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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Cedric Banks, Chairperson Towing Committee
DATE: July 30, 2025
RE: Towing Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Towing Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on July 30, 2025

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Cedric Banks, Commissioner Tamara Liberty-Smith, Board Secretary Lydia Garnier

Community/Committee Attendees: Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart (DPD), Captain Jason Adams (DPD), Stacy Alvarado (DPD), Police Community Relations Coordinator Teresa Blossom, Administrative Assistant Candace Hayes

A. Towing Series Summary: Police Community Relations Coordinator Teresa Blossom provided an overview of the previous two sessions on towing. Important topics, such as the difference between police-authorized tows and private tows, who controls towing fees in Detroit, and how to complain about excessive tow bills were discussed. The Tow Rate Commission's role on setting towing fees and the current fee schedule was presented. The presentation also included valuable information on DPD towing, when and why DPD tows vehicles, police-authorized towers as well as waivers available to citizens when retrieving a towed vehicle. The Board's oversight role of DPD and how that relates to towing concluded the presentation.

Commissioners, please find in your binders under FYI the presentation from yesterday's committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Cedric Banks
Commissioner, District 3
Chairperson, BOPC Towing Committee