what we don't know. We don't know. And they can tell
- 5 us where w how we need to focus and how we need to relate
- 6 to them and why they would or would not want to be a
- 7 police officer. So we have to change our whole engagement
- 8 model and be more reactive to the people, the young
- 9 people who are coming up now, that's going to be leading
- 10 this city, leading the state, and frankly, leading this
- 11 country.

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- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief White. I just saw
- 14 another hand?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So at the closet, you want our
- 16 donations and what do you want, or do you want money? You
- 17 want things, what do you want?
- 18 CHIEF WHITE: I don't want money. I will take your
- 19 clothing and they will have it dry cleaned, and they will
- 20 have it presented for someone in our community that can
- 21 use it. And as well as, as well as diapers, milk, you
- 22 know, non-perishable items that they can set packages up
- 23 for our community members.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair too. Last year,
- 25 was it this year? I can't remember, but when we made the



- 1 donation, Commissioner Bernard, we donated diapers
- 2 because diapers can be a small fortune, but yeah,
- 3 obviously, Chief White is giving us some good suggestions
- 4 as to what the donations could look like but diapers are
- 5 good.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Car seats.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Would they also take books, sir?
- 8 CHIEF WHITE: I don't know, through the Chair, I
- 9 don't know about books, but certainly car seats and any
- 10 monetary donations should go through the Public Safety
- 11 Foundation because they are a 501 C3 and they can convert
- 12 that to the needs of the 6th Precinct. It is an
- outstanding program and, and I thank you to anyone who
- 14 wants to participate. Also, Deputy Chief Bliss will be
- 15 picking up from this point as I have another engagement,
- 16 but again, I think the honorable body for entertaining
- 17 and selecting these future leaders of the, or current
- 18 leaders of the organization and my recommendations. Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief White. I was
- 21 going to volunteer Commissioner Bernard. She has a
- 22 fabulous clothing wardrobe, and also Commissioner Holley,
- 23 who has an outstanding wardrobe. But my wardrobe comes
- 24 from the '60s. And so I don't think that would be
- 25 appropriate that you mentioned the monetary donation they



- 1 can make to the Public Safety. Some of them take
- 2 advantage of that. And you mentioned that Captain Potts
- 3 who has now been appointed System Chief of Columbus,
- 4 Ohio. I thank you Brother Nate, you go from Captain to
- 5 Assistant Chief? I'm pretty sure Chief Brian has
- 6 something to do with whether it was approved by the
- 7 mayor. I heard the dialogue initially. So I allowed her
- 8 one team member, but I didn't know she was going to
- 9 select Captain Potts. If not, I would have said yes. With
- 10 all due respect, I'm happy for the team. In terms of
- 11 that's a major promotion, as you stated, she is, not just
- 12 a special police officer, she is a compassionate
- 13 community person, and we just want to thank her for her
- 14 service. Thank you, Chief White. We'll talk to you a
- 15 little bit later.
- 16 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, sir. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis got his hand
- 18 up.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell,
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And I was just, I was agreeing
- 21 with you then, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, really? Thank you.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to say to the
- 24 Chief who was replacing DC Bryant? Can you say, or you
- 25 can't say?



- 1 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. You just selected
- 2 her. DeShaune Sims.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So she's over, okay.
- 4 CHIEF WHITE: She will be over our eastern
- 5 operations.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Gotcha.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I got to meet her. We got to
- 8 meet her.
- 9 CHIEF WHITE: I'll set that up, ma'am.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Please.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: She's outstanding.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JONES: I have not met her.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We got to move on to thank you,
- 14 Chief White. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Be
- 15 safe out there. We're going to move on to the position of
- 16 investigator and I'm going to encourage you to do
- 17 candidates 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. That's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. We
- 18 will interview these six candidates. The Chair will
- 19 entertain a motion to that effect.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Through the Chair. So you're
- 21 referencing candidates who would be interviewing for a
- 22 police commissioner investigator?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: OCI investigator.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we interview numbers.
- 25 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We can't say so I'll know who
- 3 we're talking about?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You have it in writing.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Bernard, you have the
- 6 listing there. Okay.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Did we get a second?
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I second it.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. It's been
- 10 properly moved and second. Discussion. Those in favor,
- 11 Aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Aye.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those oppose. I'm sorry, oppose,
- 14 Nay. Thank you, Commissioners. Motion passed. We will
- 15 look at the administrative assistant, but we got a status
- 16 report on that. With the administrative assistant, you
- 17 can delegate me as a staff to conduct those interviews
- 18 with the staff to do that. That's at that level, is not
- 19 at a higher level. So therefore I would entertain a
- 20 motion for they would understand that person's expertise,
- 21 the writing, all it is needed for the position. Then they
- 22 come back with a recommendation, we can approve or
- 23 disapprove that.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 2 supported. Those in favor, Aye.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You didn't ask for discussion.
- 4 COMMISSION HERNANDEZ: Discussion.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Discussion, discussion.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So are you saying that you want
- 7 part of our staff to interview people for the position?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Mainly, we talkin about
- 9 the Interim Board Secretary and staff that's there with
- 10 Ms. Blosssum. They would understand the process that's
- 11 needed there. Of course, we can interact and they would
- 12 come up with a recommendation. We only have what three
- 13 candidates,
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Did you get an opinion from
- 15 legal? I don't think we should be delegating our
- 16 authority.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We got an opinion from legal. Ms.
- 18 White.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, we just received
- 20 additional notification from Assistant Corporation
- 21 Counsel, Whitley, who was on the line. And she has
- 22 indicated that the Board can delegate that duty to HR or
- 23 some other designation in terms of the Board members. So
- 24 I just wanted to give that information on the record that
- 25 that can be delegated to city HR or the Board can conduct



- 1 those interviews. Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And also Commissioner Davis,
- 3 we have copies of the resumes. We can give our input
- 4 directly to Melanie on this issue. It is an assistant,
- 5 it's a secretary position. It's not something, I mean,
- 6 that a Board would ordinarily be engaged in.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I understand.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Bernard.
- 9 Are we ready for the vote?
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair, please?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Burton, I believe is
- in the meeting.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, but we're not going to
- 15 spend time on that issue. Are we ready for the vote?
- 16 Those in favor. Aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those oppose.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oppose.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you guys have
- 22 failed to acknowledge me in his meeting. My camera would
- 23 come just now just popped up on my screen, but even doing
- 24 the beginning, I tried to say no to approve the agenda.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, we are not



- 1 going to have this discussion. If you get on the meeting
- 2 in a timely manner like the rest of your commissioners,
- 3 then you would have no problem.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I was on in a timely manner,
- 5 Chairman Bell.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on, sir. We
- 7 did the roll call and you were not present.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm not going to debate you, sir.
- 10 We going to move on. We're wherever with the vote.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman?
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Every time I try and log on,
- 13 you guys kick me out of the meeting. That's what's going
- 14 on.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell, Commissioner Holley is
- 17 also attempting to speak.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I cannot speak to all of you. Give
- 19 me a second, okay.
- 20 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Holley is attempting
- 21 to speak.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I got it, just give me a minute.
- 23 Ms. White then Commissioner. Holley.
- 24 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, I just wanted to
- 25 make the following notations, is that again, HR will be



- 1 conducting the interview or the Board will be conducting
- 2 the interviews for the position of administrative
- 3 assistant, not staff.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you for that
- 5 clarification.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's what you said, sir.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for that clarification.
- 8 Commissioner Holley.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr.
- 10 Chairman, a point of procedure. Commissioner Davis,
- 11 second a motion, and then he basically voted against the
- 12 motion.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, that's his privilege. Just
- 14 because you second or make a motion, you don't have to be
- in favor. Are we clear on the vote that we need to take a
- 16 roll call?
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: He's losing it.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Somebody else has already lost
- 19 it.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Are we okay?
- 21 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, can you please do a roll call
- 22 vote?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I believe he's still absent.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me, we don't have to let
- 3 the Chair move right on. District 2.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. Yes. District 5. No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Carter is still
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: She stepped away, evidently.
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: No, she is here.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can she speak or.
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: She's unmuted it. Okay. She's
- 14 speaking, but for some reason---
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'll come back to her. I see her.
- 16 District 7.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner Hernandez.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Carter.
- 25 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter.



