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CITY OF DETROIT  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
October 9, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

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3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thursday, October 9th, 6:30.  
4 Police Commissioners meeting. We're here at the Considine  
5 Little Rock Recreation Center on Woodward Avenue. And I'd  
6 like to begin by calling the meeting to order. We're  
7 going to have the invocation done by Chaplain Brandon  
8 Johnson, if he's on Zoom yet. I think we need to check.  
9 Is the chaplain on Zoom? Okay. Apparently he's not on  
10 yet. Could we ask Commissioner Banks if he would be so  
11 kind as to give the prayer?

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, I would, Chair. Father, we  
13 thank you right now for today, that this is the day you  
14 have made. We thank you for the commissioners. Father,  
15 say something. Use the commissioners in a mighty way to  
16 say something to impact the community. Put the words in a  
17 spirit to impact the community, in the name of Jesus. And  
18 we thank you for the Detroit Police Department for  
19 keeping them safe, keeping them covered, keeping your  
20 arms around them, protecting them and their families, in  
21 the name of Jesus. Just wrap your angels around every  
22 officer right now as they are on the highways and the  
23 byways, and as they get out in the community. We thank  
24 you, Lord, for your loving hands, protecting them in the  
25 name of Jesus; and all the community residents, community

1 activists, in the name of Jesus. We thank you Lord, for  
2 allowing them to receive, in the name of Jesus, and not  
3 just to receive; give something back to the community as  
4 they come forward with the public comments that will  
5 impact the community, that will resonate with the  
6 community. In Jesus' name, we thank you for today, and we  
7 thank you for covering us all in the blood of Jesus. Amen  
8 and Amen.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Amen. Thank you,  
10 commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: And at this time, I'd like  
13 to ask the Secretary to perform the roll call, please.

14 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dewaelsche -  
15 Present

16 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present.

17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Attorney Linda  
18 Bernard, Present. District 2.

19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present. District  
20 3.

21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell is excused.

22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present. District  
23 5.

24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter is excused.

25 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Jones - Present.

1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.

2 MS. GARNIER: Seven present, Madam Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Madam Secretary.

4 I'd like to ask Commissioner Burton if he would like to  
5 say a few words. This is his District.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. I'd like to thank  
7 the community for coming out on behalf of myself and  
8 Commissioner Lisa Carter, who also represents the 3rd  
9 Precinct as well. I definitely wanted to say thank you to  
10 our NPOs, our community leaders, the community police  
11 relations; Leslie Malcolmson and her team, our commander  
12 and captain for number 3, the NPOs. I want to thank our  
13 Chief Todd Bettison, as well as I want to take the  
14 opportunity to thank my colleagues here on the Board of  
15 Police Commissioners for playing a very important role in  
16 helping keeping our community safe. And so it's been  
17 great serving in this community. This is one of the best  
18 days in which we can sit here and we can say thank you  
19 all; our neighborhood associations, community partners  
20 thank you for being here. Thank you for helping and  
21 assisting DPD and continue to pray for our men and women  
22 in blue, and continue to pray for the board as well as  
23 myself. But we know we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for  
24 you. So thank you for the work you do making a difference  
25 in our community.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner. May  
2 I have a motion to approve the October 9th agenda?

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So move.

4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support, Madam Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by  
6 Commissioner Banks, supported by Commissioner Jones. Is  
7 there any discussion? All those in favor, indicate by  
8 saying, Aye.

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.  
11 Thank you. And now, could I get a motion to approve the  
12 minutes of October 2nd?

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: So move, Madam Chair?

14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by  
16 Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Is  
17 there any discussion? All those in favor, indicate by  
18 saying, Aye.

19 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.  
21 And at this time, I'd like to ask Madam Secretary, if she  
22 would introduce the Staff, the Chief of Police, Elected  
23 Officials, Representatives, and Community Leaders.

24 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the Chair, present  
25 and registered at this time are the following

1 individuals: Corporate Counsel Conrad Mallett, Drew  
2 Fries, Felicia Tyson, Teresa Blossom, Jonya Underwood,  
3 Mary Barber, Artemisia Joshua; Supervising Investigator  
4 Elgin Murphy. Our interpreters on Zoom today are Lindsey  
5 Weekend and Stephanie Beatty, court reporter Don  
6 Handyside, Enrique Jackson for Audio Visual. And Charles  
7 Henry for Media Services. Deputy, I'm sorry. Chief  
8 Bettison. Deputy Chief Arnold Williams is also here. The  
9 3rd Precinct Commander, Matthew Fulgenzi; 3rd Precinct  
10 Captain Shaun Dunning. Representatives are as follows:  
11 Gwen Vining, who is the leader here at Considine  
12 Recreation Center. The 3rd Precinct Community Relations  
13 representatives are Leslie Malcolmson, President, Ken  
14 Smith, Vice President, Levon Smith, Secretary, Rita  
15 Smith, Recording Secretary, Ernest Little, Treasurer.

16 I don't see Ms. Butler. Nicole Fisher, 4th Precinct  
17 Community Relations. Marie Overall from State  
18 Representative Tyrone Carter's office. Ms. LaDon Davis,  
19 office of Council member Fred Durhal. And former  
20 Commissioner William Davis is on Zoom. And those are all  
21 the individuals registered at this time, Madam Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Thank you, Madam  
23 Secretary. I'd like to, on behalf of the Board of Police  
24 Commissioners, extend our appreciation to Ms. Gwen  
25 Vining. I think it is, did I pronounce that right; who is

1 the leader of the Considine Recreation Center, the host  
2 of this evening's community meeting. Would she like to  
3 get up and say a word or two? Okay.

4 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes.

6 MS. GARNIER: I believe she's in the vestibule as a  
7 reception leader.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. That's okay. Maybe we  
9 could ask her a little bit later. Thank you. Now I'd like  
10 to turn this over to the Chief of Police

11 CHIEF BETTISON: Greetings board. And is this time  
12 for the Chief's report? It's time for the Chief's Report.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: It says, Chief of Police and  
14 Third Precinct Reports. CHIEF BETTISON: Well, excellent,  
15 excellent. Well, I had a Walk-a-Mile Wednesday yesterday,  
16 and I just want to say, thank you to Commissioner Woods.  
17 He came out and walked with me over to the 11th Precinct.  
18 It was a great turnout and I am very appreciative of  
19 that. We had about a hundred folks come out. Council  
20 member Scott Benson came out as well, and that's always a  
21 good time. And next week will be the final finale because  
22 we're coming to a closeout and we're going to be in  
23 Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche District. So we're going to be  
24 over in the 4th Precinct on the Southwest side. So I'll  
25 make sure that each commissioner gets a flyer, the

1 invitation, because I would love to see you all out there  
2 with me.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Great.

