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- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's Thursday, August the
- 4 21st, 3:00 PM The Board of Police Commissioners is called
- 5 an order. Our chairperson is on vacation right now. And
- 6 so I'll be sitting in her stead today. And so let's go to
- 7 the invocation by Commander Chaplain Desiree Benjamin.
- 8 MS. UNDERWOOD: You can unmute now, chaplain.
- 9 CHAPLAIN BENJAMIN: Good afternoon.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon. You may
- 11 proceed.
- 12 CHAPLAIN BENJAMIN: Father, we thank you and we
- 13 praise you for this day. We give you glory; we give you
- 14 honor, and we give you praise. We thank you for keeping
- 15 us today. Thank you for waking us up today. God, we now
- 16 come as the Board of Police Commissioners gather today,
- 17 gather with unity and humility and purpose, seeking your
- 18 guidance and your wisdom. Father, we ask first that
- 19 things be done decently and in order. We ask that you
- 20 cover this governing body. We ask that you grant them
- 21 your wisdom, your peace. We lift them up, now; we lift
- 22 this meeting up, Lord God. And we thank you Lord God, for
- 23 everything that they put their hands to do, Lord God,
- 24 that you will bless it, Lord God. Father, we thank you
- 25 for this board that you have called for this season to do



- 1 work. God, we ask right now, you're blessing upon the
- 2 police chief, the police department, each and every
- 3 officer. We thank you and we praise you now for what you
- 4 have done, what you are doing, and what you're getting
- 5 ready to do through this body. We thank you and we praise
- 6 you for it now, in Jesus mighty name, amen.
- 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Thank you very kindly.
- 8 We don't have a quorum right now. We expect a quorum, and
- 9 we are going to go to public comment now.
- 10 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Our first
- 11 speaker will be Minister Eric Blount, then Ms. Fredia
- 12 Butler, Ms. Williams, and then we'll go into Zoom, unless
- 13 there's someone in the audience, anyone else, just please
- 14 bring your card.
- 15 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board. I'm Minister
- 16 Eric Blunt from Sacred Heart Catholic Church right here
- 17 in Detroit.
- 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. Can we put his
- 19 time up?
- 20 MINISTER BLOUNT: I got five minutes, man, don't
- 21 worry.
- 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Praise the Lord.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: The staff is making sure that occurs.
- 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.
- 25 MINISTER BLOUNT: How am I going to know?



- 1 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Just let her rip, she will
- 2 catch up with you.
- 3 MINISTER BLOUNT: Alright. It was revealed this week
- 4 that there's another multimillion-dollar lawsuit for a
- 5 young black man in the custody of law enforcement. Not
- 6 surprising, this young black man, 12 years old, was
- 7 physically attacked and raped while in the custody of law
- 8 enforcement. Now, it didn't happen to be DPD, it happened
- 9 to be the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, but the
- 10 Detroit Police Department is taking over the Wayne County
- 11 Detention Center, if I'm not mistaken.
- 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's a mistake.
- 13 CHIEF BETTISON: That's a mistake.
- 14 MINISTER BLOUNT: Okay. Wayne County jail?
- 15 CHIEF BETTISON: No. It is separate.
- 16 MINISTER BLOUNT: Pardon me. Okay. Same thing. It's
- 17 law enforcement and with a \$63 million cumulative lawsuit
- 18 settlement by DPD over the last three to five years on
- 19 wrongful misconduct by the Detroit Police Department,
- 20 it's not hard to believe something like this could happen
- 21 under the watch of DPD. I don't dramatize anything. I
- 22 thank you for correcting me. But DPD is taking over, I
- 23 want to say, maybe it's the new jail.
- 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No. Freeze his time for a
- 25 minute.



- 1 MS. UNDERWOOD: Please stop his time.
- 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And I'll give you some extra
- 3 moments there.
- 4 MINISTER BLOUNT: Thank you.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: They're taking over the
- 6 Detroit Detention Facility the Detroit Detention Facility
- 7 was run by the state of Michigan for a number of years,
- 8 when Governor Snyder was in office; they transferred it
- 9 over there, you know, and so they had been out of the
- 10 jailing business for a number of years since the state
- 11 had taken over. Now, they're going back into it. And so
- 12 I'm sure the chief will talk more about that when he gets
- 13 a chance. So that's the clarification.
- 14 MINISTER BLOUNT: Alright. So it's the Mound Road
- 15 Detention Center?
- 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 17 MINISTER BLOUNT: Okay. Got it right. My point is
- 18 still the same, law enforcement tries to protect and
- 19 serve, but it basically just controls black bodies. Let's
- 20 just be honest about it. Even Kym Worthy came here to
- 21 this meeting and confessed, if you will, that 98% of the
- 22 people found innocent under her Innocence Project were
- 23 black males. That's who is caught, that's who is
- 24 punished. Guilty or not, I just can't help but believe
- 25 that what happened to this 12-year-old could easily



- 1 happen under DPD's watch or any other law enforcement
- 2 watch. We've seen it happen before time and time again in
- 3 so many other instances. That's all I have. Thank you.
- 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Go ahead Chief,
- 5 you want to respond?
- 6 CHIEF BETTISON: Minister Eric Blount and to the
- 7 honorable body. Thank you, Vice Chair Woods. And just for
- 8 point of clarification, because the facts are definitely
- 9 important. It didn't happen under DPD watch. I'm not even
- 10 familiar with the case that Mr. Blount is talking about.
- 11 We don't house juveniles, so it's different. It's local,
- 12 it's county, and it's state. And when it comes to a
- 13 detention center, the Detroit Detention Center as Vice
- 14 Chair Woods pointed out, we have now taken over building
- 15 500. DPD has always run building 100. And so the state of
- 16 Michigan ran building 500, and that was the custodial
- 17 care of detainees. Since that contract has ended; we were
- 18 basically in that contract from 2014 up until August 1st.
- 19 We have now hired additional DFDs, Detention Facility
- 20 Officers.
- I have sergeants there. And so we're in building
- 22 500. And within the Detroit Detention, the DDC, we only
- 23 hold individuals for up to 72 hours, and we don't hold
- 24 any juveniles there. Any juvenile that will be detained
- 25 will fall under the jurisdiction of Wayne County and not



- 1 the City of Detroit. And that is the JDF, the Juvenile
- 2 Detention Facility. And so I just want to make those
- 3 bright red lines of distinction; county, city, completely
- 4 separate. That's it. But thank you, Minister Blount, and
- 5 Minister Blount, if you ever want to sit down and maybe
- 6 at some point we can give a presentation so that, you
- 7 know, before the board so that everybody can see the
- 8 various distinctions, I would be happy to do that. And at
- 9 some point, Mr. Blount, I'd even give you a tour of the
- 10 DDC because I definitely want you to be able to see our
- 11 facility and what's going on. Thank you.
- 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you for your
- 13 transparency, Chief. Please call the roll.
- 14 MS. GARNIER: Chairperson Dewaelsche is excused.
- 15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard Attorney Linda
- 17 Bernard, District 2, present.
- 18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks is excused.
- 19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present, District
- 20 4.
- 21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton asked to be noted
- 22 as running behind.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Present.
- 24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Jones Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore Present.



- MS. GARNIER: And also Commissioner Smith is en 1
- 2. route.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: You have 6 present, sir.
- 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. I
- 5 entertain a motion for the approval of the August, 21st,
- 6 2025 agenda.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So moved.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second. 8
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Moore,
- second by Commissioner Bernard. Any discussion? All in 10
- 11 favor say, Aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion
- 14 is carried. I entertain the motion for the approval of
- 15 the minutes of August 14th, 2025.
- 16 COMMISSIONER JONES: So, moved Mr. Chair.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Jones 18
- 19 and second by Commissioner Bernard. Any discussion? All
- 20 in favor say, Aye.
- 21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion
- 2.3 is carried. Introduction of BOPC Staff, Chief of Police
- and Elected Officials, and the Representatives 24
- 25 MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair, present are Chief



- 1 Investigator Jerome Warfield, Felicia Tyson, Teresa
- 2 Blossom, Candace Hayes, Artemisia Joshua, Dior Mathis,
- 3 Jonya Underwood. From the Office of Chief Investigator
- 4 LiSonya Sloan, DPD, HR Director, Katrina Patillo, Chief
- 5 of Police, Todd Bettison. Our interpreters today are Ms.
- 6 Yakata and Angelique Taylor. Court reporter Don Handyside
- 7 and Enrique Jackson Audio Visual, and I know ---
- 8 DR. JACKSON: Dr. Francis Jackson, parliamentarian.
- 9 MS. GARNIER: She's on Zoom, and is traveling to a
- 10 parliamentarian conference. Also registered at this time,
- 11 elected officials or representatives are as follows:
- 12 Marie Overall for State Representative Tyrone Carter,
- 13 Fredia Butler, president of the Second Precinct,
- 14 Community Relations, LaDon Davis via Zoom, Office of
- 15 Council Member Fred Durhal III. I don't see either
- 16 presidents of the union, Scotty Boman via Zoom,
- 17 representing CAC and former Detroit Police Commissioner
- 18 William Davis via Zoom. And those are the persons
- 19 registered at this time.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, thank you very kindly.
- 21 We don't have a vice chair report or a chair report.
- 22 We'll go to the Chief of Police Report.
- 23 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. Vice Chair, Commissioner
- 24 Woods. Just to update on where we are in regards to
- 25 crime. Even though we've experienced an uptick recently