- 1 COMMISSIONER JONES: One finger for yes, two fingers
- 2 for no.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You can read that?
- 4 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, I can't tell, it's too blurry.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Just one hand for yes. Right
- 6 hand for yes. She said yes.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: She said yes, thumbs up.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: There were 8 Yes votes and 2 No votes.
- 9 The motion passed.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: As Commissioner Holley stated, it
- 11 was already in the making. Okay. We move on to thank
- 12 you Commissioners for being patient with your Chair. We
- 13 move on to I'm sorry. Is that Deputy Chief Bliss?
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well sir, go ahead. Any remarks
- 16 you want to make in reference to Chief White leaving
- 17 early?
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. I just had
- one. I was going to give the update on the on the crime.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 21 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: So for part one, violent crime
- 22 for criminal homicides, we are up 16%, for sexual
- 23 assaults. We are up 15%, for aggravated assaults, we are
- 24 up 23%, for non-fatal shootings, we are up 29%, for
- 25 robberies, we are down to 27%, and for carjackings, we



- 1 are up 18%. For the total of part one violent crime, we
- 2 were up 15%. In regards to property crime for burglaries,
- 3 we are down 31%, for larcenies, we are down 22%, for
- 4 motor vehicle thefts, we are even at 0%. For a total of
- 5 part one property crime being down 18% and overall part
- one crime, we are down 7%. Enforcement, I will give you
- 7 the Eastside enforcement statistics from June 7th through
- 8 June 13th. We had 135 vehicles impounded, 4 vehicles
- 9 recovered. Weapons compensated we had 87 handguns and 2
- 10 long guns. For arrests, we had 112 felony arrests. Of
- 11 those, 73 were CCW arrests and 27 misdemeanors. And then
- 12 for traffic stops, we had 889 traffic stops. During that
- 13 same week of June 7th through the 13th, for the Westside
- 14 Precincts, we had a total of 121 felony arrests with 57
- of those arrests for CCW. We had 152 vehicles impounded,
- 16 11 vehicles recovered, 63 handguns recovered, and two
- 17 long guns.
- 18 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: For the drifting drag racing
- 19 stats for the weekend of June 11th through June 13th, we
- 20 had a total of 56 traffic stops. We issued 63 citations,
- 21 we forfeited 2 vehicles, we recovered 1 stolen vehicle
- 22 and we impounded 2. We had 1 felony arrest, 3 misdemeanor
- 23 arrests, and 1 weapon recovered. Moving on to our
- 24 Coronavirus update. Currently, there are 19 members
- 25 quarantined or isolated. It's broken down as 4 of our



- 1 professional staff and 15 sworn members. Currently, we
- 2 have 7 members who are positive. And at this time we have
- 3 returned 1,697 members to full duty status. Finally, the
- 4 critically injured report for the period of June 10th
- 5 through June 16th, Sergeant Michael Bailey assigned to
- 6 the 7th Precinct. The date of the incident was May 31st,
- 7 2020. He was doing crowd control in the area of Adams and
- 8 Brush and he injured his lower extremities. Police
- 9 officer Yosef Mana he's assigned to taskforce
- 10 administration. The date of the incident was January 6th,
- 11 2021.
- 12 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: He was involved in a motor
- 13 vehicle accident where a motorist struck him at Meyers
- 14 and Schoolcraft. Police Officer Gregory Bentley assigned
- 15 to the 7th Precinct. The date of the incident it's March
- 16 27th, 2021. Officer Bentley was running after a suspect
- 17 with a weapon and he fell and sustained an injury to his
- 18 left ankle. Police Officer Richard Sanchez assigned to
- 19 the 11th Precinct. The date of the incident was April
- 20 20th, 2021. Officer Sanchez was responding to a police-
- 21 run while at the location he was cut in the left thigh
- 22 and received a gunshot wound to his right hand. Police
- 23 Officer William Brown assigned to the 10th Precinct. The
- 24 date of the incident was June 11th, 2021. Officer Brown
- 25 was driving a fully marked department vehicle and was hit



- 1 by a suspected drunk driver at Livernois and Jeffrey
- 2 Service Drive. Finally, Police Officer Calem Gibbs
- 3 assigned to the 10th Precinct. The date of the incident
- 4 was June 11th, 2021. This is the same incident as Officer
- 5 William Brown that I just mentioned, but he sustained an
- 6 injury to his right shoulder and his head. And that is my
- 7 report out for the critically injured.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. Questions for the
- 9 Deputy Chief?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, I do. It's not really a
- 11 question. Just want to commend you too. DC Bliss, would
- 12 you please tell Chief White that you know, he had to
- 13 leave, so we don't like to talk long because we like to
- 14 move right along, but would you let him know that the 3rd
- 15 District through Captain Blackwell, started a
- 16 beautification project with gas stations. So this is the
- 17 opportunity for the gas stations to clean up the exterior
- 18 of their building. And when we went out to start this,
- 19 we've got about four gas stations now. As we continue to
- 20 do this, maybe he could help us to get some young people
- 21 involved out of Pershing High School. So again, when we
- 22 worked together, we saw more issues, but gas stations are
- 23 really ugly in Detroit, as you know, they are not in the
- 24 suburbs. So now we're making a difference DC Bliss,
- 25 please tell Chief White, that's an effort that we're



- 1 doing very well in number 11. Would you do that and ask
- 2 him, how can he participate with young people?
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair? Yes, I will
- 4 Commissioner Burch. I will pass that information on.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You got it all, you wrote it?
- 6 It's a lot I said. Okay. All right. Very good. I
- 7 appreciate you thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. A couple of quick
- 10 questions. 1) Is there the violation of the HIPPA rules
- 11 to mention the officer's name and the injury publicly
- 12 like that? 2) As it relates to the carjackings, are any
- of those at Greenlight locations and, 3) About the guns,
- 14 are any of these people that are getting caught with
- 15 guns, are they repeat people, and are we doing more to
- 16 discourage people from walking around illegally with
- 17 guns? Those are my three questions.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: So for your first question.
- 19 Through the Chair. For your first question about the
- 20 HIPPA, what I will do is I'll check with our Human
- 21 Resources, specifically our medical section because I
- 22 don't want to speak out of turn on that. But it's my
- 23 understanding, it's not, but I will confirm that for you
- 24 Commissioner Davis. For the second, for the greenlights,
- 25 I don't have that information, but I can get you