4 CHIEF BETTISON: It's just a real good time. On  
5 Monday, I stood with the mayor and stood with, as I said,  
6 all of my friends, to have a press conference to update  
7 the community on our third quarter results when it comes  
8 to crime.

9 And so at the press conference we had the US  
10 attorney Jerome Gorgon. We also had representatives from  
11 the ATF. We had Michigan State Police, Colonel Grady,  
12 Wayne County Sheriff Raphael, Washington, Chief Judge  
13 McConnell from 36th District Court, CEO, Warren Evans,  
14 also Patricia Fresard, the Chief Judge of Circuit Court,  
15 along with all of the Community Violence Intervention  
16 Groups standing to share what I will say progress,  
17 because I can't celebrate per se, because we say that one  
18 homicide is one too many, one victim is one too many. So  
19 when we talk about crime stats and the reduction of crime  
20 we do celebrate the progress that we're making. And the  
21 strategy that we're implementing is working with a  
22 collaborative partnership. And so the third quarter  
23 results, compared to previous years and years before  
24 that; and that's the time period of January the 1st  
25 through September the 30th.



1 And so in the category of homicide the change from  
2 2024 is 15%. So that may not sound significant, but it  
3 really is significant when you consider year over year,  
4 we're comparing ourselves to the previous year. And for  
5 years, going back to '22, it's been steadily reducing. So  
6 if there were a map up and it showed, it would be  
7 constantly going down. So in 2022, during the third  
8 quarter, we had 223 homicides. In 2023, it dropped down  
9 to a 198; 2024, 155; and in 2025, sitting at 132. So with  
10 the strategies, the partnerships, the technology, which  
11 the board, you know, of course oversees the policies with  
12 the raises for police officers being roughly at 99% fully  
13 staffed. And continuing on with our community violence  
14 intervention groups, the strategy is working in the City  
15 of Detroit, and we're going to keep on, when it comes to  
16 that strategy. What we have is working.

17 Non-fatal shootings. It gets even larger when we  
18 talk about the impact of reduction. And so compared to  
19 2022 to 2025, the change has been 50%. That is  
20 significant. And I need to point out that the closure  
21 rate, meaning the individuals that we actually apprehend  
22 for those types of crimes, is at 65%. Going back in the  
23 early 2000s, it used to be about 15% in the City of  
24 Detroit. And so we've completely changed that. We're  
25 holding individuals accountable. And so the change from

1 2025, from 2024 is 22%. So just to give you an idea what  
2 it means in whole numbers. In 2022, 727 individuals shot  
3 in the first 3 quarters. In 2023, it had dropped down to  
4 666; 2024, 469. And as of 2025, we're sitting at 366.  
5 Those are individuals who were shot by gunfire in the  
6 City of Detroit that survived. We are going to continue  
7 in our direction, working collaboratively in doing the,  
8 AND, layer after layer, working with this board,  
9 community members, groups, everything that we can to  
10 ensure that we become one of the safest big cities in  
11 America.

12 Now, carjackings. I remember a time when this city  
13 was called carjack city, and I think we all remember a  
14 time in the early 2000s, even going back to the '90s,  
15 where it was almost expected that if you went out to a  
16 location, a gas station, et cetera, we saw on the news  
17 every day, multiple people had been carjacked. Based on  
18 the strategies, the implementation of the Green Light  
19 program, which was something that we put in effect to  
20 curtail that because we knew that carjackings were  
21 particularly happening at gas stations, party stores,  
22 fast food restaurants, and those were the areas that we  
23 first implemented with the Green Light. We started with 8  
24 businesses, gas stations. Right now we have over 1000  
25 Green Light locations in the City of Detroit. And so if

1 we go back to 2013, through the 3rd quarter, there were  
2 537 carjackings in the City of Detroit.

3 537 bounced to 2025 to show you when you put the  
4 right strategy in place, what we can accomplish in 64.  
5 That's a 88% reduction. So I just want to let Detroit  
6 know that the men and women of the Detroit Police  
7 Department are working very, very hard. They're working  
8 in a spirit of collaboration. We put egos aside and we  
9 work together and we can do it, and we are doing it, and  
10 we will not stop. So I won't take any more time. I'll  
11 turn it over to the 3rd Precinct for their presentation.  
12 And Commander Fulgenzi, Captain Dunning, and I don't see  
13 Duda here who's a part of Downtown Services, but they are  
14 an awesome trio and they get it done and just don't stop.  
15 So I have an excellent command team, and at this point  
16 I'll turn it over to Commander Fulgenzi.

17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Madam Chair, before they begin,  
18 can we ask the chief questions?

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes. I was just going to  
20 say, chief, if we could just ask questions.

21 CHIEF BETTISON: Absolutely.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: First?

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Just one minute. Are there  
24 any commissioners who have questions, please?

25 Commissioner Moore.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a  
2 quick question, chief. When is a crime stack categorized  
3 as a crime? Say, for instance, someone walks into a  
4 precinct saying they were robbed. At what point does the  
5 calculation start for that to be listed as a crime?

6 CHIEF BETTISON: So in the reports, and we have open  
7 data, and so that's one of the things. When you make a  
8 report, we consider it a crime at that time, but it's  
9 preliminary information. So we always put preliminary  
10 crime data, but we treat that as a crime. And we start  
11 investigating, determining on what the investigator  
12 finds, the detective finds, sometimes, and oftentimes, we  
13 will determine that what was reported, it may not be a  
14 crime in this category, it may be a crime in another  
15 category, or it may not be a crime at all. And so, for  
16 the purposes of the FBI, the UCR crime reporting, at that  
17 point that it has been verified to be a crime through  
18 detective work, then it is actually reported to the FBI.  
19 And so that's how all of our crime reports, what I report  
20 out, it's preliminary in nature.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Banks, did you  
24 have your hand up, sir?

