



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Linda Bernard, Esq., Chairperson Policy Committee
DATE: September 3, 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 September 3, 2024:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard, Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche

Attendees: Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier, Jasmin Taylor – Administrative Assistant, Teresa Blossom – Community Relations Coordinator, Mary Barber – Civilian Oversight Analyst, Dante Goss - Interim Board Attorney, Stephen Lameroux – Director of Crime Data Analytics, Deputy Chief Hayes – Crime Strategies Bureau

- **(DPD Approved) Specs Report, Skydio Unmanned Aerial System:** Stephen Lameroux and Commissioner Bernard provided an introduction and overview of the specification report. Highlighting that the drones will be used for search and rescue, crime accident scenes and mental health issues in the community. Stephen Lameroux provided answers that the committee had around the Skydio Unmanned Aerial System (drones).
 - **Staff Review and Preliminary Public Feedback of CIOGS Drones & Other Spec Reports – Ms. Teresa Blossom:** Ms. Teresa Blossom presented community feedback gathered via SurveyMonkey prior to the approval of the specification report. Key points included the community's familiarity with drones, their support for drones in enhancing surveillance, evidence collection, officer safety, and response times. Concerns were also noted regarding privacy and potential misuse. Following this discussion, Commissioner Bernard and Commissioner Dewaelsche voted and agreed to move the specification report out of committee to the full board for review and approval.
- **(DPD Approved) Specification Report, Novo Digital Radiography Technology, Professional Development Bureau:** Stephen Lameroux presented the specification report, outlining an upgrade to the existing system used by DPD's bomb disposal unit. The novo digital radiography technology (x-rays) will enhance the unit's ability to safely photograph/ investigate suspicious

packages, aiding in rapid risk assessment and community safety. Stephen Lameroux addressed committee concerns and provided clarifications. After discussion around the report, Commissioner Bernard and Commissioner Dewaelsche voted and agreed to move the specification report out of committee to the full board for review and approval.

- **Request for Approval of the CIOGS Specification Report for Dumping Cameras:** Stephen Lameroux introduced and overviewed the specification report, noting that the cameras will be used to address illegal dumping activities in Detroit. Commissioner Bernard expressed concerns regarding the number of cameras (265) and the potential for constant surveillance of city residence. Deputy Chief Hayes provided detailed explanations on the cameras' usage, highlighting their capability to capture a range of criminal activities beyond illegal dumping, including homicide, narcotics operations, human trafficking, and other offenses. Deputy Chief Hayes assured the committee that the cameras are not intended for community surveillance but as a tool for crime prevention and enforcement. He also ensured that the committee will be provided with updated statistics on illegal dumping, enforcement efforts, and related crimes. The specification report will be deferred until the September 17, 2024, policy meeting to allow for further evaluation of the need for additional cameras and to better understand the justification for their deployment.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2024 at 5pm.

Sincerely,

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