

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Location: Ford Community Center East, 15491 Maddelein Street, Detroit, Michigan 48205

1. **Chairperson Woods** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain Mark Hill provided the invocation.

2. Chief of Police & 9th Precinct Report.

Deputy Chief Arnold Williams reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community. DC Williams provided the community with an update on an incident that occurred April 6, 2025. The Public Safety Trust Fund hosted a roundtable discussion with law enforcement agencies and lawmakers from across Southeast Michigan on the proposed Public Safety Trust Fund legislation. These bills will give police departments across the State additional funding every year to reduce crime. The monies can be used for public safety initiatives like hiring more officers and investing in community violence intervention programs. In recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, DPD invites the community to join the Special Victims Unit on the front lawn of Detroit Public Safety Headquarters on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 to place pinwheels in honor of children. The pinwheel represents the trauma, and pain suffered by child victims. It is also a sign of resilience, hopefulness, and healing for a joyous future that every child deserves.

Chairperson Woods inquired about videos with DPD officers. Deputy Chief Williams provided an update and Chairperson Woods also wanted on the record, OCI received an anonymous complaint on the video. Commissioner Moore mentioned a couple of videos with DPD officers. Chairperson Woods shared he appreciates DPD for updating the community.

9th Precinct Report – Commander John Svec provided an overview of crime statistics, and initiatives to combat this trend. The 9th Precinct has directed additional resources into the hotspots and direct patrol to frequently affected businesses. Community engagement, our NPO's distribute gunlocks, meets with community groups, as well as several NPO programs.

3. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Dana Lunn, Ms. Victoria Camile, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, D4 CAC Scotty Boman, Torpedo, Ms. Crystal Rice, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Former Commissioner William Davis and Mr. Meeko Williams provided public comments.

Chairperson Woods asked for an update as it relates to missing persons, what is the process for the department, I believe vis-a-vis social media and other apparatus. DC Williams indicated the department post the number missing weekly on the Detroit Police Department Missing Page, that is on Facebook and can also be accessed through X and Instagram. **Commissioner Moore** asked DC Williams to inform the public what the process is for initiating an AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert. DC Williams shared an Amber Alert is a statewide notification. Everybody knows it goes off on the phone. In order for that to actually be approved, departmentally, we gather information, then we submit it to the State, and the State makes the ultimate approval. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** asked what is the timeline for issuing an Amber Alert? What is the time gap between the time the person is reported missing, and the Amber Alert goes out? DC Williams gave an example, Officers get a call of a missing person, and they confirm that there is a missing person. Either the missing is serious because of mental issues, or it is a juvenile. In those cases of Amber Alert, we get the information, we get the photo release from the family, then we submit that through LIEN to the State, and then it is released. The time maybe one to two hours, once we have confirmation. If it fits the criteria to release as an Amber Alert. Then Michigan State Police will issue that alert. **Commissioner Banks** requested BWC of a shooting which occurred last year on the west side of Detroit, to ensure that the Detroit Police Department followed protocol.

4. **Adjournment.**

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.