



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Linda Bernard, Esq., Chairperson Policy Committee
DATE: May 14, 2024
RE: Policy Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Policy Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on May 14, 2024:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard, Commissioner Woods, Commissioner Burton
Community/Committee Attendees: Acting Secretary Robert Brown, Jasmin Taylor – Administrative Assistant, Candace Hayes – Administrative Assistant, Ms. Teresa Blossom – Police Community Relations Coordinator, Deputy Chief Mark Bliss – Professional Development Bureau, Stephen Lameroux – Director of Crime Data Analytics, Captain Heather Cameron, Professor Rebecca Robichaud – Wayne State Law School, Molly Moening – Wayne State Law Graduate, Ramis Wadood – Staff Attorney at ACLU, Julia Kahn – Student Attorney U of M Law School and LaDon Davis – Council Member

- **307.5 Facial Recognition Policy** – Stephen Lameroux provided background on how the revision came about, collaborating with ACLU and stated that the revision provided a broader context of rules for what happens after the facial recognition is completed. Chairperson Bernard opened discussion for questions to Mr. Lameroux. Ramis Wadood – Staff Attorney at ACLU shared that there was collaboration in the development of the revision with Mr. Robert Williams; who was falsely identified by facial recognition, and if the policy is adopted, it would be the best in the nation when it comes to regulating the use of facial recognition by Police Departments. Commissioner Bernard and Woods voted and agreed to move the policy out of committee to the full board for review and approval.
- **203.11 Eyewitness Identification and Lineups** – Captain Heather Cameron provided a introduction of the policy. Ramis Wadood – Staff Attorney at ACLU shared again that ACLU did collaborate on the revision of the policy and that the document does represents industry best practices in terms of double blind, sequential, not suggestive practices. Julia agreed with Mr. Wadood that U of M has worked closely with ACLU and Mr. Williams in the revision process of the policy and it would be best practice. Commissioner Bernard and Woods voted and agreed to move the policy out of committee to the full board for review and approval.

- **278 – Specification Report Surveillance Van:** Postponed for review and discussion until June 11th, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting. Deputy Chief Mark Bliss – Professional Development Bureau provided a brief introduction to the specification report stating that it outlines the usage of the Surveillance Van and what DPD is doing with it. D.C. Bliss stated that DPD has always had surveillance vans, and how it is used has not changed, but they are updating the equipment in the van. There is language in the specification report that comes directly from the Ordinance and this language cannot be changed, as DPD is a constitutional police department. The specification report does follow the 101.12 Data Sharing, Retention and Dissemination Policy, 102.2 Bias-Based Policing Policy and 101.11 Record Retention Schedule Policy. Chairperson Bernard opened discussion to D.C. Bliss regarding the report. The Committee raised the following questions/requests:
 - How is the surveillance van beneficial to the community? Are there specific cases where the surveillance van has been effective?
 - Provide a number of how many times the van is used, and outcomes of those usages to show if the tool is effective, or a good use of resource.
 - Are there any problems that have come out of the usage of surveillance van?
 - Differentiate between the new and old technology being updated.A major concern was that the van has equipment to listen/record audio not just video. D.C. Bliss reported to bring more information back to the committee on this matter.

- **Wayne Law Tour** - Professor Rebecca Robichaud provided insight on touring the Real Time Crime Intelligence Center with some of her students/graduates. Thanking Ms. Shelia Young and LaMonica Williams for their time and dialogue on understanding the uses of some of the technology and talking through how more data would be helpful for the community to understand the effectiveness of some of the technologies.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024 at 5pm.

Sincerely,

Atty. Linda D. Bernard, J.D.L.L.M,
Commissioner, District 2
Chairperson, BOPC Policy Committee