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: No. Okay. Commissioner  
2 Burton and then Commissioner Bernard.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. Madam Chairwoman, I  
4 just want to thank the chief and his team for the hard  
5 work and services they do. We just learned that crime is  
6 dropping in the community, dropping in the city. That is  
7 because we have great leadership at the top, starting  
8 with the chief of police, but also with the rank and  
9 file, and the rest of the staff and officers on patrol as  
10 well. So this is a great department. This department has  
11 come a long way in the past 12, 15 years. But we have  
12 officers that want to leave other cities now, and want to  
13 come here and be officers in Detroit. So that's something  
14 that we are doing right in the City of Detroit, and once  
15 again, leadership always starts at the top. And we have a  
16 great chief who's out there, Walk-a-Mile Wednesdays, has  
17 the community walking along, sharing tips, and the  
18 community groups and CVI; let's give it up to CBI who's  
19 doing a great job. Because those are the partnerships and  
20 community organizations that are making a difference. And  
21 so I want to thank the CBI and those organizations. Thank  
22 the chief for bringing us all together to help us lower  
23 crime. Thank you all.

24 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you, commissioner.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner.

1 Commissioner Bernard.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, chief. First of  
3 all, thank you again for an excellent report. It's  
4 outstanding as usual, but I'd expect nothing less from  
5 you. But in any event, I want to ask you a question about  
6 the overdose related calls and drug trafficked in  
7 Detroit. You've got, as you said earlier, the carjackings  
8 and other types of crimes, many assaultive crimes under  
9 control, but we're still trending really kind of high in  
10 the drug overdose, drug abuse area, and I have two  
11 questions. One, have you been able to identify --- I know  
12 it's not just your job. I know the feds are involved as  
13 well with where the drugs are coming from into Detroit?  
14 I'm not talking about marijuana. That doesn't count. I'm  
15 talking about the ones that people can overdose on. Where  
16 are they coming from, and do you have anything special,  
17 or are you or the federal government involved in any  
18 special initiative to try to stop that traffic in our  
19 community?

20 CHIEF BETTISON: Commissioner Bernard, thank you and  
21 absolutely. And you may have seen it on television last  
22 week. We partner with everyone and so the [crosstalk]  
23 DEA. I have officers that are on the DEA drug task force  
24 as well. So we work collaboratively together, and they  
25 just made a substantial, one of the largest busts in

1 Michigan history of fentanyl. They have millions of  
2 dollars' worth of Fentanyl, street value off the street,  
3 have individuals locked up in custody, and so they'll be  
4 charged with that one compensation of drugs, that  
5 fentanyl, it could have killed thousands of people. And  
6 so we know how deadly fentanyl is, but they also have  
7 other drugs that they'll mix it with as well, like the  
8 xylazine, which is a horse tranquilizer. And they'll mix  
9 that with the opioids. It just causes a major problem. So  
10 our goal is to continue to use every effort possible  
11 collaboratively working together with the DEA to get  
12 those types of large busts of those dangerous drugs.

13 And so, it is coming from a lot of different places.  
14 We know that the fentanyl, a lot of it, is made in China  
15 and is trafficked over here. It is still coming from  
16 south of the border as well, and it comes from north of  
17 the border. And so they also confiscate a lot of drugs  
18 with individuals going across our international bridge,  
19 our ports, and working together collaboratively with the  
20 border patrol because they're constantly stopping drugs,  
21 whether it's going over there or coming over here. That's  
22 why they scan the cars so carefully. And then it's not  
23 just the drugs, it is seizures when it comes to firearms  
24 also. So they do that. And so we are going to continue  
25 with our effort and just stay tuned because there is

1 going to be a lot more of that to come right there.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Go ahead.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: As a follow up really quickly.

5 In your experience now, is the number one drug that's  
6 abused in the City of Detroit, or that is addictive? Is  
7 it fentanyl? It's no longer heroin or cocaine or any of  
8 that stuff that we used to hear about all the time?

9 CHIEF BETTISON: Believe it or not, it is a  
10 combination in a mixture of a whole lot of stuff, because  
11 crack is still on the street too.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Crack is still --- okay.

13 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes. Individuals are still smoking  
14 crack as well. So it is not as popular as it used to be.  
15 And we also have meth, as individuals in the area are on  
16 meth. But the heroin, along with the fentanyl lace with  
17 that, and then it is a big issue when it comes to the  
18 pills, you know, popping the pills, the abuse. And so one  
19 of the things that we did is to put in our drug, take  
20 back, the prescription drug drop boxes in the precincts  
21 to offer Detroiters a way to get rid of unused medication  
22 more freely in their house, because we don't want those  
23 pills just sitting around where a child can get them or  
24 somebody else can get them and start abusing pain pills,  
25 prescription medication. So we're working on the



1 preventative end, the deterrent end, but also when it's  
2 abused and individuals of trafficking poison in our  
3 community of the enforcement end as well.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, chief.

5 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you, ma'am.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHKE: Any other questions?

7 Commissioner Woods, go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Good seeing you, chief. And  
9 again, great reporting. It is always good to see you out  
10 in the community, engaging in a way that you engage the  
11 community, going on doors, knocking on doors, and loving  
12 on the people in the community. They respond very, very  
13 well to that. I see in our report that you had a sergeant  
14 that resigned and another police officer out of the 12th  
15 Precinct; a sergeant from the 5th Precinct and an officer  
16 from the 12th Precinct. Did they resign in good standing?

17 CHIEF BETTISON: I didn't see that report piece right  
18 there. So I'm not familiar with that, whether or not they  
19 resigned in good standing, but I can tell you that I  
20 frequently discipline individuals and so I would have to  
21 look at the names and ---

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I can show them to you.

23 CHIEF BETTISON: You can show them to me, but when it  
24 comes to holding individuals accountable, if an  
25 individual resigns, and is not in good standing and it's

1 under investigation, it says resignation resigned under  
2 charges. And so when that information is also shared with  
3 the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is  
4 put into the system so that if they are out and they  
5 attempt to get another job with another police agency,  
6 that police agency can readily see that those  
7 individuals, rather than face charges in the Detroit  
8 Police Department, that they left us under charges. And  
9 that really works because there have been individuals who  
10 have gone to other agencies, and when that flag pops up,  
11 what I will tell you is that the agency will reach out  
12 and call. And so the system is working. I'm very in touch  
13 and we communicate very, very frequently with MCOLES and  
14 we enter that information.