- 1 in our shootings, our non-fatal shootings and homicides
- 2 we still sit at in all of our violent categories for
- 3 crime reductions. And so as of today we're at a 13%
- 4 reduction when it comes to homicides. Last year, this
- 5 time we had 136. This year we have 119, and I say to the
- 6 community in public, 119 is still far too many. And even
- 7 if we have 50, I will say to you, all 50 is far too many.
- 8 And when we push it down to 25 or even lower than that, I
- 9 will still say to this community that that's one too
- 10 many. And so we're working relentlessly along with the
- 11 community, utilizing technology, of course, continuously
- 12 hiring.
- We just this past Friday, put in another additional,
- 14 I believe it was 23 police officers out on the street.
- 15 Our staff, our field rate hovers between 98 and 99%. The
- 16 overall morale of the department is high. Members are
- 17 still signed up. And we're not losing officers like we
- 18 did before. Non-Fatal shootings, we sit at a 26%
- 19 reduction. What does that really mean, a 26% reduction?
- 20 I'll tell you. Last year in 2024, we had 417 people shot
- 21 in the City of Detroit that didn't die. This year, we
- 22 have 309 people that were shot in the City of Detroit
- 23 that didn't die. Like I said, still far too many, but
- 24 year over year we are pushing those numbers down. And if
- 25 I went back to 2023, 2024 was lower than 2023. And if I



- 1 go back to 2022, it's even lower.
- 2 These are the lowest numbers that we've had year-to-
- 3 date. And so if you go back to 2022, compared to where we
- 4 are today, that's like a 45% reduction when it comes to
- 5 non-fatal shootings in the City of Detroit. Robberies are
- 6 down 13%. Last year this time we had 709 people robbed in
- 7 the City of Detroit. This year, 2025, 617. Total part one
- 8 crime down 6% carjackings. Over the years, I remember
- 9 when Detroit was carjacked. Back in 2013, we roughly
- 10 averaged about 700 carjackings a year by us. And I say
- 11 us, the board of Police Commissioners too, because you
- 12 all signed off on the policy that allows us to have
- 13 technologies such as Green Light; such as license plate
- 14 readers, such as a lot of different things that have
- 15 really, whether it's ShotSpotter helped us reduce crime
- 16 in the City of Detroit.
- 17 And so carjacking is down from 2024 this time. There
- 18 were 73, this year in 2025, we will have 52. So it's a
- 19 29% reduction when we used to average like 700
- 20 carjackings a year. So what we're doing is working, we're
- 21 going to continue to do that, but we're going to continue
- 22 to also advance when it comes to technology, advance and
- 23 double down when it comes to community relations, when it
- 24 comes to our community violence intervention programs,
- 25 when it comes to our radio patrols, et cetera, et cetera,



- 1 and ramp up our relationships when it comes to our
- 2 schools, because we know that it's been an uptick when it
- 3 comes to teen violence over the summer. But in one week,
- 4 everybody, our kids will be starting school. So on next
- 5 Monday, you know, we've given out a lot of book bags, and
- 6 some school supplies in it.
- 7 But next week, our kids will be back in school. And
- 8 so whether it's Detroit Public Schools District or
- 9 whether it's a charter school, it's going to take all of
- 10 us wrapping our arms around those schools as well. I want
- 11 to give Commissioner Woods and some of the other
- 12 activists in the city a shout out along with the pastors
- 13 for standing up, and I know you probably talked about
- 14 this before, but the hour of power where, at the spirit
- 15 of Detroit a couple weeks ago came together to support me
- 16 and this Detroit Police Department; and where the pastors
- 17 talked about really doing something. And so the goal is
- 18 because, we know how many churches are inside the City of
- 19 Detroit, it's a whole lot, but for those pastors to each
- 20 adopt local schools within their area. And so Pastor
- 21 Barry, Randolph had an actual strategy, a workshop with
- 22 the Worker Bees to actually get that done.
- 23 And so that's in progress as well, and we'll
- 24 continue our work. A hot topic of discussion and that
- 25 we've talked about, and that is of a main concern in the



- 1 City of Detroit is missing. And so happy to announce that
- 2 this past Monday I was able to stand right here in this
- 3 conference room and announce along with our council
- 4 president, something that's a passion to her as well as
- 5 we pushed out the rollout for the Emerald Alerts. And so
- 6 we did that on Monday. The Emerald Alert is a new program
- 7 that sends alerts to members of the public regarding
- 8 serious missing children, vulnerable adults. And to sign
- 9 up or get that through our Detroit Alerts 365, you
- 10 actually have to sign up for it. So you can go to Detroit
- 11 Police Department, social media page, our Facebook, and
- 12 you can click on the link and sign up for our program so
- 13 that if a missing occurs and it doesn't meet the
- 14 threshold of a Amber alert, you'll be able to help to be
- 15 eyes and ears and get notified of that.
- Also, earlier today, I just had the opportunity to
- 17 stand with the fire commissioner when it comes to the
- 18 HAAS alerts. And that's something that we've been
- 19 piloting that will increase public safety for our first
- 20 responders, but also increase safety for our community as
- 21 well, because it's a notification system that's now on
- 22 our public safety vehicles, not on all of them. We
- 23 piloted in the 9th and 5th Precincts on 9 of our
- 24 vehicles, and that alerts the community that when a
- 25 police patrol vehicle, or either fire truck, et cetera,



- 1 is on a traffic stop, if you have a Stellantis vehicle
- 2 that's a 2018 or higher, or you're utilizing one of the
- 3 mapping systems or wave systems on your Google phone, I'm
- 4 an Apple person myself, but if you have a Google phone
- 5 and utilizing the Google Maps, when you're approaching a
- 6 traffic stop and the vehicle has your lights on, it will
- 7 notify you that you're approaching a traffic stop.
- 8 It has another component. So it lets the community
- 9 know that it's a traffic stop that is occurring there, or
- 10 if it's a police car that's en route, it notifies you to
- 11 be able to be on the lookout for it and to be able to,
- 12 you know, pull it to the side, et cetera. And it also has
- 13 the component too, where it reduces the risk of a public
- 14 safety responder colliding with another public safety
- 15 responder, because it lets the fire department and the
- 16 police department know if they're on different radio
- 17 channels, but they're approaching the intersection. This
- 18 new technology will alert them that they're coming
- 19 together so that they can watch out as well. So that's
- 20 going to be a public safety enhancement. And also, we'll
- 21 reduce the risk and cut down on liability for the City of
- 22 Detroit. And so with that I will wrap up and I'll be open
- 23 to questions from the board.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. You
- 25 see, I looked down there first. That this IG is on the



- 1 board?
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Chief, I'm going to try to wrap
- 5 two questions into one. One dealing with victims and the
- 6 other dealing with investigative subpoenas. A lot of
- 7 times what citizens don't realize is victims don't
- 8 participate in the criminal justice process and we need
- 9 them. And then the investigative subpoena piece is
- 10 through the prosecutor's office. Can you elaborate on
- 11 those two issues?
- 12 CHIEF BETTISON: I'm so glad that you raised that
- 13 point. The Detroit Police Department law enforcement, we
- 14 have the power to arrest based on probable cause. And so
- 15 something happened, and as we move forward with the
- 16 investigation and we identify a suspect and make an
- 17 arrest with the Detroit Detention Center, I can only keep
- 18 you at a maximum of 72 hours. The Wayne County prosecutor
- 19 has to issue a warrant. If a warrant is issued, then the
- 20 person from there can be bound over to the Wayne County
- 21 Jail. As they go through the judicial system. A warrant
- 22 will not be issued, if the complaining witness or the
- 23 complainant, which is the victim, changes their mind,
- 24 don't come forth. Oftentimes, we will have witnesses that
- 25 we need to move the case forward. And the investigative