- 1 information regarding greenlights and carjackings and
- 2 then third, guns for repeat offenders again. I'll have to
- 3 pull that data to see if they are repeat offenders for
- 4 those CCW arrests. So I'll have to get back with you the
- 5 Commissioner Davis, but I have noted all those three
- 6 questions.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. You can get back to me in
- 8 writing, that would be good.
- 9 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Yes, sir.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Deputy Chief.
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Bernard's virtual hand
- 12 is raised.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A real quick question. You
- 15 mentioned those impoundments as well as forfeitures. The
- 16 vehicles that you forfeit you are keeping, is that
- 17 correct? Impoundments people can go and get their car out
- 18 of the inbound.
- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Well for forfeiture vehicles,
- 20 what we do is, it's up to the court to decide if we're
- 21 keeping the vehicle or not. But what we do is we put the
- 22 paperwork in, in order to forfeit the vehicle in order
- 23 for us to get an audience with the court in to have that
- 24 proceeding. So versus an impounded vehicle where we take
- it in because that vehicle can't be driven or the person



- 1 is under arrest, there's no driver for the vehicle for
- 2 the safety and safekeeping of that vehicle, we impound.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: When is the police auction of
- 4 the vehicles that you forfeit?
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Usually the auctions are posted.
- 6 I'm not aware of any at this time. But usually, when we
- 7 get them, we send those out for everybody and I will make
- 8 sure that the Board gets a copy of that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: Chair, your microphone is muted. Mr.
- 11 Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Was there another Commissioner who
- 13 wanted to speak?
- 14 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I don't see a virtual, Chair Bell.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're good. I just wanted to
- 16 follow up on that. And now we're going to I think the
- 17 Deputy Chief is going to report out on the Training
- 18 Academy curriculum. Deputy Chief Bliss?
- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair, I have now
- 20 Commander Worboys who I believe is online to do that
- 21 presentation.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. Thank you.
- MRS. WHITE: We're in the process of moving Commander
- 24 Worboys to the panel gallery. Thank you.
- 25 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: It appears that Commissioner Burton
- 3 has a virtual hand raise. I just noticed it.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ma'am, we're going to move on.
- 5 We're going to move on. Please. I do not want to
- 6 entertain any more dialogue. You can send them to Ms.
- 7 White. Thank you.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, we are still
- 9 attempting to locate Commander Worboys at this time.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, as we wait on him, I
- just want to ask you because you're very professional. Do
- 12 they train the police officers to pull over people,
- 13 especially African Americans, if just their headlight is
- 14 out? You know, that's almost like harassment. Do they
- 15 train them to do that?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Personally and professionally I
- 17 can speak to that issue. There's no training in regard to
- 18 my 32-year career as a police officer, also as a
- 19 Sergeant, and Lieutenant assigned to 4 different
- 20 Precincts. There's a climate of concern with the African-
- 21 American community. I speak to that in the academy, and I
- 22 just spoke recently to the 24th I think J-Class about
- 23 how African-American feel about policing, including me
- over the years. So that's a myth about issues of that
- 25 kind, and this department, it's not even 54% officers and



- 1 we have people, African-American throughout the
- 2 leadership of the department, as you well know in the
- 3 Precinct, and on the desk, Sergeant, Lieutenant, they
- 4 review all of those issues with traffic, et cetera, et
- 5 cetera. So we very sensitive. Ms. White, did I answer you
- 6 a question?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. If we could have
- 9 Commander, Worboys just raised his hand in the virtual
- 10 feature so that we can identify him. For some reason, we
- 11 are unable to locate him.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, while you're trying to
- 13 locate him, could you give you a report?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, Honorable Board,
- if you could please refer to the agenda. The incoming
- 16 correspondence for this week is listed and you have also
- 17 received various staff reports in your packet including,
- 18 but not limited to the appointment information today,
- 19 policy information, as well as the Board's annual
- 20 training is scheduled for next Friday and Saturday. And
- 21 all of that information was included in your weekly
- 22 packet. And that concludes the incoming correspondence
- 23 report for this week. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Do we have the Command?
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Sir, I just had a call with



- 1 Commander Worboys. He's setting up now, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.
- 3 Appreciate it. The technology is just technology.

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- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Oh, but when you have to do
- 6 without, it is something else.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Davis is talking to you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir, Commissioner Davis.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was wondering, in so much that
- 11 we are waiting, could Commissioner Burton ask his
- 12 question.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: He can ask his question.
- 14 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Could you alert Commissioner Burton
- 15 that he can unmute, Chair Bell.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I can't unmute him. I can't notify
- 17 him. See, we have this ongoing discussion about this
- 18 Commissioner and we have 10 Commissioners and they don't
- 19 have a problem. So he can respond to send that question
- 20 to Ms. White and she will read it and we can move on. How
- 21 are we doing with the Commander?
- 22 MRS. WHITE: He still has not made it to the meeting.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: DC Bliss, start his report,
- 24 please. Thank you. Hopefully, you have it. I don't know
- 25 if you have it or not.



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. Ms. White, do
- 2 you have the PowerPoint presentation?
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Yes, we can bring it up at this time and
- 4 Honorable Board. You did receive a copy of the.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Go ahead.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Good afternoon, Honorable Board.
- 8 I'm Deputy Chief Mark Bliss, and the presentation today
- 9 is regarding professional education and training and the
- 10 training curriculum. Next slide, please. Professional
- 11 education and training fall under the Office of Support
- 12 Operations. In that rank structure it's led by First
- 13 Assistant Chief Todd Bettison followed by myself and
- 14 Professional Education and Training is broken down as
- 15 such: Commander Kurt Worboys is the Commanding Officer.
- 16 Our Recruit Training is Lieutenant William Sims, Firearms
- 17 Training and Firearms Inventory Training is Lieutenant
- 18 John Widmer, In-Service Training, Lieutenant Jeffrey Hahn
- 19 our Feld Training Program, Sergeant Shanelle Williams and
- 20 the Administration Office is led by Sergeant Faith Gary.
- 21 Next slide, please. Staffing currently, Professional
- 22 Education and Training has 3 Lieutenants, 11 Sergeants, 1
- 23 investigator, 29 Corporals/Police Officers, 4 Police
- 24 Assistants, and 4 Civilian employees.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Next slide, please. Recruit



- 1 Training. Recruit Training is basically how we take a
- 2 person and make them into a police officer. So for basic
- 3 recruit training, our program indicates 594 hours of
- 4 MCOLES mandated curriculum. That's just for MCOLES
- 5 licensing. We add to that 120 hours of Detroit police
- 6 department curriculum, which includes legal, diversity,
- 7 ethics, fitness, driving, firearms, defensive tactics,
- 8 patrol procedure et cetera. Anything at the time that we
- 9 feel is valuable. We will add that in addition to the
- 10 already mandated 594 hours. Next slide, please.
- 11 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Our recruit numbers. In the year
- 12 2018, the Academy graduated 207 Officers, 2019, we
- 13 graduated 162. 2020, which it was the start of a
- 14 pandemic. We still graduated 235 Officers. 2021, our
- 15 academy graduates to date are 125 and we currently have
- 16 79 recruits in the academy. Next slide. 2020
- 17 accomplishments. As you know, 2020 was a somewhat
- 18 eventful year but we were able to have the following
- 19 accomplishments: First, we still had 9 SPO classes
- 20 graduate, and that included a 6-week COVID-19 shutdown.
- 21 As you know you know, our Academy had to shut down due to
- 22 the executive orders at that time, but they were still
- 23 able to stay on the payroll throughout the pandemic. We
- 24 shifted them to other duties and responsibilities.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: We were also able to conduct