15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay, because we received the  
16 report from your office and what do ICE mean? It's  
17 something that is written on here that said ICE and caps.  
18 I'm not sure. Deputy Chief, can you show this to him,  
19 right here? Thank you.

20 CHIEF BETTISON: Oh, that means exactly what it  
21 means. ICE. That means that this individual resigned to  
22 go and take up a new career to work for Immigration's  
23 Customs Enforcement.

24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay.

25 CHIEF BETTISON: And so they're giving out right now

1 of substantial bonuses. And so one of the things that  
2 they're doing, and you may see more of this, and this is  
3 not just affecting Detroit, but other police agencies as  
4 well. Giving up to a \$50,000 signing bonus. Listen, up to  
5 a \$50,000 signing bonus, because they're actively hiring  
6 individuals.

7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. I know I hadn't seen it  
8 before. I tried to read every page that I got from our  
9 package and wanted to know what was going on. And so, is  
10 this the first one; is it the only one that has left like  
11 this, or ---?

12 CHIEF BETTISON: I know Director Patillo will be able  
13 to give more information on it with the HR side of it,  
14 but I believe we've lost about maybe 4 now. I'll use the  
15 word approximately, but approximately 4.

16 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Can you have her report that out  
17 to the board and let us know how many officers that we  
18 have lost in that type of thing there?

19 CHIEF BETTISON: Absolutely.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I'd appreciate that immensely.

21 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. I'm  
23 glad you brought that up. I was wondering if that was  
24 going to have an impact on our officers leaving, because  
25 I have been hearing on the news that the bonuses that

1 they're offering are astronomical. I mean, I think I  
2 heard 100,000 at one point. I could be wrong, but 50,000  
3 for sure. CHIEF BETTISON: 50,000.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I think we would like to  
5 keep track of that and see if there's a trend there. And  
6 then just really quickly before we go to the report, I  
7 just want to make a comment. You know, Commissioner  
8 Woods, you talked about how the chief is engaging the  
9 community a lot these days and it's very visible. I just  
10 want to say, last week, we had a high school and an  
11 alternative. Sarah Metro has an alternative high school  
12 that is located in Southwest Detroit and at the Samaritan  
13 Center on the East side; and the officers are very  
14 engaged with our students. They tend to be 18 to 24.  
15 They're former dropouts and they're in school trying to  
16 get their high school diploma. And we are a charter  
17 school under the Detroit Public Schools. So we're one of  
18 their charter schools. And last week they had a  
19 basketball game with your officers, and I cannot tell  
20 you, they were so excited before that basketball game,  
21 and now they're still talking about it, even though they  
22 lost. They didn't lose by a lot though, from what I  
23 understand, it was kind of close. But that had such an  
24 impact on these youths. And, you know, I hope we can make  
25 this an annual event because they're still talking about

1 it. We just had a visit from Lisa Ford of the Ford family  
2 who came to Samaritan Center today, and the students were  
3 talking about that basketball game to her. They were so  
4 excited. So thank you for that, for engaging our youth,  
5 because it really does have an impact on them. Maybe some  
6 of them will think about a career in law enforcement. So  
7 thank you for that. We really appreciate it. Commissioner  
8 Woods

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Do we have a clause for new  
10 hires that for a certain amount of time, if they will  
11 leave and go to another agency, that they'll be  
12 penalized?

13 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair to the Vice Chair.  
14 Absolutely we do. And it's a deescalating clause, but we  
15 do. And so if they leave the first year, it's a certain  
16 percentage that they have to pay back or the other agency  
17 who wants them has to pay back. So it's a signed  
18 contract. And so if they leave prior to 5 years at that  
19 point, they're going to have to absorb the cost. And  
20 Corporate Counsel, Conrad Mallett with the law department  
21 ensures that we file those suits to recoup our costs.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Thank you. And finally, I  
23 would just like to say that tomorrow, I don't know, maybe  
24 Ms. Chevon may have flyers.

25 FEMALE SPEAKER: We have flyers.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: ... in the back. And so, make sure  
2 you guys pick up these flyers as a worship walk-in  
3 resource fair with the Detroit Police Department that's  
4 on tomorrow from 3 to 7. And on Saturday they have praise  
5 and games and flyers should be back there. So take  
6 advantage of that, or if you are listening in, go to  
7 Detroit Police Department's website and participate in  
8 the National Faith and Blue Weekend; spread that abroad.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any, any other,  
10 commissioner?

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: This is one follow up chief.  
12 The only time that we --- I hate to call it even a  
13 penalty that we penalize people who have gone through the  
14 academy and become officers, who leave the department  
15 within 4 years, I believe it is, or 5, is only when they  
16 leave within that period of time and the purposes  
17 reimbursement for the training. There's no penalty, if  
18 you will, associated with receiving our training. But if,  
19 because our training is the best in the State, some of  
20 the best in the country, that training has great value.  
21 So we only do that when you leave the department within a  
22 certain number of months or years without good cause. I  
23 mean, you could be sick, you could have a --- your  
24 parents could be sick, something could, you know, we  
25 don't penalize in that situation; only when they're job

1 hopping from Detroit, let's say to San Francisco,  
2 something like that.

3 CHIEF BETTISON: And I'm so glad Commissioner Bernard  
4 that you brought that up, because that's accurate. And if  
5 they're leaving us, because we wanted to curtail what  
6 used to happen where they would come to Detroit, get  
7 trained, get our great training, and then 2 days later  
8 they're starting a new job in another department. And so  
9 that's the reason that that was put in place. And so that  
10 State law, along with enforcing that, has tremendously  
11 decreased that type of activity.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And that was by State Statute?

13 CHIEF BETTISON: Correct.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So it was not just us or the  
15 City of Detroit trying to do it. The State made a ruling  
16 about it, because it was just a horrific problem for us  
17 here in the City of Detroit.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Thank you for  
19 that information. Are there any other questions?

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No, I'm all set, Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. Thank you. We'll go  
22 with the report now. The 3rd Precinct Report.