- 1 subpoena is a mechanism that the prosecutor has either
- 2 the Wayne County prosecutor or it could be a federal
- 3 prosecutor to demand that that witness come forth. That's
- 4 the power that they have. And in special cases, they will
- 5 use that to bring the body forth so that we can move the
- 6 case forward.
- 7 That oftentimes determines whether or not a case or
- 8 a victim's family, et cetera, whether or not they will
- 9 get justice. With our judicial process, and in the court
- 10 of law, every person accused, ultimately, as you hear,
- 11 has a right to face their accuser. And so oftentimes,
- 12 witnesses, they'll want to give information anonymously,
- 13 where they will want to give information. But as it gets
- 14 closer to trial, if it gets to that point, the defendant,
- 15 the person on trial, their attorney is going to say, we
- 16 want to see. And you have to come forth in open court and
- 17 give testimony. It takes a lot of internal strength, a
- 18 lot of courage, and sometimes everybody's not up to it
- 19 and will want to back out. But the investigative subpoena
- 20 is a tool that the prosecutor has with uncooperative
- 21 witnesses to demand that they come forth. And I'm so glad
- 22 that you raised that point, because our case closure rate
- 23 really depends on the whole criminal justice system; the
- 24 prosecutor's office, the court administrators, and
- 25 everybody else working together. Thank you, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I could just imagine how
- 2 frustrating, through the Chair, that must be for an
- 3 investigator to work a case, only for a victim not to
- 4 participate. So that's why the question comes to mind. So
- 5 thanks, Chief, I appreciate you.
- 6 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And I forgot to make the
- 8 record reflect that Commissioner Burton is present as
- 9 well. Commissioner Bernard.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly on following up
- 11 in part to what Reverend Blount stated regarding
- 12 juveniles. You may or may not be aware of that right now
- 13 in the policy committee, we're reviewing all of the
- 14 policies related to juvenile arrest, et cetera. A big
- 15 problem for us and for me in particular, is questioning
- 16 juveniles without a parent present or a lawyer present,
- 17 particularly if the juvenile is a suspect. Now, we went
- 18 through a number of scenarios like a juvenile is in this
- 19 room and he observes or she observes something and they
- 20 say,, I saw that happen, or the person that ran, they ran
- 21 out, got that part. But if there's any possibility that
- 22 the juvenile is going to be a suspect, I think the
- 23 protection of his or her rights is important. We had Mr.
- 24 Fancher speak to the policy committee for about an hour
- 25 the other day from, and he heads the ACLU.



- 1 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Mark Fancher.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. And his sentiments were
- 3 similar to mine, that a police presence is intimidating
- 4 for most people, not including that lady who was on TV,
- 5 who got arrested this week, who's an assistant attorney
- 6 general, I think it's in Connecticut, when she was
- 7 kicking at the police officer and all that. Most people,
- 8 when they see you, you know, they respond with some level
- 9 of respect. So it's very intimidating for a child or a
- 10 youth to be under --- a child is defined as, you know,
- 11 under Michigan law as anyone under 18 to be questioned or
- 12 held or whatever. And your very presence, of course, is
- 13 intimidating.
- 14 Beyond that, the question becomes how should we
- 15 address this issue in our policy? I'd be happy to talk to
- 16 you about this offline, but I know that our community has
- 17 similar concerns. If you have any concerns, you can just
- 18 contact me directly or you can contact the committee or
- 19 come to the policy committee meeting. It's open. But I
- 20 just wanted to raise this issue with you. What I thought
- 21 was appropriate; I understood, I developed this term
- 22 called exigent circumstances. If they're exigent
- 23 circumstances like if somebody got shot, and they saw the
- 24 person who got shot, well I understand you have to say
- 25 where they went and who they are, all that stuff. Exigent



- 1 circumstances may require your, for example, almost, I'll
- 2 call it interrogation of a child without a parent or a
- 3 representative present. But other than that it's
- 4 troubling to me.
- 5 And you really see that in the suburbs. You don't
- 6 see it in Detroit because police officers, you know, will
- 7 detain kids a lot, black kids, especially in Detroit, and
- 8 question them and everything. That doesn't happen in the
- 9 suburbs. If it's a white child, his mother and father
- 10 will deal with the police about anything that you've said
- 11 to their child or questioned their child or taken their
- 12 child into custody. So I just want to put that out there
- 13 for you and also for the community. We can talk offline,
- 14 but it's a very serious issue, particularly because of
- 15 the fact that, as you know, a lot of the issues that
- 16 you're addressing right now involve juveniles. So the
- 17 protection of their constitutional rights is very
- 18 important. So I just wanted to raise it for the community
- 19 as well. If you have thoughts on it, contact me, contact
- 20 the committee, and, and we'll take it from there. Thank
- 21 you.
- 22 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. And through the Chair,
- 23 just in response to your question.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Use your microphone, if you
- 25 don't mind.



- 1 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair I have to almost
- 2 eat the microphone right here. Through the Chair, we're a
- 3 constitutional policing department, and so we're going to
- 4 follow the law and we're going to ensure that we're not
- 5 violating the law. And when the law pertains to
- 6 juveniles, that's exactly what we're going to do. So
- 7 we're not going to violate any rights. We don't, and
- 8 we're bound by the United States Constitution and Supreme
- 9 Court, et cetera. And so it's very important to us, and
- 10 with the policy commission and the Board of Police
- 11 Commissioners the policy will mirror what the law is, and
- 12 we're going to follow that.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, it's kind of hard to say
- 14 I Mirandize a 12-year-old, or an 11-year-old, or a 14-
- 15 year-old, like they know what Miranda is.
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: And you talked about their parents
- 17 being present, like their parents. There are different
- 18 things that the law mandates. We're not going to
- 19 interview, and we don't even say arrest is detention for
- 20 a juvenile. And with that, we are not going to
- 21 interrogate them, interview them outside the scope,
- 22 unless it was exigent circumstances, unless their parents
- 23 were there.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. We'll talk. Thank you.
- 25 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That is vitally important,



- 1 you know, as it relates to making sure that their rights
- 2 are protected. I've brought a situation to the Chief's
- 3 attention that I thought was very egregious, you know and
- 4 that is something that you do not tolerate. I know that
- 5 for a fact. You know there's no way in the world that you
- 6 would attempt to try to question a juvenile without their
- 7 parents like you said, unless it was those exigent
- 8 circumstances involved. And then they have a right to
- 9 counsel as well, you know? And so, absolutely
- 10 unequivocally the policy should be ironclad in terms of
- 11 saying that, you know, what the law is, and that is the
- 12 law. I've seen statements thrown out because an officer
- 13 did it wrong, you know?
- 14 And that's what happens. And that jeopardizes a
- 15 case. And the Chief of Police has made it absolutely
- 16 clear that it's something that he would never tolerate in
- 17 his department, you know? So if it ever creeps up, you
- 18 know, it is not a perfect department, you know what I'm
- 19 saying? But it is a constitutional department, and I'm
- 20 glad that the Chief is here to preserve the rights of all
- 21 citizens. Let the record reflect that Commissioner Smith
- 22 is present and I think Commissioner Burden, you wanted to
- 23 say something?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. Thank you. Through the
- 25 Chair, a question for the Chief. How does the department



- 1 measure the success of a missing person investigation?
- 2 And also what policy funding or legislation could the
- 3 City Council provide to strengthen the network?
- 4 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. We have on our department
- 5 social media page, a dashboard that shows the number of
- 6 missings. And it also for the sake of transparency, shows
- 7 the number of recovered. And the measuring for me is to
- 8 actually be recovering individuals. And so I don't have
- 9 the dashboard up in front of me, but we have recovered
- 10 thousands and we still have too many that are
- 11 outstanding. Roughly, I don't want to speculate, but last
- 12 time I looked, it was approximately like 70, 80 that are
- 13 still outstanding. Some individuals don't want to be
- 14 found. We have actually located high profile individuals
- 15 in the past, over the years that were missing. And the
- 16 community was asking, you know, for an update on it, the
- 17 only thing we could say is based off of what they wanted
- 18 us to reveal as that they had been recovered.
- 19 But that's how we measure it. But one of the things
- 20 that's vital and essential is that when you have a
- 21 serious missing, and it's suspected that they're in
- 22 imminent danger to be able to get that information out,
- 23 ASAP to the public, so that all knows, and sometimes it
- 24 doesn't reach the threshold of that Amber alert to go out
- 25 statewide. And that's why working with our IT department



- 1 and things of that nature where City Council and others
- 2 can come into play because our technology is overseen by
- 3 citywide IT, and that's Director Art Thompson, et cetera.
- 4 So we have to work with a multi-department approach, and
- 5 the police department, like other departments, needs that
- 6 support. And so members of the City Council can help
- 7 facilitate that. And oftentimes, it's a funding aspect
- 8 too. And so as we look for better ways to utilize
- 9 technology or either human resources to add additional
- 10 members or what it may call for a certain unit, if that's
- 11 what overall enhances it. That's how City Council and
- 12 others, and the Board of Police Commissioners too could
- 13 support.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My final question at this time
- 15 comes from a community meeting that I attended the other
- 16 day, and they wanted to know, is it true that the Trump
- 17 administration is responsible for violence trending down
- 18 in Detroit?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There was a news article that
- 21 was published. And so the community; my constituents
- 22 raised a concern to me where I was attending a community
- 23 meeting. And so I'm raising the question to the Chief on
- 24 behalf of the constituents in District 5.
- 25 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Commissioner