- 1 academy graduations outdoors, and virtually. If you
- 2 remember, we did have some at campus Martius, and then we
- 3 ended up starting first, I believe it was in April or May
- 4 of 2020, we did the first virtual swearing-in. And since
- 5 then all of our graduations have been virtual. Additional
- 6 accomplishments during this time, our firearms inventory
- 7 was successfully moved to our new open facility. So we
- 8 had to move all our equipment during that time. And we
- 9 were able to do that to a brand new facility. Also, 90%
- 10 of our department has transitioned from our 40 Caliber
- 11 handgun to the 9-millimeter handgun. And then even with
- 12 the 7-month shutdown, we were able to complete our 2020
- 13 firearms qualification. And all while we were doing this,
- 14 we were also able to meet all the MCOLES COVID-19 related
- 15 requirements in order to continue with our Academy. Next
- 16 slide.
- 17 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: One of the things that we had
- 18 prior to COVID, and we're looking to start it back again
- 19 as our Serve and Protect program because being a police
- 20 officer isn't just about enforcing the laws. It's about
- 21 helping the community. So for our recruit community
- 22 service, each class was participating in 2 or 3 events
- 23 per session. We'll resume them as I indicated when the
- 24 when all the restrictions are lifted, but some of the
- 25 things that we did, Gleaners food distributions to



- 1 underprivileged communities, food, and sundry
- 2 distribution at homeless shelters, bridging the gap back
- 3 to school initiatives, community cleanups, co-drives, and
- 4 others. Next slide. In-Service Training. In-Service
- 5 Training is basically those current members that are not
- 6 new recruits, how we train them up, how we keep them
- 7 current. Our 40-hour In-Service Training was suspended
- 8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All department members were
- 9 required by the department to attend yearly, mandatory
- in-service training, which is our 40-hours. But we were
- 11 unable to do it but we were able to stay with the MCOLES
- 12 requirement for the yearly firearms qualifications. So
- 13 what we're planning on doing, going forward, we're
- 14 initiating a virtual training replacement for the
- 15 traditional in-service training mandates. We also just
- 16 recently have completed a legal update review with
- 17 Director Graveline that we will be disseminating shortly
- 18 to all the Commands.
- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: And when you look at the virtual
- 20 in-service training and things that we're looking at
- 21 going forward, as, you know, our 40-hour previously was,
- 22 we would bring everybody to the training center and we
- 23 would conduct 40-hours there. Well, one of the things
- 24 that we saw, and it was brought on by COVID-19 is how do
- 25 we continue this, if we can't bring people together. So



- 1 we had to kind of dig a little deeper and look into
- 2 things. And one of the things that we saw was, and a lot
- 3 of departments are doing, is online training. So
- 4 currently, we're looking at online training and we're
- 5 looking to possibly in the near future, implement in some
- of the things that we're looking at doing for in-service
- 7 training projections is the use of force and de-
- 8 escalation training. Of course, we're going to continue
- 9 with the implicit bias and cultural diversity training,
- 10 and then ethics and empathy techniques will also be
- 11 added.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Next slide, please. So this is a
- 13 takeoff on the in-service training. The future of law
- 14 enforcement training is virtual for a lot of these
- 15 topics. The initial benefit of distance learning during
- 16 the pandemic was something that really brought this to
- 17 the forefront. We looked at not only what universities
- 18 were doing but we looked at what other academies were
- 19 doing. And then we actually looked at, you know, a lot of
- 20 the school systems were doing virtual training.
- 21 Additionally, one thing that we looked at was for virtual
- 22 training, there are cost and time savings. By that, I
- 23 mean that a lot of these programs when they're virtual
- 24 are already preloaded and they already have everything
- 25 that we need. Some of them are already NACOLES certified,



- 1 so we don't have to develop the program all. That is done
- 2 for us.
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: And we're currently right now
- 4 investigating training software options. Some of the
- 5 things that we can do with online training, can improve
- 6 record-keeping, and tracking. Currently, we have sign-in
- 7 sheets and we have paper tests. With online, we can
- 8 provide the content and ease of availability. There are
- 9 no sign-in sheets. It's how you log on. We can allow for
- 10 DPD specific content that would, that could be created
- in-house and then put through this type of virtual
- 12 training. And then the system will allow us to follow our
- 13 members through their careers. So from the first time
- 14 they take training all the way to the end of their
- 15 career, we would have a database bank. So we wouldn't
- 16 have to worry about having any type of paper databases,
- 17 it would all be electronic.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Next slide, please. Specialized
- 19 elective training. So Professional Education and
- 20 Training, not only does academy training for new
- 21 recruits, not only do we do 40-hour training, but we also
- 22 do elective training and some of them are below: verbal
- 23 defense and influence, mental health, first aid, social
- 24 media, mountain bike training, L.O.C.K.U.P arrest system,
- 25 training on interpersonal skills, training for



- 1 instructive development, health, and wellness, active
- 2 shooter, building women warriors, edged weapons defense,
- 3 officer survival training and bush tactics. We do
- 4 corporate training, certification for our FTO. And then
- 5 we also do cultural awareness. Those are just some of the
- 6 elective training that we have. Usually, if there's
- 7 something that we need, we will bring it in, we'll
- 8 develop it. We will train our trainers and that will
- 9 become part of our training academy.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: So this list is ever-growing.
- 11 Next slide, please. For the in-training groups. So
- 12 another component to this is we also train through the
- 13 academy, a lot of our professional employees and some of
- 14 those who have gone through our academy for their
- 15 specialized skills, were the DOSOS, which are the desk
- operation support officers, 911 emergency dispatch
- 17 officers, telephone communication operators. Those are
- 18 the ones that take your reports when you call to make a
- 19 report online. Office manager assistants, traffic control
- 20 operators, social workers, co-response, training, transit
- 21 authority, our detention officers, Detroit detention
- 22 officers. We also have a reserve academy and a citizens
- 23 academy that's put on by Professional Education and
- 24 Training. Are there any questions?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commander, you stepped



- 1 in and that was within 10 minutes. I am impressed with
- 2 that. We're going to have the before we take questions
- 3 sir, is Commander Worboys is he able to make some
- 4 closing remarks? There he is.
- 5 COMMANDER WORBOYS: Yes, sir. This is the newly
- 6 promoted Commander. Worboys. I just want to thank the
- 7 board for approving my appointment. I'm excited to take
- 8 the next step in my career and help the city and the
- 9 department any way I can. I apologize for the confusion.
- 10 It was kind of a whirlwind around here. I was prepared to
- 11 present today at 3 o'clock and then I was told to come
- 12 downtown and we kind of got some confusion. I was still
- 13 to present but then I was meeting with the Chief and got
- 14 held up. So I apologize for that. And thank you, Deputy
- 15 Chief Bliss, for stepping in. I just wanted to follow up
- 16 and say that at Professional Education and Training, we
- 17 are continually trying to grow our program and give the
- 18 student police officers, as well as the members of this
- 19 department, the best training throughout the country. And
- 20 we want to make them have the skillset and the tools to
- 21 go out there and do the job in the most professional
- 22 manner that they can and providing the best service
- 23 possible to the citizens of this city. So thank you very
- 24 much. And once again, I apologize for the confusion.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We are okay with that Commander. I