23 CMDR. FULGENZI: Good evening board. Good evening  
24 community members and those that are watching virtually.  
25 Just like the Citywide Report, the 3rd Precinct has some

1 amazing numbers, which I'm going to share tonight. As of  
2 today, we're down in overall crime, 9%. That's overall  
3 part one crime. That's a 13% reduction in violent crime  
4 and an 8% reduction in property crime. And we break down  
5 those crime categories. A 55% reduction in homicides, 42%  
6 reduction in sexual assaults, 6% reduction in aggravated  
7 assaults, 22% reduction in robbery, 24% reduction in B &  
8 E's. Larceny is down 4%. Motor vehicle thefts are down  
9 13%. And our non-fatal shootings are down 4% and  
10 carjackings down 43%. Some really promising numbers being  
11 down in every part one crime category.

12 And when you look at our trend, we talked about, you  
13 know, last year we ended very well, and you're fighting  
14 last year's statistics. But our trend line is even  
15 better. Our homicides over the last three years are down  
16 64% in the 3rd Precinct. Non-Fatal shootings down just  
17 over 15%, robberies down almost 48%. Our larceny is down  
18 11%. The 3rd Precinct has never been a very violent crime  
19 precinct, which is driven by a lot of property crime, and  
20 I'm very happy to report this year. Right now we're down  
21 10% in car break-ins. And over the last 2 years, down 24%  
22 in car break-ins in the 3rd Precinct; and retail frauds  
23 with all of our businesses down 22%. Some really good  
24 trends. And it's teamwork, the community all coming  
25 together. We talk about statistics, they're great. One



1 crime's too many, we still have a lot of work to do.

2 But together working, we're seeing these reductions;  
3 we're very promising, including the last 28 days being  
4 down another 11%. So how do we get there? What is our  
5 strategy? We talk about our partnerships, data-driven  
6 enforcement, myself, the command team, the NPOs. We're  
7 looking at the data and we're looking at our deployment  
8 strategies; the multi-layered approach with our NPOs  
9 officers on the street, the finest real time crime center  
10 in the United States, leveraging our technology, our  
11 traffic enforcement in the 3rd Precinct. We just got a  
12 number of traffic violation signs opposed to speed. So  
13 what we've been doing in our community meetings when  
14 there's a complaint from a community member, could be  
15 speeding in the area. We deploy that sign out there. We  
16 have our NPOs out there; we're doing traffic enforcement  
17 as well, getting those around the school. So as children  
18 are walking, everyone's safely following the speeds. Our  
19 special operations do an amazing job with us restore  
20 orders weekly, working with MDOC on checks, ticket and  
21 tow operations. Our arrests are up this year. The number  
22 of illegal firearms has been seized, and we look at when  
23 we're holding people accountable in our community, our  
24 crime is reducing as well. I'm very happy to report that  
25 Part of our strategy also with juvenile enforcement,

1 making sure the ordinances are being followed. And most  
2 importantly, I think our best strategy is working  
3 together as a team. We have an amazing community here.  
4 Our NPOs are amazing, and by working together, we're  
5 seeing these reductions. The 3rd Precinct hosted a number  
6 of events. We covered the immediate downtown area, the  
7 central business district, the Grand Prix, and the  
8 fireworks marathon coming up. I think we're all happy. We  
9 saw the Tigers win last night, which is a great win. The  
10 lines are doing very well. So it's an amazing precinct.  
11 We have a lot going on. Just a little piece on community  
12 engagement as well. We hosted a Walk-a-Mile Wednesday in  
13 the north end at the food co-op, which is right by us,  
14 which had a great turnout. Just last week we hosted at  
15 headquarters the Community Summit, which attended you  
16 very well.

17       So the public came in with the officers, talked  
18 about experiences where someone might not have understood  
19 our procedures. It was great dialogue. It was almost a  
20 full day event hosted by AC Ewing. And I think everyone  
21 left there feeling good. I mean, we don't sometimes get  
22 it right and we learn as well. And it was an awesome  
23 event. This year, we've hosted every month throughout the  
24 summer community bike ride. Our next one is October 23rd.  
25 We partnered up with Slow Roll Detroit, and it's been an

1 amazing Summer. This will be our last one on the 23rd.  
2 It's a Halloween theme. Get a few hundred people to come  
3 out to this community bike ride. Afterwards, our NPOs  
4 will do a great job. We have music, cook hot dogs, and  
5 have some light refreshments. And it's a great way just  
6 to connect with the community, ride our bikes to the  
7 community, and really be engaged.

8 We have senior Bingo coming up next week on the 14th  
9 at the precinct. We host a monthly coffee with a command.  
10 I love my coffee. So it's a great way to sit down with a  
11 cup of coffee and really find out what's going on. Movie  
12 Night, National Night Out. Our next community meeting is  
13 October 21st at the precinct. I do want to acknowledge  
14 our great community relations council, group President  
15 Leslie Malcolmson, who is here up in the front. Vice  
16 President, Kenneth Smith, Treasurer, Ernest Little,  
17 Recording Secretary, Rita Smith, and Corresponding  
18 Secretary Levon Smith. We just swore them in at our last  
19 meeting for another two years. They're a great help,  
20 great strategy [crosstalk] for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. So  
21 again, thank you. I have an amazing partner to my right,  
22 Captain Dunning, and we're doing a great job. I  
23 appreciate everyone.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCH: Thank you. Are there any  
25 questions? Go ahead, Commissioner Woods.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I have a statement and then I'll  
2 ask a brief question, but I want to say that this is an  
3 amazing commander. I get a lot of calls from people in  
4 the community out of this particular precinct. And when I  
5 pick up the phone and call him, he's there to be able to  
6 help when it comes to someone's car issues or towing  
7 issues or misunderstandings. He's always responsive. And  
8 I probably call him more than I've called anybody in  
9 terms of throughout the city. And his response is always  
10 Al. And the same thing with Captain Dunning, since he's  
11 been captain. He's been very, very responsive to a myriad  
12 of issues and stuff. A lot of times things don't have to  
13 come to the Board of Police Commissioners.