- 1 Burton, I am so glad that you asked that question
- 2 publicly. I have been asked that question a couple times.
- 3 And I have seen various articles and it's in response to
- 4 I guess, a comment or an interview that the mayor had.
- 5 But I can tell you that in my conversations with the
- 6 mayor and in reading and listening to his statements, he
- 7 didn't say that. He didn't say that. What has occurred
- 8 is, it's a multi-departmental, and the historic crime
- 9 reductions in the City of Detroit are in part towards our
- 10 CVI, which is our Community Violence Intervention. It's
- 11 in response to our partnership that we have here that
- 12 we've been working on over the years with the US
- 13 Attorney's Office. And it was led up by US Attorney Dawn
- 14 Ison, our Detroit-1 Initiative.
- I give also to Wayne County Executive Warren Evans,
- 16 where it brought in all the stakeholders it brought in
- 17 the courts, it brought in the prosecutor's office, it
- 18 brought in Circuit and 36th District Court as well. And
- 19 we worked on the backlog of cases along with the Wayne
- 20 County Sheriff and with the US Attorney's Office. And now
- 21 we have the US Attorney, Jerome Gorgon, who has been
- 22 appointed by the current administration and he has
- 23 committed more federal prosecutors towards the efforts of
- 24 federal prosecution. And so that is helping as well. And
- 25 I have called on him to assist with the uptick in gang



- 1 violence to give more federal prosecutions, and he's
- 2 committed to doing that. And so has it helped? It is a
- 3 contributing factor, but it is not the only factor.
- 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you very
- 5 kindly. There are no more questions. If we can have
- 6 Lieutenant Kelly Slaughter come to the mic and Chief, can
- 7 you present her to us?
- 8 CHIEF BETTISON: Lieutenant Kelly Slaughter currently
- 9 works on my staff. She is exceptional, excellent. Before
- 10 working on my staff, she worked on former, now CEO
- 11 White's staff as well. And she was excellent for him
- 12 also. Lieutenant Kelly Slaughter is a 28-year veteran of
- 13 the Detroit Police Department. Began her career in 1997
- 14 as a patrol officer and went on to serve community
- 15 relations, homicide and the multi-jurisdictional homicide
- 16 task force later earning a secret clearance while working
- 17 with the DEA as a task force agent. She was promoted to
- 18 sergeant in 2015, serving at the 10th Precinct and the
- 19 Force Investigation Unit, where she spent eight years
- 20 leading confidential investigations into critical officer
- 21 involved uses of force, promoted to lieutenant in 2023.
- 22 She is currently assigned to the Office of the Chief of
- 23 Police, overseeing daily operations. Lieutenant Slaughter
- 24 holds a master's of science in organizational leadership
- 25 with Wayne State University, and a Bachelor's of Science



- 1 in Criminal Justice Management and Leadership from Herzen
- 2 University, along with the certificate in litigation
- 3 related to use of force. I didn't even know that. Known
- 4 for her professionalism and integrity commitment. She is
- 5 recommended for executive appointment to the rank of
- 6 captain and also when they used to have the first 48 in
- 7 the City of Detroit, she was also featured a whole lot
- 8 when she was doing those homicide investigations.
- 9 Bringing some of the most violent of the violent into
- 10 custody and holding them accountable. I present to you
- 11 Lieutenant Kelly Slaughter.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chair, I would like to make
- 13 a motion to accept Chief of Police Todd Bettison's
- 14 recommendation to promote Lieutenant Kelly Slaughter to
- 15 the rank of Captain.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 18 Moore, and second by Commissioner Bernard. Any
- 19 discussion?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Me. Quickly. Kelly, there must
- 21 be a typo in this memo. It says that you are a 27-year
- 22 veteran of the Detroit Police Department, which will be
- 23 almost 30 years.
- LT. SLAUGHTER: Yes.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You look like you're 27. I



- 1 mean, it can't be correct that you're 27 years on the
- 2 force,
- 3 LT. SLAUGHTER: 27 years, and I'm 50 years old.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you very much. And thank
- 5 you for your service. Thank you for clarifying that.
- 6 LT. SLAUGHTER: Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You definitely don't look it.
- 8 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any more discussion? I'll
- 9 just say it has been an honor to do this. I told them to
- 10 get the background for us. I tried to find something on
- 11 you. I couldn't find anything on you, and thank you for
- 12 your stellar service and your dedication to the citizens
- 13 of the City of Detroit. All in favor say aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion
- 16 is carried. Congratulations. Have some words.
- 17 CAPTAIN SLAUGHTER: Through the Chair. I'd like to
- 18 thank Chief Bettison, the executive team and the board
- 19 for this opportunity. I'd also like to thank my family
- 20 and my husband for assisting me with my children when I
- 21 got recalled to work those late nights and crime scenes.
- 22 I'd also like to thank the Police Athletic League,
- 23 Detroit Recreational Centers, the Detroit PSL, and every
- 24 coach that ever took the time to mentor me as a young
- 25 girl because they molded me into the person I am today.



- 1 And last but not least, I'd like to thank God for keeping
- 2 me safe for 28 years.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Alright. Let's go back
- 4 to oral communication.
- 5 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you Mr. Chair. Ms. Fredia
- 6 Butler, Ms. Williams, Ms. Bernice Smith, and Pastor
- 7 Yvette Griffin.
- 8 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon.
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- 10 MS. BUTLER: And thank you Chief, for being here. And
- 11 thank you for the work that you have done. And I know
- 12 that you're going to continue to do the kind of work that
- 13 I've known for years. Commissioners, I say wake up, and I
- 14 call you giants. Things are moving rather quickly. The
- 15 President is taking over the police departments and
- 16 calling in the national guards when crime is going down
- 17 and there is no emergency. I have heard him tell
- 18 officers, do whatever you want. The courts are holding
- 19 now for the police, but other governors from three
- 20 different states are sending in their national guards to
- 21 Washington, DC. The cities he has named are all cities
- 22 with mostly black and brown populations. My concern is
- 23 that I believe that we have some officers who will follow
- 24 his instructions. The purpose of this move, I believe, is
- 25 to create disturbances so he can declare martial law and



- 1 stay in office. I hope all leaders are warning their
- 2 officers and people not to engage in unbecoming
- 3 behaviors. This too shall pass. Please listen to my plea
- 4 because the fox is already in the house and some people
- 5 are afraid and are traumatized. He is one man and some
- 6 people whom you wouldn't believe are cooperating with
- 7 him. Remember, Project 2025, we must stop fighting among
- 8 ourselves and use our collective power to defeat this
- 9 evilness. We must live free from all oppressors. Thank
- 10 you.
- 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Next speaker.
- MS. WILLIAMS: So happy you here Chief. I'm very
- 13 happy. Okay, so you mentioned technology. It's the
- 14 officers that's under the Detroit Police Department that
- 15 are ex-offenders, killers, rapists. Aisha Mohamed was at
- 16 12900 West Chicago. She's in the Detroit Police
- 17 Department. Anybody can Google her, see how her face
- 18 looked? She's on the Detroit Police Department
- 19 technology. I can't understand all these ex-convicts
- 20 coming home from prison. And on the Detroit Police
- 21 Department. It's unbelievable. Your friends, Darryl
- 22 Woods, I'm on the bus. I mentioned your name. They all
- 23 like, they know who you are. It's unacceptable. How could
- 24 they even become police officers? Because when you are in
- 25 the system, this is what they do. They give you, oh, VHL,



- 1 social security, birth certificate. I was in the system.
- 2 I see how it went. They are going to establish an ID for
- 3 you, a new identity, and then you go to the secretary of
- 4 State office, then you get this new identity. But one
- 5 thing for certain, we only have one fingerprint. Chief,
- 6 one fingerprint. So whoever is doing the background
- 7 checks, it's an inside job, period. And I'm not playing.
- 8 Like I said, I cannot identify them. They had the parole
- 9 officers; their pictures are on the sites. All these
- 10 officers that's on the Detroit Police Department, just
- 11 came home from prison, make it make sense. So, you're
- 12 sitting behind there, like I said, the FBI. Through the
- 13 Chair, you have not done anything, because these are the
- 14 people that, you know, you've been locked up for 28
- 15 years. Something that you didn't do. But this crime right
- 16 here, you were a part of this problem. Attorney right
- 17 here. So when I did my report concerning Aisha Muhammad,
- 18 and then the citizens that come in there that work at
- 19 these places, they have been in the shelters too. This is
- 20 how they know what I say when I come and make my
- 21 complaints against officers, which I don't care about. I
- 22 know it's over.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Praise the Lord.
- 24 Let's get another speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Bernice Smith.



