

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS: MISSION SUMMARY

The **Board of Police Commissioners** (BOPC) is a civilian agency that exercises supervisory control and oversight of the Detroit Police Department (DPD) as set forth in the Charter. The Board has 11 members, 7 elected by District, 4 appointed by the Mayor with the consent of Detroit City Council. The Board meets every week as a Committee of the Whole including 12 community/evening meetings in the Districts. The BOPC is the oversight agency for the Detroit Police Department. That departmental policy, rules and regulations governing the Detroit police department are jointly developed by the Mayor, Police Chief and Board. The Board has subpoena power under the Charter that can be used for investigative purposes. The Commission also reviews and approves the DPD budget pursuant to the charter; investigates non-criminal citizens' complaints; acts as final authority in imposing or reviewing the discipline of employees of the department; receives and hears disqualification appeals from police recruits hoping to enter the Detroit Police Academy. The BOPC makes an annual report to the Mayor, the City Council, and the public of the BOPC's activities and accomplishments.