- 1 want to thank you for your leadership at the Academy. I
- 2 know the Commissioners, and if you have any questions,
- 3 concern that we're going to briefly give you the
- 4 opportunity, but you can make an appointment with the
- 5 Commander or the Lieutenant Sims over at the Academy if
- 6 you want to get an idea or any concern that you might
- 7 have in reference to outstanding work, those instructors
- 8 do over at the Academy. So I just want to encourage you
- 9 to take that initiative. Commissioners?
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner
- 11 Jones, and I believe Commissioner Hernandez.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Sure.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Good afternoon. I have two
- 15 questions. One, could you tell the public why you all
- 16 transitioned from the 40 calibers to the Smith and
- 17 Western 9 millimeter, and also as it relates to the
- 18 environment of the recruits, are they going to be also
- 19 available to help with community projects, you know, like
- 20 neighborhood associations and stuff, they have stuff
- 21 going on?
- 22 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: So through the Chair,
- 23 Commissioner Davis, I can answer the 40 caliber versus
- 24 the 9-millimeter question, and then I'll have Commander
- 25 Worboys follow up with the academy questions. So, quite



- 1 frankly when you're talking about the 40 calibers versus
- 2 the 9 millimeters, I think the easiest way to say this is
- 3 it was a fiscal decision. A lot of these weapons are
- 4 getting old, and we looked at the numbers on what it
- 5 would cost to replace and repair these weapons. To
- 6 replace or repair one weapon is a \$20 fee. So if you
- 7 think about it, if we have approximately 2,600 members
- 8 sworn members, and we would have to do that to those
- 9 types of weapons, it becomes quite costly. The other
- 10 thing we found out was this, and that is that when it
- 11 comes to buying ammunition, in order to, as you know, we
- 12 have to qualify every year.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: And, you know, through training,
- 14 we use those training rounds also for the new recruit
- 15 classes. What we found was there were substantial cost
- 16 savings to purchasing our ammunition. And if my memory
- 17 serves me right, and I don't want to give you a wrong
- 18 number, but I think we were saving upwards of a hundred
- 19 thousand dollars. But I could be wrong on that number,
- 20 but I know it was substantial when we were looking at
- 21 training ammunition. And then another thing to look at
- 22 was this and that is for qualifications. As you know,
- 23 we're required to qualify. And with the 40 calibers,
- 24 we've had a lot of members who've had some problems
- 25 qualifying with that 40 calibers is a noticeable



- 1 difference in how there's the recoil for that weapon
- 2 versus a 9 millimeter.
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: And the one thing that we want
- 4 to do is make sure that you know, as a law enforcement
- officer, that you're comfortable with your equipment. So
- 6 looking at all of this in regards to the fiscal point of
- 7 view, and then looking at also that it was an easier
- 8 weapon to control if they need to utilize that weapon.
- 9 That's why we went to the 9 millimeters. And if you do
- 10 some research on it, you can see that a lot of other law
- 11 enforcement departments have also shifted to the 9-
- 12 millimeters. You know, back in the day, the technology in
- 13 regards to ammunition, wasn't there compared to a 40
- 14 caliber round, but now that has changed. So that's why
- 15 those are just a couple of the reasons why we went to a 9
- 16 millimeter over the 40.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Because, you know, I use both
- 18 and I know that the 40, I think has more stopping power.
- 19 It might be safer for the officers, you know if they have
- 20 to take somebody down.
- 21 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. So when we
- 22 did a look at the ammunition, we found that we could get
- 23 that same type of power with a 9 millimeter round based
- 24 upon, all the advances and the technology in a 9
- 25 millimeter round. So you know, that coupled with less



1 recoil, it was an obvious choice to make that transition.

- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Jones.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: There is still the other
- 4 question.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commander Worboys.
- 6 COMMANDER WORBOYS: So yes, as it was discussed in
- 7 the presentation by the DC, there's a serve and protect
- 8 program that we are implementing. It had been implemented
- 9 in the past at the Academy and it had to take a break
- 10 just because of COVID. We require, and we're starting it
- 11 back up again that each class does two to three community
- 12 events while they're in the Academy. And some of those
- things, as I said, we're assuming the DC said was, you
- 14 know, working at Gleaners going to a shelter, working
- 15 there, doing a food bank, building cleanups, a coat
- 16 drives those types of things. And then we also encourage
- 17 the students to come up with some community events that
- 18 they're passionate about.
- 19 COMMANDER WORBOYS: We want them to be involved and
- 20 want them to have a say in it so that when they do this
- 21 thing, they're not just doing it because we're telling
- 22 them to do it, but they're doing it because they want to
- 23 do it and they want to interact with the community. So
- 24 this is something that you know, Chief White is very
- 25 passionate about and wants us to implement and get



- 1 started again. And as soon as the restrictions on the
- 2 pandemic are alleviated or lightened we'll be having the
- 3 students out there in the community on a regular basis.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So that we could possibly make
- 5 recommendations, then?
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I believe you asked for two
- 7 questions, Commissioner Davis.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Let's move on. Let's move on. You
- 9 can interact with the Commander. Thank you. Who's next?
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Jones.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: That will be Commissioner
- 12 Jones. Thank you through Chair. Again, thank you for your
- 13 report and your promotion also, congratulations on that.
- 14 My question deals with the specialized elective training
- page that you went through. And I guess what throws me
- 16 off a little bit is that it says specialized, but the
- 17 word elective is something that seems to stand out. One
- 18 of the things I was looking for throughout your
- 19 presentation was any kind of piece that you had on
- 20 officers, dealing with persons that are suffering from
- 21 mental health challenges. So I was looking for that to be
- 22 a part of the standardized training to provide, but I
- 23 find it's on the page where it says specialized elective.
- 24 Can you discuss why it's a specialized elective and not
- 25 standard training?



- 1 COMMANDER WORBOYS: Well there is some standard
- 2 training that is given on individuals who have mental
- 3 health issues. That it's a small introductory training to
- 4 all officers and that' what we try to roll out during our
- 5 40- hour block of training.
- 6 COMMANDER WORBOYS: It's only a couple of hours to
- 7 give the membership a taste of what to expect when they
- 8 come across a person with mental issues. The reason we
- 9 call it an elective is because there's additional
- 10 training that's available. It takes more time, more
- 11 commitment. And then that officer becomes specialized in
- 12 that style of interaction with the citizenry. So it's a
- 13 CIT training and it's working hand in hand with the
- 14 social workers that are responding to runs out on the
- 15 street, but they need that extra training above and
- 16 beyond what we would give a regular officer that's just
- 17 getting the basics and we need people that are interested
- 18 in it. We want people that are committed to it, and
- 19 that's why it's because there's extra training, it
- 20 takes some time.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Thank you, sir.
- VICE-CHAIR: And thank you, newly elected Vice-Chair
- Jones. Who's next?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, Commissioner Hernandez. You're