- 1 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen.
- 2 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 4 MS. SMITH: I'm the happiest black woman you have
- 5 ever seen. I have the chief here. Let me tell you all
- 6 something. I called him this morning. And of course his
- 7 secretary answered the phone. And I said, is chief busy?
- 8 So naturally he's always busy anyway, but I just want to
- 9 let you know, you guys know God's good to me. I don't
- 10 know about any of you here. I asked him today. Here he
- 11 is. I talk with all of you, and you, young lady, I'm
- 12 proud of you. I've never met you, but I know his staff.
- 13 She's always hugging me and everything. She's going out
- 14 of the room. I love her hairdo. I told her I'm going to
- 15 do mine that way. But anyway, I am so delighted today to
- 16 come to this meeting. Because last night I saw him on TV.
- 17 He gave us a report on what's going on in this city.
- 18 That's one thing we can depend on. He's out there in
- 19 the neighborhood. He did a walk yesterday, if most of you
- 20 don't know anything about it. But the fact is, I love
- 21 this young man. I've watched him grow in the department
- 22 I'm speaking about, when he was sitting next to me at
- 23 other meetings. I have been very faithful and supportive
- 24 of him because he hasn't done anything that I know that's
- 25 wrong. I don't know about the rest of you, ladies and



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- 1 gentlemen, but I have faith in him. He's doing a hell of
- 2 a good job. And I hope he'll continue to have the
- 3 strength to continue to do what he's been doing for the
- 4 City of Detroit. I love my police department. I tell you
- 5 all the time, those that know me, you're wearing that
- 6 uniform because you're serving me and you're taking care
- 7 of me and everybody else in this City of Detroit.
- 8 And I'm proud of you. I love you and I want you to
- 9 be safe at all times. All the time. I mean it, because
- 10 God will take care of you like he has taken care of me.
- 11 Now, as far as this commission is concerned, you guys are
- 12 doing a good job. I tell you that all the time. And when
- 13 you do wrong, I will tell you about it. But so far we're
- 14 doing a good job here for the city and I'm very proud of
- 15 you and to continue to do the work that God has sent you
- 16 here to do, because It's going to be --- time up. Alright
- 17 Woods, I saw the hand.
- 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, Mother Bernice.
- 19 Thank you. We love you too. Thank you. Help her out of
- 20 her seat, please.
- 21 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman.
- 23 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I would like to say this, to
- 25 piggyback what Mother Bernice said, A lot of times people



- 1 will spin you, you know, Bettison is not that guy. He
- 2 says he's going to do something, and I'm not going to go
- 3 into detail, but he makes it happen. You know, and it's
- 4 not just Bettison, but it's Fitzgerald, and the rest of
- 5 his leadership team that's sitting over there that when I
- 6 call him, they respond. And I appreciate it on behalf of,
- 7 not only District 7, but the entire City of Detroit.
- 8 Because I'm getting calls from all over the city. So
- 9 thank you Chief and to your leadership team. Thank you so
- 10 much.
- 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- MS. SMITH: So [unclear] in our department, so I did
- 13 tell [unclear]
- 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I didn't hear that, but you
- 15 know, but go ahead. Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Could you state your name for the
- 17 record?
- 18 PASTOR GRIFFIN: Pastor Yvette Griffin. I pastor
- 19 Pilgrim Baptist Church, near Pershing High School, right
- 20 down the street from the detention center. We're a
- 21 neighbor off of Ryan and Nevada. And I wanted to thank
- 22 the Chief, because since DPD has been running that area,
- 23 Mound Nevada, Ryan, the grass has been cut.
- 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Praise the Lord.
- 25 PASTOR GRIFFIN: I had to look at the grass, it



- 1 looked like an abandoned facility. And I thank God I met
- 2 at a compSat meeting, Commander Sims, who's over that
- 3 area, and one of the pastors that's part of the northwest
- 4 clergy united; we've gotten together and we are just so
- 5 happy that you are in charge. And I want to ditto what
- 6 mother said about the Chief. The Chief has been a
- 7 blessing to the City of Detroit for many years.
- 8 PASTOR GRIFFIN: He is for the community. I've walked
- 9 with him; I've talked with him. We've made
- 10 recommendations to him, and he's listened. And as a
- 11 member of the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and
- 12 vicinity as well, we're supporting him because he is for
- 13 the people. Now, we don't know what the administration is
- 14 going to do. We don't have any control over that, but I
- 15 know what our Chief is going to do. He is going to
- 16 support the people of Detroit. And I thank you
- 17 commissioners, because I haven't heard the stuff that I
- 18 used to hear about you. The first time I've been here,
- 19 the first time I've spoken here. And I want to say that I
- 20 appreciate you supporting our Chief. Pastor Warfield, he
- 21 knows, I know him and others. And I just wanted to tell
- 22 Reverend Blount that they are cutting the grass over
- 23 there and we are going to be on them.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Praise Lord, Saint. Thank
- 25 you.



- 1 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker.
- 2 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Bolton. If you could just state
- 3 your name for the record.
- 4 REV. BOLTON: Absolutely. I am Reverend Danielle
- 5 Bolton from God Israel Ministries. And I had a couple
- 6 issues with my issues I would like to address to the
- 7 Chief. I had a couple issues. The first thing is I'm
- 8 listening to the concerns we have with our young folk.
- 9 And at the time my children were in school, they were
- 10 Avid Police Explorer cadets. The officers that ran that
- 11 program are still involved in my children's lives today,
- 12 and they are grown. I say that because with all of the
- 13 issues that we are facing with our young folk, I think we
- 14 need to hit this from more than one direction. I'm
- 15 looking at it like Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. They
- 16 were differing opinions. However, they had to stand
- 17 together to fight the common enemy. And I think we need,
- 18 I'm not talking about the police cadet, I'm talking about
- 19 the police explorers in the schools partnering with the
- 20 church groups.
- 21 Because we need people to be involved in these kids'
- 22 lives. We need people in places that they can go to when
- 23 they're in conflict. And we need to see how we're able to
- 24 work that out. The other thing is, I want to thank you
- 25 for being attainable, accessible and reachable for the



- 1 community. But I have one down thing I need to talk
- 2 about. The program that you have for families that have
- 3 lost loved ones and you set that up; it is not working.
- 4 And we need to revisit that because you have people, you
- 5 have families that are dealing with the loss of a loved
- 6 one that is not getting the support from DPD that we
- 7 should. And I am a member of that, unfortunately. So, I
- 8 would like to, at some point in time, be in touch with
- 9 you or your office so we can maybe talk about some of
- 10 these initiatives to save our kids. And also Officer
- 11 Lucrecia Wright from your staff, I tipped my hat to her
- 12 because at the time where my children were going through
- 13 the death of a father, the murder of their brother, the
- 14 loss of a granddad, she's been right there from the time
- 15 they were in third grade and they're in their middle
- 16 twenties. I tip my hat to that type of officer. Thank
- 17 you.
- 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you for your comments.
- 19 And I'm sure that whatever gaps there are in that regard,
- 20 that it would be dealt with expeditions, you know, as
- 21 quickly as possible. And I'm sorry for your loss. And
- 22 you're a good preacher too.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, can you please, I don't
- 24 know Latricia, but can you please let her know about the
- 25 comments that were made concerning her today? And that I



- 1 say congratulations and thank you to her as well for
- 2 going above and beyond, quite frankly.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURNARD: Yep. And through the Chair,
- 4 Commissioner Bernard, Lucretia Wright is excellent. And
- 5 she actually works out of my office right now in a
- 6 community outreach engagement. And so she's still there.
- 7 And I will ensure that when you contact my office, I
- 8 connect you with her. And we have a lot of exciting
- 9 things. We still have police explorers, but we also,
- 10 within the schools, have the brotherhood, the sisterhood,
- 11 where we have officers that are embedded in some of our
- 12 toughest high schools. And it's doing amazing work. But
- 13 what we have to do as a department, make sure that we're
- 14 advertising it and getting it out so that people know
- 15 what we're doing. But we're doing some amazing things.
- 16 But I'm a person, I believe we can do and more, and we
- 17 can, when it comes to continuous improvement, that's what
- 18 we're going to do. And so we're just now getting ready to
- 19 turn up even more and more as far as our
- 20 outreach and our engagement and any gaps that we have, we
- 21 will work to fill them with your help. Thank you.
- 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. And Chief, if you could
- 23 as it relates to the communication regarding the homicide
- 24 case report, have it reported back to this board that
- 25 that has been addressed?



