About the Board of Police Commissioners

The Board of Police Commissioners provides community-led oversight of the Police Department. Detroit residents created the Board to "head" the Police Department as part of the 1974 City Charter. The original Board had five Police Commissioners appointed by the Mayor. The current Charter gives the Board "supervisory control and oversight" of the Department. It also expanded the Board to 11 Police Commissioners, with seven elected by district and four appointed. The Board meets each week, except for some holidays. Since 1974, all Police Commissioners have served as volunteers.

About the Youth Advisory Panel: The Board approved a resolution in May 2022 to establish the Youth Advisory Panel to help amplify the voices of 14-24 year olds and ensure a regular way for them to engage in police accountability and reform. Panel members review police policy, attend BOPC meetings, and host or participant in activities that support police reform and youth safety. The Panel must have at least seven members to reflect the seven electoral districts for Police Commissioners; there are 14 members. Panel members are selected annually from applications due each September 30th. **www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC**

About Wayne State University

Founded as the Detroit Medical College in 1868, Wayne State University is a premiere and innovative center of higher education in the heart of the City. Wayne State currently offers nearly 375 degree and certificate programs through 13 schools and colleges. The University also plays a pivotal role in the growth and vitality of Midtown. Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy has served as WSU President since 2023.

About Wayne Law: The Law School has offered nationally acclaimed programs for over 90 years. It is home to the renowned Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy and the Damon Keith Center for Civil Rights. Richard Bierschbach is the Dean of the Law School. **Www.wayne.edu**

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2025 Youth Advisory Panel

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The Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) of the Board of Police Commissioners in collaboration with Wayne Law presents:



Young People & 21st Century Policing



Saturday, March 15, 2025 Wayne State University Law School Auditorium Detroit, Michigan



Program Opening BOPC Youth Advisory Panel

Welcome

Dean Richard Bierschbach Wayne State University Law School

Special Remarks and Recognitions Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, YAP Champion Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Introduction of Panelists by YAP Moderators

Todd A. Bettison, Chief of Police, City of Detroit Col. James Grady II, Director of Michigan State Police Anthony Holt, Chief of Police, Wayne State University Issa Shahin, Chief of Police, City of Dearborn

Symposium Panel

Opening Remarks by Panelists Question & Answer Session Closing Remarks by Panelists

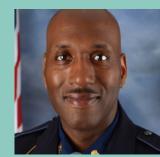
YAP Call to Action

Police Chiefs Panel



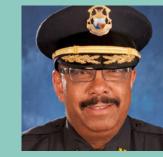
Chief Todd A. Bettison is the 44th Chief of Police for the City of Detroit. He had a distinguished 27-year career at the Detroit Police Department, retiring as 1st Assistant Chief of Police – the second highest ranking member of the department – before accepting the position of Deputy Mayor in

2021. He returned to the Police Department as interim Chief in late 2024 prior to his permanent appointment in February. Chief Bettison is highly regarded and deeply respected for his leadership skills, management ability and strong connection with the community. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in Criminal Justice and a graduate business certificate from the Mike Ilitch School of Business.



Colonel James F. Grady II is the 20th Director of the Michigan State Police. Since joining the MSP in 1998 as a trooper, he has served with distinction as he rose through the ranks. Prior to his appointment to MSP Director by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2023, he was captain of the training division. Colonel

Grady holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration degree from Cleary University. As MSP Director, Col. Grady also serves as Director of Emergency Management and as Michigan's Homeland Security Director.



Chief Anthony D. Holt has served as Associate Vice President and Chief of Police at Wayne State University since August 2008. He has held multiple positions within the university police department since becoming a police officer in 1977. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer, he is re-

sponsible for all aspects of campus and community security. Chief Holt is the past President of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and serves on the executive board. Chief Holt is the Co-Founder of the Public Safety and Youth Forum and is a frequent contributor to the Michigan Gang Research Project. He is a graduate of Wayne State University.



Chief Issa Shahin has served as Chief of Police for the City of Dearborn since January 2022. He rose through the ranks after becoming a police officer in 1998. He served as Commander of the investigative division before his appointment as Chief. He has made a priority of strengthening relationships

with residents and incorporating the latest policing practices to best serve Dearborn, which has a unique requirement to maintain a certain minimun number of police officers. Chief Shahin made history as the first Muslim to lead the department. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Lunch