- 1 still interested?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. I just
- 4 sent Ms. White an email to connect myself with Commander
- 5 Worboys. I'll ask her. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Very good.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I believe Commissioner Burton might
- 8 want to address the Commander, the Deputy Chief.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, madam Chair.
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, sir.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I like to yield my time over to
- 12 fellow Commissioner, William Davis. He did have an
- 13 additional question. So I'll give him my time at this
- 14 time.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm satisfied. Thank you, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Burch.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: We can't hear you.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: You're on mute, Commissioner Burch.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: My apologies. I muted myself.
- 21 Okay.
- 22 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you for that admission.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Commissioner Holt. I
- 24 just wanted to tell my colleague, Commissioner Davis,
- 25 please be careful with your guns. When I heard you say



- 1 which one is more powerful. Please, sir, be careful with
- 2 guns. My comment on what I want to say is regarding the
- 3 recruits. When they are trained, as far as when they
- 4 assigned to the Precincts, are they supposed to go out in
- 5 different races? In other words, what I viewed was a
- 6 Caucasian female and a Caucasian male together. Now to
- 7 me, that's like an eyesore, riding through the City of
- 8 Detroit. Is that something that's supposed to balance?
- 9 Would you all please share that? How do you partner these
- 10 people to go out into the community?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's a question for the Deputy
- 12 Chief?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. So in regards
- 15 to the new recruits and who they're paired with, that's
- 16 entirely dependent upon the FTO program and who are the
- 17 trainers for the FTO program. As you know, that's that
- 18 specialized training to be a field training officer. And
- 19 it's an elective training. So whoever wants to be one can
- 20 be an FTO. So there really isn't a balance so to speak.
- 21 It is, who's assigned to that shift as an FTO, and
- 22 whatever recruits are there, they will automatically pair
- 23 up. And that's how they get trained.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Is that a good idea of what
- 25 you're doing though? I mean, can you see where I'm coming



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1 from? That the neighborhoods are predominantly African

- 2 American.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, we can't
- 4 restrict that black work with white. That's what the
- 5 purpose of integration into the department, [01:26:26
- 6 inaudible]. So it's up to the Commander and the shift
- 7 Lieutenant to manage their personnel. And seniority plays
- 8 a factor, et cetera, et cetera. So we try to move away
- 9 from the race issue. That's why CORE came before us. They
- 10 address those concerns. So let's not have that mentality
- 11 when you see two white officers in your community. I
- 12 think you just see two police officers and if they are
- integrated, fine but it's not always good to have we
- 14 try to balance out male and female, that's coming to a
- 15 combination of how we try. We've come a long way since
- 16 the '70s when we were not included but that's not the
- 17 case in this day and age.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, Mr. Chair, please let me
- 19 explain. I'm not saying that. I'm not saying that.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch. I don't want
- 21 to continue that dialogue. We can have that off the
- 22 record.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You don't want me to talk. You
- 24 never let me finish my conversation.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You made your statement, we're



- 1 going to move on.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair. I'm curious
- 3 about what the training looks like for cultural
- 4 awareness, but I'll just shoot Lieutenant Sims an email,
- 5 and perhaps I can,
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Any other concerns? You
- 7 can talk to the Commander and Lieutenant Sims. They are
- 8 more than willing to accommodate you in person or
- 9 whatever you want in terms of we move on to unfinished
- 10 business.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Unfinished business; may I speak
- 12 to Mr. Bell, Commissioner Bell?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Unfinished business is business
- 14 that we have addressed and need to continue. If not new
- 15 business.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have unfinished business.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes sir, go ahead.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Can I go ahead?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Unfinished business. Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Several months ago I sent
- 21 a letter asking for the minutes for all the subcommittee
- 22 or minutes that been transparent since last July and I
- 23 still have not received it. It appears that there's
- 24 something that's being hidden from some of us.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis. I don't know



- 1 why you would make a statement like that.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Because it's true.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We are not subcommittees. There's
- 4 nothing that speaks to committees in our Bylaws. I'll
- 5 help stated to you in the past they were certain dates
- 6 and times that we end the committee assignment because of
- 7 the barest issues dealing with that. So we responded, we
- 8 can respond again, give you the same dialogue who is next
- 9 sir?
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's not true.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, sir, I'm not going to debate
- 12 you about the truth. We are just giving you the factual
- 13 information. Who is next?
- 14 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: You mean under unfinished business.
- 15 If I don't see anyone, unless Commissioner Burton.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We move on to new business. We
- move on to new business. Any new business.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, I have a new business.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, under new business,
- 21 I'd like to know have the Detroit police department
- 22 looked at what King County is doing, first being facial
- 23 recognition, and what did they think of it? On
- Juneteenth, we celebrate the liberation of our people
- 25 from slavery, but we are still in bondage to this day.



- 1 The new oppression comes not from slave owners, but from
- 2 racist, techno racism, better known today as facial
- 3 recognition to impose a new Jim Crow on us. We must
- 4 continue to fight for freedom as we would never be free
- 5 until we eliminate this racist technology, call feature
- 6 recognition. Cannot identify one black man from another.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, that's your
- 8 statement. We move on. That is not new business.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That is new business.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown.
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. It is new
- 13 business.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, Chair Bell, I believe early
- on staff has been trying to make sure Commissioner Burton
- 17 is in the meeting. And I know earlier.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, I do not want
- 19 to have that statement. Let's move on. Mr. Brown.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, sir. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair
- 23 and this Honorable Board. These are the announcements for
- 24 the Board's next two meetings. July 24th, 2021 at 3:00 PM
- 25 and July 8th, 2021 at 3:00 PM. And Mr. Chair, if it's



- 1 okay with you, I'll go straight into public comments.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair. I did have an
- 3 announcement myself.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Announcement.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Thank you for your
- 6 attention, Mr. Chair. This Saturday at 9:00 AM at the
- 7 Revard and Atwater there is going to be a Walk for
- 8 Justice 3. The Walk for Justice 3 deals with those
- 9 families that are in the city that I've had victims or
- 10 members of their family fall into the gun violence. And
- 11 perhaps their cases are still on hold or their cases are
- 12 unresolved at this particular point. What we're doing is
- that we're inviting families to come down and share the
- 14 resources that we're making available so that they may
- 15 receive counseling or ideas about where they can turn to.
- 16 We're going to have homicide detectives, Captain May of
- 17 the Detroit police homicide section is going to be
- 18 available with his team to collect names and to collect
- 19 contact information about these cases that have gone
- 20 unresolved.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: And they've done an excellent
- 22 job of being able to assist the families that have come
- 23 down to the other Walks of Justice that we've had. So
- 24 it's going to be this Saturday 9:00 AM, Reverted and
- 25 Atwater. Please, I invite you to come down. If you know



- 1 someone, I invite you to have them come down and share in
- 2 the love, share in the redemption, and be able to get
- 3 some kind of justice for your family. Thank you very
- 4 much. I look forward to seeing you there.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: May I make an announcement, Mr.
- 6 Chair?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I thank you so much. I just
- 9 wanted to alert the public that on behalf of
- 10 Commissioner, Martha Scott, they are having a June 10th,
- 11 however, you pronounce that word.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Juneteenth.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, thank you. They're having
- 14 that this Saturday in Highland Park and that's at
- 15 Woodward and California. So you're welcome to go there
- 16 between the hours of 12 t 3. Then also everyone, there's
- 17 going to be an event at the Lomax Temple Church, which is
- on Dequindre and Nevada from 12 to 4. So please, as we
- 19 celebrate downtown with our own DPD, let us not forget
- 20 the people in the general community to drop by and give
- 21 them support also. I thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Brown,
- 23 we move into public comments now.
- 24 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, I have 9
- 25 speakers and I'll call them by 3. Your first 3 speakers