- 1 CHIEF BETTISON: Absolutely. Thank you. Next speaker.
- 2 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair. We're going to go into
- 3 Zoom. We have Mr. Rue, and then we have former
- 4 Commissioner William Davis.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- 6 MR. RUE: Yeah. Good afternoon everyone. Good
- 7 afternoon, Chief Bettison. I've been trying to connect
- 8 with you. There's been an end to the investigative part
- 9 of the scenario. The investigation is over with. The City
- 10 of Detroit is corrupt and corrupted. The homicide unit
- 11 for the Detroit Police Department needs to be revamped
- 12 immediately if covered up, not just Kenisha Coleman, DPD
- 13 case, 20-1111-2's murder, but also Kevin Samuel and
- 14 Isaiah White. These cover ups. And now we're into the
- 15 coverup of the coverup of the coverup of
- 16 the attempted coverup that has now been stopped. I am
- 17 officially taking, not asking no more. I'm taking Mini's
- 18 ask and request that the City of Detroit, Detroit Police
- 19 Department and the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office
- 20 stop saying her mother killed herself. I'm taking it
- 21 myself, and I'm giving it to her. And there isn't
- 22 anybody, not white, black, blue, green, or yellow in the
- 23 City of Detroit that can call me a liar. Kaneisha Coleman
- 24 did not shoot herself. She was shot by Charmaine McLeod.
- 25 The Detroit Police Department needs to reevaluate that



- 1 total case from the beginning with the information I will
- 2 provide to them and make the right determination.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker.
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 6 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying I
- 7 was very pleased that Commissioner Burton asked that
- 8 question because I was going to raise that concern. As
- 9 many of you know, I'm an official with a number of
- 10 organizations and I have City of Detroit retirees all
- 11 over the country. And people are calling, asking me about
- 12 how it is that the mayor is giving credit to Trump for
- 13 lowering crime in the City of Detroit? You know, it is
- 14 troubling for people to think that's part of the reason
- 15 why crime is down, because I know that crime is not down
- 16 because of anything that has to do with that person in
- 17 the White House. But a lot of people are of the opinion
- 18 that's what the mayor's proposing and pushing and trying
- 19 to get on the president's good side for whatever reason.
- 20 But we need to have a strong push back and let
- 21 people know that there are a number of factors that are
- 22 affecting crime. And that crime in general has been
- 23 trending down even though I think that there are still
- 24 some pockets of crime that's rising up again. Also, I
- 25 hope that as the city has taken back over, you know,



- 1 detaining its own prisoners, again, that the city doesn't
- 2 go back into the condition that it was in at one time
- 3 when they had horrible conditions for the people that
- 4 they were temporary detaining, and waiting once they took
- 5 people in, because that was one of the reasons why the
- 6 Justice Department had oversight over the Detroit Police
- 7 Department. So hopefully, we will continue to try to do
- 8 better in this city, and hopefully more could be done to
- 9 make sure that RICO arrest are truly brought to light and
- 10 we could reduce the number of lawsuits that's going on in
- 11 the city. Thank you.
- 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, that is your last speaker.
- 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very kindly.
- 15 Let's go to the presentation of the board of the Human
- 16 Resource Bureau. It says 10, you don't have to use it
- 17 all.
- DIR. PATILLO: I won't. Good afternoon. Through the
- 19 Chair, I'll be presenting the human Resource report. This
- 20 report is for the month of July, and also when we go
- 21 through some of the numbers, especially for the
- 22 recruiting numbers, just realize that the fiscal year
- 23 started over. So you'll just see the lower of the
- 24 numbers. But for the month of July for the department, we
- 25 were filled at 96%. For sworn we were filled at 97% with



- 1 68 vacancies, 3% of that is the vacancies. And for
- 2 civilians it was 91% and a total of 9% for vacancies. And
- 3 at the end, I'll give you the current numbers. For the
- 4 sworn recruiting, for July 1st through to the end of the
- 5 month, we had a total of 755 applicants. In processing
- 6 was 711. We had archive 26. We hired 6 in July.
- 7 Temporary disqualified 9, permanently disqualified
- 8 9, and we had 3 that were awaiting MCOLES. For the MCOLES
- 9 testing, for the written test, we had 117, that was
- 10 scheduled, 66 appeared. We had 45, a 68% rate that
- 11 passed, 21 that failed. That was a 32% failure rate, 1
- 12 rescheduled and 50 no-shows. For the physical agility, we
- 13 had 126 scheduled, actually 126. I think that's wrong.
- 14 276 that were scheduled; 126 that appeared. We had a 59%
- 15 passing rate and a 41% failure rate. And we had zero
- 16 withdrawals, zero reschedules and zero no-shows. For the
- 17 total hires for July, we had a total of 22, 6 sworn 16
- 18 civilians. We did not have a class that graduated from
- 19 the academy for that month. For residency, for Detroit,
- 20 we had a total of 615 for sworn, 14 police assistants, 9
- 21 Detroiters. We had 2024.
- We had a total of 11 police assistants. For
- 23 civilians, we had a total for Detroit 423. For non-
- 24 Detroiters, 331. And of that for Detroit residents, we
- 25 had a total of 9 civilian professional staff, new hires.



- 1 For our student intern program, we had a total of 417.
- 2 And that commenced with the Mayoral Fellows that we had
- 3 and also the Grow Detroit Youth Talent programs. All
- 4 those programs culminated on August 8th. And so those
- 5 programs for the summer are over. Those were paid
- 6 internship programs. For the attrition, we had a total of
- 7 43, 27 for sworn, 16 for civilians. For our leave of
- 8 absence, we had a total of 13. For FMLA, continuous for
- 9 sworn, and 5 for civilians. For the FMLA intermediate, we
- 10 had 60 for sworn, 41 for civilians. Paid parental leave,
- 11 we had 17 for sworn, 2 for civilians.
- Medical leave, 1 for sworn, 4 for civilians. For
- 13 military leave, 10 for sworn. Restricted personnel were
- 14 down to 94 for sworn, 11 for civilians. Disabled are 25
- 15 for sworn, 1 for civilian. Sick is 32 for sworn, 8 for
- 16 civilians. For our suspension of personnel, we had a
- 17 total of 11, 10 police officers and 1 sergeant. For our
- 18 monthly separations, we had a total of 27, and those
- 19 breakouts were 13 for police officers, 1 for
- 20 investigator, 6 for sergeants, 5 for lieutenants, 1 for
- 21 detective, 1 for captain. That was the total for the
- 22 separations. And then for our drop program, we had a
- 23 total of 464 personnel in it. Tomorrow we will start
- 24 another class, approximately 30 candidates in that class.
- 25 We will then have 44 classes at the academy. With that



- 1 being said, when we look at the numbers for where we are
- 2 as far as net gain, for sworn officers since the
- 3 beginning of 2023. And I say that as a reference because
- 4 towards the end of '22 was the contract. We have a total
- 5 of, including tomorrow's numbers, 347 would be the net
- 6 gain. We are continuing to recruit. And if you all have
- 7 any events that you would like for us to attend, please
- 8 reach out to us at the recruiting office. Pending any
- 9 questions, that's all I have.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any questions? Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. I know that 12
- 12 people, I believe that's right, I'm looking at it,
- 13 declined our offer. What were the reasons? I'm just
- 14 interested?
- DIR. PATILLO: Where are you at?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: On the sheet that says
- 17 candidate failure by step 7/1/20 25 to 7/31/2025. It says
- 18 they declined the offer, 12 people. I'm just wondering
- 19 why? If you know off the top of your head ---
- DIR. PATILLO: I'm going to where you are. You said
- 21 declined, right?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah. But I believe I'm
- 23 reading it right. Yeah, declined offer.
- DIR. PATILLO: I see a decline that says zero.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just what are the reasons that



- 1 you're aware of why people decline our offer, because you
- 2 make, I think, is it 60,000 now you start at a year?
- 3 DIR. PATILLO: Correct. When they graduate from the
- 4 academy, they will make approximately 60,000. Are you a
- 5 candidate?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And for purposes of our new
- 7 board member, you can be 18 and just graduated from high
- 8 school and apply to go to the police department. So you
- 9 can be 18 and make 60,000 with no other degree other than
- 10 a high school diploma.
- 11 DIR. PATILLO: Correct. High school diploma or GED
- 12 certificate. And are you on the candidate failure step,
- 13 7-1 to 7/31?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah, I quess so. I just
- 15 closed it. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- DIR. PATILLO: So this decline offer says zero. You
- 17 have one that says 12.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah. But what are the
- 19 reasons? I don't need, you know, I'm just trying to
- 20 figure out why they don't want to be here.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair. I think the
- 22 axis is a little shifted, so I can see where the
- 23 commissioner was saying, it looks like 12, but it's
- 24 really zero.
- 25 DIR. PATILLO: It's zero.