14 Things can get taken care of before to prevent it  
15 from coming, and they can get the thing rectified. And we  
16 do a lot of that type of work, and they have been a part  
17 of it, and I'm glad that you uplifted the summit as well  
18 for those cases that didn't get sustained from the board  
19 or from the investigation. You guys, through AC Ewing  
20 were able to get them for the first time working with ---  
21 I don't know what her title is, Ms. Wilson back there.  
22 But she was able to get contacts of many of those people  
23 out of this particular precinct to get them to come over  
24 to the summit to be able to try to figure out the thing  
25 that they had a disagreement with the police with.

1 I thought that was very revolutionary and that  
2 something was a part of the vision that I had for a very  
3 long time; to see people who may not get sustained. Cases  
4 get sustained, but to get some resolution and some  
5 understanding. So hats off to you guys. And I appreciate  
6 you very, very immensely for always responding to the  
7 community concerns anytime I call. And so the question I  
8 have is that I know I heard all those other good stuff,  
9 you know, do you keep up with the number of complaints  
10 that is in the 3rd Precinct? Do you have that number at  
11 hand to be able to share with us, and with the community?

12 CAPTAIN DUNNING: Through the Chair. I do not have  
13 that number with me today. But to your point, do we track  
14 that number? Yes. As our alert system, we're doing our  
15 monthly reviews, either it's a complaint that comes in,  
16 but if a complaint does come in on an officer when we're  
17 doing our monthly reviews, we see system complaints that  
18 come through. There are tracking mechanisms in place that  
19 we take proactive measures as well. So even before a  
20 matter may be going from a board or through OCI, we're  
21 aware of it, if there's problematic officers or a  
22 concern, we address it in real time.

23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. So are complaints up or  
24 down in the 3rd Precinct?

25 CAPTAIN DUNNING: I'm sorry, I don't have that number

1 with me today.

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. I'll take a look at it. We  
3 have it. I just wanted to see if you had it. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCH: Thank you, commissioner.

5 Commissioner Bernard. COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly.  
6 I want to congratulate you commander on having one of the  
7 lowest, as a matter of fact, the lowest rate of  
8 ShotSpotter incidents in your precinct. You only have  
9 800. The 9th Precinct has 10,772. So they're almost 4  
10 times you. The 8th and 7th Precincts are a close second  
11 and third. What is your secret, if you will, to having  
12 less gun shots fired, you too chief, in this precinct  
13 versus our others

14 CMDR. FULGENZI: Through the Chair. We have an  
15 amazing team.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I can't hear you.

17 CMDR. FULGENZI: Through the Chair. We have an  
18 amazing team. We're data driven. We look at our hotspot  
19 enforcement and get the officers in the right areas. And  
20 when we see these concerns, we hold people accountable.  
21 And over time, we've seen the dramatic change and  
22 reduction in crime, but it's teamwork. It's us working  
23 with the community and together it's a safe community.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chief, can you comment, too? I  
25 know you're very concerned. I mean, it's unbelievable;

1 11,000 just in a few months in the 9th Precinct. And the  
2 other 2 precincts that have more than 3,000 each.

3 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. And so the City  
4 of Detroit is approximately 140 square miles. So it's a  
5 large city, and we are a city of neighborhoods. And so,  
6 if you compare cities, where you compare neighborhoods  
7 and you look at the entire city, there are some areas  
8 that are just hotter than others. There are some areas in  
9 the city that don't have the same population density and  
10 other areas that are very dense in population. And so the  
11 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct demographics and area don't resemble the 9th  
12 Precinct and some of the other areas within the city. As  
13 a result, we placed ShotSpotter, based on data where  
14 there was a high incidence of gun violence. And so that's  
15 why the locations were placed in those targeted areas.  
16 And as a result, it has decreased the number of shots  
17 fired in all of those areas.

18 And so we can look and go back to look at providing  
19 a report to show that if the 9th Precinct has 10,000, if  
20 you go back, whereas when we first put ShotSpotter in, it  
21 has trended down because individuals, when you fire a  
22 shot, you get a fast police response. And then it's not  
23 just a fast police response, you also get the ATF out  
24 there and they're collecting the shell casing. And it  
25 gives us a lot. And so I just say to you that each area

1 is different, and we apply different methods and tactics  
2 to make sure that our approach to dealing with it in a  
3 specific neighborhood or specific area of the city is  
4 tailormade to get the results of pushing the crime and  
5 violence down. And then if you look at the poverty rates,  
6 the 9th Precinct, and I'm not saying that poverty causes  
7 violence, but it's also a contributing factor to it. And  
8 so the poverty rate in some of the areas of some of our  
9 most violent neighborhoods is a lot higher. I would say  
10 that the 3rd Precinct, the overall average income is  
11 probably higher than the rest of the City of Detroit. So  
12 it's a lot of different socioeconomic factors that play  
13 into it as well.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you for explaining, both  
15 of you.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Moore, please.

17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a  
18 very concise answer. I appreciate it. Do you have all  
19 three casinos?

20 CMDR. FULGENZI: Yes, commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions or  
23 comments? Thank you so much for that report; very  
24 informative and for answering all the questions we have.  
25 I just wanted to take a moment because I think Ms. Vining



1 has joined us and we had introduced you earlier to ask if  
2 you, to thank you, number one for allowing us to use the  
3 Recreation Center. But we wanted to see if you wanted to  
4 say a few words, just ask if you wanted to. You don't  
5 have to. We want everyone to see you and meet you.

6 MS. VINING: Good evening, everybody.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

8 MS. VINING: My name is Gwen Vining. I'm the director  
9 of the Considine Little Rock Family Life Center up under  
10 Reverend Dr. Jim Holley. We love this old place, and  
11 welcome again to the Board of Commissioners for gracing  
12 us with your meeting and your presence and for all the  
13 work that you all do. And to DPD, we appreciate you.  
14 Don't forget the center. Come back and see us.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much. Okay.  
16 Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner, go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Young lady. Young lady.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Ms. Vining?

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Ms. Vining? Is Dr. Holley here  
22 tonight?

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I already asked him. He's  
24 not here.

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, no.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No. He has a meeting. I called  
2 and asked him. He said, no.

3 MS. VINING: You all already had it.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. For 10 years. But this is  
5 my first term on the board, when I first started four  
6 years ago, he would get me, boy, when I mess up. So, I  
7 just wanted to tell him I got a little better.