- 1 would be CAC Scotty Bowman, Ms. Bernie Smith, and Ms.
- 2 Freia Butler. Mr. Bowman.
- 3 MR. BOWMAN: Well I've gotten into watching another
- 4 meeting where the Chairperson is shutting people up, not
- 5 letting them speak. It's a given that he's already been
- 6 doing this to Commissioner Burton. [01:33:56 inaudible]
- 7 We have Commissioner Burch, Shirley Burch also seems to
- 8 have gotten some of the rough treatment of not being able
- 9 to finish her statements. We need a Chair on the Board of
- 10 Police Commissioners that lets all of the Commissioners
- 11 speak and have their words heard. I think it's really
- 12 unfortunate that those, I guess, who are allowed to speak
- more freely, have chosen to vote for a Chair that doesn't
- 14 let some of the other ones speak so clearly. So that's
- 15 very sad. Happy Juneteenth, everyone. So at least we have
- one form of tyranny removed, obviously one of the worst
- 17 but there's definitely work to be done.
- MR. BOWMAN: There is a need to bring some real
- 19 reform to the policing in Detroit. I hear some positive
- 20 development in that direction, but it definitely doesn't
- 21 go far enough. Commissioner Burton is right when he
- 22 brings up the racism involved in facial recognition
- 23 technology, at least at present, it is biased in the
- 24 manner in which, and it misidentifies people and that
- 25 something that truly must be resolved before it should be



- 1 used and even then we have a serious privacy concerns
- 2 that I brought up many times and even if it were
- 3 perfectly, I'm not comfortable with the ways in which it
- 4 could be used. So that's something we need to do. And
- 5 also, you know, the Chairperson at various times have
- 6 said once a week is way too often for meetings. Well, you
- 7 know, what you can do then is if you resign, then you
- 8 don't have to do any weeks and I'd be happy to step in
- 9 and fill your shoes in 2022.
- 10 MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Bernie Smith.
- 11 MS SMITH: Good afternoon Commissioners. Reverend
- 12 Holley? Hello?
- 13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon.
- MS. SMITH: Okay, Reverend Holley,
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- MS. SMITH: I can just hug you. You are the greatest.
- 17 What you did this past Sunday, and I know it may be off-
- 18 key to the rest of you, but I am so proud of you. What
- 19 you did Sunday, having (Audio Distortion) to come and
- 20 speak and what he spoke about all of Detroit should
- 21 listen to it. It's not time to die, and he came to live.
- 22 We should all remember that word because we haven't so
- 23 much crime out here shooting going on and for what, it's
- 24 totally unnecessary. It was a good program, Holley, and
- 25 I'm so proud of you. I was able to get a good seat. I was



- 1 given a seat by one of the police officers that knew me
- 2 and they sent me right in a good seat. So I was able to
- 3 have a good view of everything. The program was
- 4 wonderful.
- 5 MS. SMITH: And Holley, I hope that you'll be able to
- 6 handle this Commission because it's so out of order, it's
- 7 a shame. Bell, I don't fault you at all for during the
- 8 things that you do and recognizing the people that should
- 9 be recognized, it is so disorganized the way you're doing
- 10 things. You're not being decent and respectful at all.
- 11 And it's horrible just to sit here and listen to it.
- 12 Again, Holley, I hope you have the strength to be able to
- 13 take over that spot because I'm thinking that you're
- 14 going to catch hell because certain Commissioners there
- 15 do not respect the Office of the Police Commission. It
- 16 wasn't like it was when I came along in the seventies, we
- 17 respected each other, but there's no respect there
- 18 whatsoever. You don't let Bell they all say anything in
- 19 regards to having the votes and going on. So you need to
- 20 quit, but Holley, I'm going to pray for you. I hope that
- 21 you'll be strong and you'll be able to handle the
- 22 Commissioners that are giving us.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Freia Butler. Ms. Butler. Mr.
- 24 Chair, Ms. Butler's not unmuted. I'll go to the next 3
- 25 speakers.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Overwith, followed by Ms. Brenda Hill
- 3 followed by Francis Withers.
- 4 MS. BUTLER: I have unmuted.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. Butler, go ahead and speak.
- 6 MS. BUTLER: Through the Chair, COVID-19 has made us
- 7 changed many of our activities. Can you hear me?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, ma'am.
- 10 MS. BUTLER: We, the 2nd Precinct, Police Community
- 11 Relations Council held our first in-person meeting on May
- 12 11th. Thanks to our Commander Brian Mounsey, we are
- 13 holding meetings in the garage at the police station. I
- 14 follow CDC and science recommendations and the garage
- 15 offers us the needed ventilation for safety. We also wear
- 16 a mask and with the help of our NPOs, they place our
- 17 chairs so that we practice social distancing. When the
- 18 weather is permissible, we meet in the parking lot. We
- 19 always have great attendance and outstanding guest
- 20 speakers who give valuable information and encourage us
- 21 to make a difference in our communities. Our neighborhood
- 22 police officers are very visible in our communities. They
- 23 have collected and distributed food and provide an extra
- 24 service by delivering food to those who lack
- 25 transportation. Our communities are cleaner because they



- 1 enforced the city code. They give warnings first before
- 2 ticketing violators. At this time our NPOs are mentoring
- 3 a young man, giving him needed support and encouragement
- 4 to return to school and so much more. Commissioners, I
- 5 believe from this one there will be more of our young men
- 6 and young women who will be saved from the streets. I
- 7 have given to our outstanding Sergeant Edward Jackson, an
- 8 idea I believe to recruit more of our handsome young men
- 9 and beautiful young women to join our police department.
- 10 Looking forward to helping bring about a feeling of
- 11 togetherness and some joy since this COVID neighborhood.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to thank Ms. Butler. She is
- 13 President of the 2nd Precinct and Police Community
- 14 Relations Board, and unfortunately, she tried to get on
- 15 when they presented out last week. And I'm glad that you
- 16 got an opportunity to speak to us this evening. So we're
- 17 going to move on with Mr. Brown.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, sir. The next speaker will be
- 19 Overwith.
- OVERWITH: Well, here we are, again Mr. Willie Bell.
- 21 Reverend Jim Holley, I was at your church Sunday. I got a
- 22 chance to hear the big guy speak and I was impressed by
- 23 what he said, but I was also disheartened because you sat
- 24 right there to the side of him. And now I know, and you
- 25 know, and Commissioner Burch knows as well that you guys