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: It's zero.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, sorry about that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: The axis needs to be adjusted.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's not connected, so I was
- 5 reading it wrong.
- 6 DIR. PATILLO: Okay. I'll make sure that's corrected
- 7 next time.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Through the Chair.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER SMITH: I have a question regarding
- 12 separations with regards to the poaching law. So those
- 13 officers that are subject to the terms of the poaching
- 14 law, how is that handled to recoup the money, and where
- 15 is that money going?
- DIR. PATILLO: So you're talking about the bill that
- 17 was passed. It basically says that if it's 4 years or
- 18 less, they have to pay back a certain percentage of the
- 19 academy. So we finalized how we were going to do that.
- 20 Last week, we met with the corporation counsel. I believe
- 21 we have approximately 6 that we're working on right now
- 22 since that program started. We will finalize the
- 23 information. We send over the information to corporation
- 24 counsel. They are going to draft up the paperwork. They
- 25 will notify the candidate and also notify the agency that



- 1 they went to. And then tell them that they pretty much
- 2 have to pay the money back. And then they will notify us
- 3 when we get the recruitment of that payment back.
- 4 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Would you like to be
- 6 informed when they pay us our money back?
- 7 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Absolutely, yes.
- 8 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So please keep us updated on
- 9 that. And in the line of separation, I see that we had
- 10 two people resign in lieu of termination. We like to be
- 11 updated on that. And when that happens, we want to be
- 12 informed immediately of when that happened.
- 13 DIR. PATILLO: Okay.
- 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And the reasons why. And any
- 15 other questions? There have been no other questions.
- 16 Thank you for your great report. I think next we have the
- 17 missing and recovered person's report. You don't look
- 18 like Sergeant Shannon Jones.
- 19 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: He's here.
- 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: In lieu of Sergeant Jones,
- 21 we have Captain Marcus Thirkill.
- 22 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Greetings to this honorable board.
- 23 Captain Marcus Thirkill, the captain of the Detroit
- 24 Police Homicide Division. And I also oversee the missing
- 25 persons team as well as our department's Fatal Squad.



- 1 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, if you could talk into
- 2 the mic a little bit? Yeah. Thank you.
- 3 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Okay. Is that better?
- 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 5 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: So today, I'll be doing a
- 6 presentation about our missing persons team. The Detroit
- 7 Police Missing Persons Division investigates long-term
- 8 missing person cases. Cases that are suspected foul play,
- 9 anything that we have. The department issues an Amber
- 10 Alert on. Abductions, kidnappings. We also assist with
- 11 unidentified human remains, vulnerable missings, which
- 12 are classified by age, mental disability, or physical
- 13 disabilities. Also, any special circumstances such as
- 14 witnesses to crimes, recent domestic violence victims.
- 15 And we also provide training to each of the precincts.
- 16 Missing persons. We're tasked with handling all missing
- 17 persons that are reported missing in the 6th and 8th
- 18 Precincts. But we also assist, and we'll take in any of
- 19 those other missings citywide that meet the criteria I
- 20 just presented. The staffing at missing person currently
- 21 sits at one Lieutenant, Lieutenant Paul Brown, who's also
- 22 here in attendance as well as Sergeant Shannon Jones,
- 23 Sergeant Simeon Clinton, who's also in attendance. And we
- 24 have 5 detectives that are assigned to the missing
- 25 persons division as well.



- 1 The statistics for 2025 currently year-to-date,
- 2 we've had 1,891 persons reported missing. Out of those
- 3 1,891 1,722 of those cases have been closed. And we
- 4 currently sit at a 91% closure rating for this year. We
- 5 have 169 cases that we are actively working on throughout
- 6 the city. And just 2024 missing totals. For the year of
- 7 2024, we handled 3,242 missings. Out of those 3,242,
- 8 3,213 of those missings were recovered, and the cases
- 9 were closed. And we have 29 remaining. And also for the
- 10 year 2023, we have 25 cases that are still active and not
- 11 closed out. Year-to-date, we have the breakdown out of
- 12 the 1,891 we have 788 adult missings, 997 juveniles
- 13 reported missing. And 67 children between the ages of 5
- 14 and 10 and 39 reported missings for ages 5, and under.
- 15 The demographics by gender, year-to-date, we have 187;
- 16 878 males and 1013 reported females missing year-to-date.
- Once again, the majority of those cases have been
- 18 closed out. The next thing I will discuss is the 2025
- 19 missing person cases reported missing by precinct. The
- 20 2nd Precinct, year-to-date has 161 reports of missings in
- 21 the 2nd Precinct. And out of those 161, 145 of those have
- 22 been closed. The 3rd Precinct, 103, reported missings, 95
- 23 have been closed. The 4th Precinct, 77 reported missings
- 24 with 75 closed. The 5th Precinct, 239 reports with 213
- 25 closed. 194 for the 6th Precinct with 181 closed, 120 for



- 1 the 7th, and 112 closed. The 8th Precinct, 225, and 212
- 2 of those have been closed. The 9th Precinct, 259 with 241
- 3 closed; the 10th Precinct, 196 with 171 closed; the 11th
- 4 Precinct, 132 with 113 closed. And the 12th Precinct, 185
- 5 with 164 closed.
- 6 CHIEF BETTISON: I just want to interrupt really
- 7 quickly. Captain Thirkill, when you say closed, just for
- 8 the community, and I know we speak a lot of police
- 9 language and jargon with the breakdown of closed, you
- 10 know, just break that down as far as letting individuals
- 11 know that that means recovered home safely, et cetera.
- 12 Because I think that it can be ---
- 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I was going to ask that
- 14 question.
- 15 CHIEF BETTISON: They need to know what closed means.
- 16 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: So closed, we have officers who
- 17 will go out or some individuals from our detective unit,
- 18 a uniform officer. The individual who reported that
- 19 person missing may bring that person into any police
- 20 station. And we have verified that person has been
- 21 returned safely back to the person who has reported them
- 22 missing or to a relative. And we verified that they are
- 23 well and okay. And we've since closed that case out and
- 24 that ---
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You might want to say,



- 1 safely returned.
- 2 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Safely returned. And that's what
- 3 we consider a closed case.
- 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair.
- 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, go ahead.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So what if you find that the
- 8 person's deceased is considered a close case?
- 9 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: We would consider that closed and
- 10 if that person is deceased, then we'll close it out.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes. But then initiate a
- 12 homicide or whatever.
- 13 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: If it's determined to be a
- 14 homicide investigation, then we'll classify that. If the
- 15 person died in the hospice and the family is from out of
- 16 town; there are just varying circumstances that would
- 17 determine. But most of the time, if we've located that
- 18 person, we would then close the case out.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir.
- 20 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: I just want to highlight one of
- 21 the cases. I can talk about tons of cases that our
- 22 missing person team has closed and worked on. But the one
- 23 case I want to highlight for 2025 was the London Thomas
- 24 Case. Some in the room may be familiar with it. It got a
- 25 lot of media attention. London was reported missing in



- 1 Detroit as well as in another city. And our missing
- 2 person team handled the case quickly, began investigating
- 3 the case and assisted with that case until,
- 4 unfortunately, her remains were located in another city.
- 5 The team worked tirelessly on that case along with the
- 6 FBI, the Michigan State Police. And once her body was
- 7 recovered in April, we have since turned that
- 8 investigation over to the Michigan State Police, who is
- 9 the lead agency investigating that case. They worked
- 10 24/7, the phones ringing throughout the night. They're
- 11 getting calls from families. And we do our very best to
- 12 do whatever we can to locate missings, going above and
- 13 beyond, not only for one, but for all. The team,
- 14 definitely. I just want to commend the work that they do
- 15 to support and service the citizens of Detroit.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, thank you. I would
- 17 like to see how many that were deceased as well as foul
- 18 play. So, if foul play was involved, I think that the
- 19 public would want to know that and if they were deceased;
- 20 because it seemed like you're saying if it's closed,
- 21 you're not distinguishing whether they are deceased or
- 22 not deceased because closed is closed in your mind. But
- 23 far as for the public to know whether foul play was
- 24 involved that should be distinguished in your reporting.
- 25 And we would like to know how many people on this list



- 1 when you close it out were deceased, if any and whether
- 2 foul play was involved, you know, to be able to
- 3 distinguish that number, what is the percentage of foul
- 4 play in these cases?
- 5 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Absolutely. I can provide that
- 6 information.
- 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Any further questions?
- 8 Yes, sir, and then Commissioner Bernard.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So
- 10 Captain, recently there was a case where a young man was
- 11 found in the cemetery with a mask on and gloves, that's
- 12 what you call it? Yeah. So can you give us an update to
- 13 that case, I know the prosecutor's office has it, but can
- 14 you give us any details on it?
- 15 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Without disrupting the integrity
- 16 of the investigation, we did make some arrests in that
- 17 case. We did make an arrest in that case. And the case is
- 18 ongoing. A warrant was submitted to the Wayne County
- 19 Prosecutor's Office. The individual who was taken into
- 20 custody has not been released, and he's being held on
- 21 charges unrelated to this investigation. But we are
- 22 currently working with the Wayne County Prosecutor's
- 23 Office as they finalize their decision-making process.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And the second question, dealing
- 25 with the Amber Alerts, does your unit issue the Amber