8 MS. VINING: [Unclear] on the board.

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Huh?

10 MS. VINING: He's still wearing his police  
11 commissioner hat, like he's still on the board.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, tell him, Commissioner  
13 Banks said hello. He'll remember me.

14 MS. VINING: I will.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Thank you so  
16 much. Any other questions or comments? Alright, hearing  
17 none. Thank you again for those reports. And we're going  
18 to go to oral communications and public comments. And  
19 please remember, there's a two-minute limit for your  
20 comments and inappropriate language and comments may  
21 delay the TV broadcast and video posts. Could we have our  
22 first speaker, please?

23 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first speaker  
24 will be former Commissioner William Davis, after former  
25 Commissioner Davis, Elvis Beil,

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Can I say  
2 something really quickly?

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Commissioner Davis, you always  
5 come last 90% of the time.

6 MR. DAVIS: [Unclear].

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm surprised to see you first.

8 MR. DAVIS: [Unclear].

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, that's what?

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh yeah. Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah, commissioner.

13 MR. DAVIS: Hello, everyone.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Hello.

15 MR. DAVIS: I'm pleased to see that you all are using  
16 this, and I think you all should have a greater effort to  
17 do more community meetings because there are some people,  
18 especially some of my friends in Southwest Detroit that  
19 are a little bit more reluctant to go through public  
20 safety headquarters. And I think we need to make sure the  
21 board is more approachable and digging in to a little bit  
22 more what's going on. Also, I would hope that perhaps a  
23 greater effort should be made to reduce the number of  
24 citizen complaints, because the backlog seems like it  
25 should be lower by now, and hopefully it will soon. That

1 makes a big difference. When people start talking about  
2 wanting to come here for different things. Because I have  
3 friends all over the country and any incident that  
4 happens in Detroit, I get a call. So hopefully we could  
5 do better. Hopefully we could get the crime down more.  
6 Hopefully we could get more cases resolved and hopefully,  
7 if crime is going down, burglaries are going down, auto  
8 thefts are going down. But my auto insurance is not going  
9 up. I mean, it's not going down, because me and my son  
10 live in the house together. We have a total of 5  
11 vehicles. I think we pay more auto insurance than anybody  
12 else I know in the country. That needs to stop. Thank  
13 you.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Our  
16 next speaker, please.

17 MR. BEIL: I want to say hello to everyone. My name  
18 is Elvis Beil. I'm here due to a situation that happened  
19 with me on the 30th of September. I was pulled over on  
20 the Beaubien and Larned, by a Captain Doodle. And he  
21 pulled me over and said that my music was loud. And  
22 basically I was not, I guess, compliant to him the way  
23 that he wanted me to comply, because I was very upset,  
24 because at that time, I didn't think my music was loud.  
25 And from that situation he was basically saying he was

1 going to let me go. But then he turned around and started  
2 asking me for my ID. At that time, he was asking me for  
3 my ID. I was asking him what crime did I commit at that  
4 time? And he could not really say that I committed a  
5 crime.

6 He went back to a noise violation that he said that  
7 I was actually administering at the time. And before I  
8 knew it, I was being arrested and placed under arrest for  
9 assault, obstructing and resisting. And I was taken,  
10 basically to the hospital at the time because I was  
11 having problems. I'm a disabled veteran. I was having  
12 problems with my back. So when they took me to the  
13 hospital; before they had done that, they placed me on my  
14 stomach in the police car in handcuffs. And they took me  
15 to jail, I mean, to the hospital, laying on my stomach.  
16 And they never secured me. And I was bumping my head and  
17 I asked them why they were doing all these things to me?  
18 And I guess at that time, they didn't think that I was  
19 having issues that I said I was having.

20 And once I got to the hospital, they allowed a  
21 security guard to assault me by picking me up out of the  
22 wheelchair and slamming me back down inside of the  
23 wheelchair. And at that time they gave me meds and they  
24 took me back to the detention center. And when I was  
25 taken to the detention center, I think I was treated

1 worse than, you know, with no clothes on, and laying on  
2 the cold floor. And I had an officer there when I was in  
3 the wheelchair there, who snapped my back, popped my back  
4 because he was trying to get my fingerprints. And at that  
5 time, I was trying to explain to him that I was having  
6 sciatic problems. I don't know if you know what that is,  
7 but that's a serious pain that you have. And you can't  
8 explain it when you're having those contractions. But  
9 when he pulled me, he snatched me on the back and my neck  
10 ---

11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Beil. you're two minutes ---

12 MR. BEIL: Is up?

13 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir.

14 MR. BEIL: Okay. I thank you for your time.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCH: Thank you. Oh, just one  
16 second. Commissioner Woods, would you like ---?

17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. I spoke with you last week.

18 MR. BEIL: Yes, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yep. And we did forward your  
20 information. You did file a complaint with the Board of  
21 Police Commissioners, and you did have the opportunity to  
22 communicate with them and get everything on record.

23 MR. BEIL: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And they are currently  
25 investigating that, sir. And the chief investigator's not

1 here right now. And he did verify that your complaint is  
2 on file, and so it's being investigated. And so you will  
3 get a response from us forthwith.

4 MR. BEIL: Yes, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

6 MR. BEIL: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. A point of order.  
8 Okay. Our next speaker, please.

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker will be Mr. Smith.  
10 And then after Mr. Smith, it'll be Mrs. Smith, and then  
11 we'll go into Zoom.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

13 MRS. WILLIAMS: You forgot about me.

14 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mrs. Williams, yes, please.

15 MR. SMITH: So, good afternoon. I want to say the  
16 Chief's Walk yesterday, the Walk-a-Mile Wednesday was  
17 nice. I do want to say that even though it was started by  
18 Chief White who I did not agree with wholeheartedly. So I  
19 have a friend who's deaf, he lives in District 3. His  
20 name is Daniel. He witnessed a shootout earlier on the  
21 Eastside, right around the cemetery, right around the  
22 DDC. So we do have a lot of gun violence around. This is  
23 not an advertisement for ShotSpotter. I don't think we  
24 need more ShotSpotters. I think we need more patrols in  
25 that area. I don't think we have enough patrols. I also

1 want to say the reported crime being down and the crime  
2 being down are two different things. Reported crime; we  
3 have a lawyer in the room, we have the Chief Corporation  
4 Counsel.