- 1 never got the information I tried to forward it to you
- 2 all this time. Melanie White did an efficient job for
- 3 Willie Bell in blocking the information from getting to
- 4 the Board members. I think Mr. Davis knows now,
- 5 Commissioner Burton, of course, has found out, I'm sure
- of it. Sergeant Hewitt, I hear you're in attendance. Todd
- 7 Benson, your lying self is in attendance as well with
- 8 Franklin Hayes. What I want to say to all three of y'all
- 9 is I tried my best to go through policy or procedure to
- 10 get the matter address, forthrightly.
- OVERWITH: I think it's going to be time for all you
- 12 guys to be at the deposition table and Willie Bell, I
- 13 hope your deposition lasts for about three days because
- 14 you got a lot of explaining to do, but Captain Derek May,
- 15 you're in attendance as well. How you got the Wayne
- 16 County medical examiner to change a homicide to a suicide
- is way beyond anything imaginable. I've talked to legal
- 18 scholars throughout this country, and no one seems to
- 19 believe it's possible. Well, what I want to say to
- 20 everybody within earshot. Mr. Bowman, I hope you run for
- 21 District 4 Commissioner. We don't need Willie Bell there
- 22 anymore to do his devilish deeds and with the money that
- 23 the council sends over there, that nobody on the
- 24 Commission knows about. No Commissioner knows what
- 25 happens to all the money. You still don't have a Board



- 1 attorney, and I know why, and I clearly understand why
- 2 now. Lawrence Akbar, what I told you was true,
- 3 MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Brenda Hill.
- 4 MS. HILL: Hello? Can you hear me?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 6 MS. HILL: Yes. I appreciate the fact that you all
- 7 wanted to vote Police Chief Whites team. And, but I'd
- 8 like to know why some of the Commissioners did not want a
- 9 few of the officers promoted. I think that the public has
- 10 a right to know whether these folks are fit for duty, but
- 11 also Chief White needs all the support around him that he
- 12 can because Lord knows Detroit is crime capital, and he's
- 13 going to need it. Also, we didn't have to listen to
- 14 Bernice week after week after week and her disgust for
- 15 how other Police Commissioners, are treated. Well, her
- 16 lack of disgust is a big problem. And so, you know, her
- 17 thoughts are disgusting as well, and we must hear her
- 18 week after week after week. So it goes both ways. Don't
- 19 think that it's okay. Also, I'd like to know that I had
- 20 an issue this week and First Assistant Chief Bettison was
- 21 timely in responding and giving the information that was
- 22 needed. So I thank him and I thank all the other officers
- 23 that were involved if any, were involved as well. And
- 24 again we need to get rid of facial recognition. It's the
- 25 number one threat to Negros anywhere in this country.



- 1 MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Francis Withers. Mr. Chair, I'll
- 2 go to your next three speakers. Miss Vanessa, Brian, Ms.
- 3 Michelle George and Ms. Joy. Ms. Brian?

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- 5 MS. BRIAN: Good afternoon. Honorable Commissioners,
- 6 staff, and officers. I'm a lifelong resident of the City
- 7 of Detroit. And I just like to say that the procedure
- 8 used approve today's promotion, however, qualified these
- 9 individuals are, or are not, lends itself to the
- 10 accusations of railroading these individual officers as
- 11 though there's something in someone's CV that you don't
- 12 wish to make public. You are a civilian body, yet you
- 13 behave as though you're a rubber stamp for the police
- department's agenda, and the public's. This does not
- 15 engender confidence that either this body or the
- 16 department has the public interests, and it hurts.
- 17 Whether or not that your intention expedience at the
- 18 expense of correctness and the public trust is not a good
- 19 thing. I'm dismayed by your behavior in this and several
- 20 other actions that you've taken in recent months. I yield
- 21 my time. Thank you very much for your ear.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Michelle George.
- MS. GEORGE: Yes. Can you hear me, Mr. Brown?
- MR. ROB BROWN: Yes.
- MS. GEORGE: To Chairman Bell and to this Honorable



- 1 Board. I wanted to comment I'm going to watch my time.
- 2 First of all, thank you, Commissioner Holley for Sunday.
- 3 Thank you so much for that very beautiful service, and
- 4 with the former Mayor, I wanted to talk about what
- 5 Commissioner Burch was saying. Chair Bell, I can't speak
- 6 for her, but there is a concern, not saying two white
- 7 officers cannot drive, but she's bringing a point that
- 8 there are so many articles out there. The evolving
- 9 strategy of police, a minority view of opposite justice,
- 10 policing different racial groups in the United States,
- 11 how racial segregation and policing intersect in America.
- 12 So she's just bringing up a point. It's just that someone
- 13 needs to answer her. And, you know, it's a way to answer
- 14 her with that. There are issues or whatever, but it's not
- 15 saying two white officers you know, not driving a
- 16 community, but she needs to know that.
- MS. GEORGE: And I'm hoping somebody will respond to
- 18 her because there are many articles doing that study. And
- 19 also in terms of giving police more money, I was on the
- 20 call today with the Office of Economic Development. All
- 21 of these developers with all of these millions of dollars
- 22 coming through, I brought up the Detroit Police
- 23 Department that money, even though they're getting a
- 24 discount needs to go to our officers. So we are going to
- 25 be looking into that. And about the comment on the facial



- 1 recognition, I hope this apartheid city, and I'm sorry.
- 2 Detroit is an apartheid city to the state is lifting up
- 3 overviewing our budget. The financial review commission
- 4 that hopefully, we will get facial recognition one day in
- 5 the City of Detroit, even, I don't care if a billionaire
- 6 got camera. I don't care who got cameras. It's a racist
- 7 system on black people. So hopefully we will fight that
- 8 you got new justice department now. So hopefully, but I
- 9 just want the police officers to know in Detroit, hold on
- 10 more money is coming.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell, I would just like to
- 12 address that caller to say, thank you for clarifying what
- 13 I was trying to explain. Thank you, ma'am.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Joy?
- MS. JOY: Can, can you hear me?
- MR. ROB BROWN: Yes.
- MS. JOY: Okay. Welcome to this Honorable Board. I'm
- 18 looking forward to the day when I can see you all faces
- 19 because that's one of my joys and I'm want to say
- 20 something about Ms. Butler and the great community work.
- 21 And I have a coined phrase I have just like a good
- 22 neighbor DPD is there. And she said they were helping the
- 23 youth, the women, and the young men also, and all the
- 24 citizens and that department. And I thought, wow, that
- 25 great. Just like I knew that the DPD was all along and



- 1 also Commissioner Bell, I have some words that I think
- 2 are appropriate for yourself. Resiliency, order
- 3 discretion, fairness, conciseness, direct, and
- 4 professionalism. They all fit you very well. And I yield
- 5 my time.
- 6 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chairman that was your last
- 7 speaker.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. For our last speaker, I
- 9 thank you for the public comments. At this time a motion
- 10 will be entertained for the closed session.
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that the Board meet in
- 14 closed session under section 8A of the Open Meetings Act
- 15 to hear complaints or grievances brought by the UAW 212
- 16 against a Board of Police Commissioner's staff member.
- 17 The staff member has requested a closed session pursuant
- 18 to section 8A of the Open Meetings Act MCL 15-2688A. A
- 19 two-third roll call vote is required.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do I hear a second?
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 23 second, a roll call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1. District 2.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. Yes. District 5.
- 5 District 6.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you didn't call
- 9 District 5.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner At-Large,
- 13 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 16 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley. District 5.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White.
- 20 MRS. WHITE: There were 8 Yes votes and 1 No vote.
- 21 The motion passed.
- 22 (Meeting Adjourned 5:53P.M.

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