- 1 Alerts or ---?
- 2 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: The Amber alerts are issued by ---
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The Amber Alert that you are
- 4 talking about?
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Oh, Amber. The Amber Alerts.
- 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The Amber Alert. Okay.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I just was wondering, if that's
- 8 initiated by your unit or is that one of the criteria or
- 9 type of issues that you handle?
- 10 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: So the Amber Alerts are issued by
- 11 the state. We'll provide information to them during the
- 12 course of our investigation and they will issue the Amber
- 13 Alert.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: But DPD does give the state
- 15 Amber Alerts?
- 16 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: The information to issue an Amber
- 17 Alert.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And what's that process?
- 19 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Sergeant Jones, would you like to
- 20 talk about that process?
- 21 SERGEANT JONES: Good afternoon.
- 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 23 SERGEANT JONES: You're asking the process of an
- 24 Amber alert?
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes. How does it get to the



- 1 state police?
- 2 SERGEANT JONES: So if there's a Amber Alert or a
- 3 kidnapping that we believe has occurred and we're able to
- 4 verify that a kidnapping has happened, our team is
- 5 notified. We fill out some certain forms that are
- 6 required by the state and then I will contact the state
- 7 police. We share this information, and then they upload
- 8 it into a portal where it'll then get pushed out to the
- 9 city.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So it does run through your
- 11 unit, then.
- 12 SERGEANT JONES: It starts with us to do the
- 13 investigation, and once we determine it is an Amber
- 14 Alert, then we ask the state police to issue that Amber
- 15 Alert out.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So it's incumbent among, for the
- 17 police officers on the front line, to kind of do their
- 18 due diligence. Because a lot of kids are running around
- 19 and people are saying, well, how come it's not an Amber
- 20 Alert issue?
- 21 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: Amber alerts are only issued if
- 22 it's kidnapping. Those were kind of the scenarios where
- 23 we'll issue an Amber Alert to the state, and we have to
- 24 meet the criteria for the Amber Alert that's set-in place
- 25 by the state.



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay, thank you.
- 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: How do you distinguish that
- 3 from the Emerald Alert. The new Emerald Alert system now
- 4 is to notify the public that a person is missing, right?
- 5 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: That is correct. So, we can issue
- 6 an Emerald alert because we have control over that as a
- 7 city. We do have some criteria that we have in place for
- 8 that. If a person has special needs, if we have someone
- 9 who may be out driving who may suffer from dementia
- 10 instances like that, we may issue an Emerald Alert where
- 11 they may not be in harm, but their safety is of concern,
- 12 their personal safety because of potential wellbeing. And
- 13 if it's an age-related issue, we'll issue an Emerald
- 14 Alert as well.
- 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And so it takes the
- 16 downloading of an app to get the Emerald Alert into your
- 17 phone system?
- 18 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: That is correct. The City of
- 19 Detroit app. And if they click on --- I'm not an expert
- 20 in this, but if you click on the alerts for missings, you
- 21 will receive an alert anytime we've pushed out an Emerald
- 22 Alert for a missing person.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So what is the PR campaign
- 24 to be able to make sure that citizens are able to
- 25 download that app? Are we, you know, getting it to faith-



- 1 based organization, community-based organization? We're
- 2 going to be rolling it out strong for people to download
- 3 that?
- 4 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: That is correct. We held a press
- 5 conference that the Chief held. That was one of the
- 6 kickoff campaigns for the Emerald Alert. And I'm sure our
- 7 department will do everything that we can to ensure that
- 8 the public has this information and are well aware of
- 9 this Emerald Alert.
- 10 CHIEF BETTISON: And just to chime in. Our media
- 11 director with our media relations team is working on
- 12 that. And it's on our DPD Facebook, on our social media.
- 13 And I actually went on a couple television stations and
- 14 pushed it out as well. But we will continue with our
- 15 efforts in everything that we do as we're out pushing
- 16 that message.
- 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Madam Secretary, if
- 18 you could make sure that is on our Facebook page in terms
- 19 of our new Emerald Alert system. Any information that
- 20 alerts citizens on how they can be able to utilize that
- 21 apparatus, that'd be appreciated. Yes ma'am.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, I have a
- 23 recommendation and then a question. In terms of missing
- 24 persons, I've used your system. My child, whose mother
- 25 was actually killed by her father. And of course he went



- 1 to jail and her mother went to the cemetery. I went to
- 2 the police department several times because she just
- 3 disappeared and wasn't in school or anything like that.
- 4 And then she would come back in 4 or 5 days, something
- 5 like that. Number one, I think that your criteria should
- 6 indicate when persons have sort of, if you voluntarily
- 7 left and voluntarily return. So the stats don't look so
- 8 bad, because kids do, you know, foolishness as my mama
- 9 used to say, resting in the bosom of a child. So, they do
- 10 crazy things all the time when they go with a boyfriend
- 11 and go do whatever they're doing.
- 12 So that's number one. So, it's almost like a
- 13 temporary missing. That's the point. And I think that
- 14 makes our stats look better. And of course, the ages of
- 15 people who are missing is also important. But the
- 16 question I have for you relates to the Emerald Alert. If
- 17 somebody puts the Emerald Alert on their phone, is that a
- 18 way that the police department can track me, for example,
- 19 if I put it on my phone? Secondly, if you were looking
- 20 for me or you wanted to arrest me or something, for
- 21 purposes of the criminal justice system, can you use the
- 22 Emerald Alert information to also track a person?
- 23 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: No.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You're sure about this?
- 25 CAPTAIN THIRKILL: To my knowledge, I don't believe



- 1 that we can, I don't believe that the Emerald Alert
- 2 System has a tracking capability, but I do have some
- 3 brochures I brought down with me that I'd be willing to
- 4 leave here and make sure that everyone on the board has,
- 5 just to share a little information about the Emerald
- 6 Alert.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chief, do you mind if you ---
- 8 no disrespect intended, but Chief, is the federal
- 9 government also, I'm saying included. I don't know how to
- 10 put this, you know, attached somehow to the alert system
- 11 and would they be also attached to the Emerald system?
- 12 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair? No, I have not
- 13 asked them to do that at all. No, they're not. No, no,
- 14 absolutely not.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So it is a private system?
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: It is a City of Detroit system, and
- 17 we are utilizing Detroit 365 and we've added the category
- 18 for Missings. And it also, when you download the App 365,
- 19 it also has other vital functions that can help you as a
- 20 resident. If it was an issue where we needed to do a mass
- 21 evacuation, we could target specific geographic areas in
- 22 the city, not to disturb everyone else. So it has a lot
- 23 of other benefits as well. And I'll use the water main
- 24 break that happened over in southwest Detroit where we
- 25 had to do evacuations of residents when we had water that



- 1 was approximately six feet deep back in February. If
- 2 individuals had been signed up for the 365 alert in that
- 3 area, we could have pushed it out and they would've got
- 4 it on their phones specifically for that area. So,
- 5 citizens ask all the time, chief, how can we help? How
- 6 can we be a part? You can definitely help the chief and
- 7 help yourself by downloading the app so that you can get
- 8 vital information.
- 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Secretary Report and
- 10 I'm sure that the commissioner is not on the run, so she
- 11 is not dodging law enforcement.
- MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair. Under your tab 6,
- 13 commissioners today, you have a number of reports that
- 14 have been received in your office. There's also the
- 15 policy committee memorandum from the policy meeting on
- 16 Tuesday, which brings us to the announcements of upcoming
- 17 meetings. Next Thursday, we will be here at Public Safety
- 18 Headquarters at 3:00 PM. Our September community meeting
- 19 is on Thursday, September 11th, 6:30 PM, 4th Precinct,
- 20 and it will be held at Marathon All Michigan
- 21 headquarters, located at 1001 South Oakwood Avenue,
- 22 Detroit. The next committee meeting will be Policy
- 23 Committee, again next Tuesday, August 26th, 5:00 PM, in
- 24 the Woodward Room here in the Public Safety Headquarters.
- 25 And that will end the report for today, sir.



1	VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any unfinished business? No
2	unfinished business. Any new business. No new business?
3	What is the pleasure?
4	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move to adjourn.
5	COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
6	VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion to adjourn by
7	Commissioner Bernard, supported by Commissioner Moore.
8	Any discussion? All in favor say, Aye.
9	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
10	VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion
11	is carried. We are adjourned.
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