5 In the legal terms, if you say something is reported  
6 with reported versus actual are two different things. We  
7 are falsely advertising saying crime is down, a reported  
8 crime is down, is what we should be saying. I also want  
9 to say the 3rd Precinct is like, if it includes downtown,  
10 Midtown, Corktown, all these different affluent  
11 neighborhoods. It is the richest precinct in the City of  
12 Detroit. Of course, we're going to have the least amount  
13 of ShotSpotter flags and blips. Also, it's kind of cool  
14 to see Commander Johnson here. I've been trying to have a  
15 meeting with you for a little while about the King Home  
16 Projects. I did see you go out there one time, which was  
17 nice because of Malik Shabazz. He's doing incredible  
18 work. And I want to say that the King Home Projects is  
19 probably one of the most dangerous places in the City of  
20 Detroit, and we don't get enough attention there. I don't  
21 think there's enough focus there. I think that that place  
22 is pretty much left to the wolves. And if people like  
23 Malik Shabazz and myself didn't advocate for it, we would  
24 have even more murders and killing there, because it  
25 should, it should have been a CVI zone in and of itself.



1 And I also want to say I do appreciate Chief Bettison for  
2 his work with helping me board up houses. I had a lady  
3 who reached out to me about a house over on Grand Street.  
4 She said an officer came out today and said he would help  
5 her board it up. So do appreciate that. I look forward to  
6 having a meeting with that. And I want to say that the  
7 chief helped me get a house boarded up in less than an  
8 hour. But we still have too many vacant homes that are  
9 just completely wide open. I'm not attacking people who  
10 are homeless or anything like that, but I'm just saying  
11 the homes that are completely wide open need to be  
12 boarded up because it's a safety issue for many reasons.  
13 And also I look forward to helping out with the homeless  
14 outreach.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes, go ahead. Commissioner  
18 Burton.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. To our listening  
20 audience today, to the members of the community. I would  
21 like it if someone could come forth and talk about how  
22 Detroit Police Department has made a difference in their  
23 neighborhood, made a difference whether to them  
24 personally in their community, because we have some brave  
25 men and women that sacrifice their life every single day

1 to ensure that we are safe where we live. We have  
2 something we're going to be celebrating, I guess, in  
3 November, Above and Beyond, where we have brave officers  
4 from this department who are going to be recognized for  
5 their exemplary work. We are the Board of Police  
6 Commissioners, but we also want to hear the positive, the  
7 good that goes on in our community, because there is a  
8 lot of good that comes out of our community. These brave  
9 men and women sacrifice their lives every day. They deal  
10 with so many different problems. But guess what? They are  
11 making a difference. Crime is lowering down in our  
12 neighborhoods. Crime is lowering in the city. There was  
13 just a press conference a few days ago. Our Vice Chair,  
14 past Chairperson Darryl Woods was part of that press  
15 conference. And he did a great job, by the way, Vice  
16 Chair, past Chair Darryl Woods. And he was there  
17 representing the whole board. He was there representing  
18 the Chairwoman, but he was there representing you as  
19 well. The Chief --

20 MS. WILLIAMS: It is my time now. This is public  
21 speaking.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is the Board of Police  
23 Commissioners time, I'm sorry. But the chief had all of  
24 the various partnerships, federal partnerships, local  
25 partnerships with Wayne County Sheriffs, Michigan State

1 Police AFT. And he had AFT and he also had the judges and  
2 stuff was there too. There are not too many cities that  
3 resemble that far as a partnership. Detroit is leading by  
4 example, by bringing all these community people together.  
5 And also there was CBI who does so much good work with  
6 assisting our police officers. In fact, they need to be  
7 more funded going forward. The good thing is they're  
8 going to be funded next year. But the thing about it is  
9 they help all of these different groups, CBI, Detroit  
10 Police Wings State; all of the different people that were  
11 there in the room have helped lower crime. We hear you,  
12 but we also want to hear you when you say, hey, there was  
13 an officer on my block who made a difference. This person  
14 had a mental health breakdown. Guess what? It was a DPD  
15 officer who helped assist that man or that woman too.  
16 Because our officers, man! They do a great job to make  
17 quality of life issues better for all of us. Thank you  
18 for the work you do.

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Madam Chair, just a quick  
20 question.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Commissioner  
22 Moore.

23 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. it is ---

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Hold on, ma'am, hold on.

25 Excuse me one second. The board gets to speak. Hold on.

1 Commissioner Moore.

2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Smith, you mentioned the  
3 King Homes. What area, what District is that in, because  
4 I'm a Westsider, I'm not ---

5 MR. SMITH: That's District 5.

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: District 5.

7 MR. SMITH: The 7th Precinct. Right off Lafayette and  
8 Chene.

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: District 5. Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Any other  
11 questions? Okay, Madam.

12 MR. SMITH: Can I just respond?

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Oh, yes, go ahead.

14 MR. SMITH: So, to respond to what you said. So I do  
15 give credit where credit is due. I definitely gave the  
16 chief a shout out for helping me get houses boarded up. I  
17 said he got a house boarded up in one hour. And I also  
18 said he has officers outside actively looking for  
19 abandoned houses to help board up. So definitely do give  
20 credit where it's due. And I definitely gave Commander  
21 Johnson a shout out when I said I appreciated him going  
22 to the King Home Projects. So, I take the good with the  
23 bad, but I'm unbossed. I don't have anybody having me on  
24 their payroll. So I'm going to speak the truth. And the  
25 truth is reported, crime may be down, but the actual

1 crime is not down. If I have a person telling me that  
2 they were scared for their life almost being shot in a  
3 shootout in the middle of broad daylight on the Eastside.  
4 That is a problem. And we should be addressing that  
5 effectively.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Mr. Smith.

7 MR. SMITH: To avoid it, it is not going to go away.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker,  
9 please.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Charnita Williams, 10/9/25. Okay. So a  
11 couple weeks ago, no, I'll take that back. September the  
12 first, an ex-offender that's under the Detroit Police  
13 Department. Oscar, well, like I said, it climbed up  
14 inside of my window. I went around to the 3rd Precinct to  
15 make a report, a complaint at this time. And the Internal  
16 Affairs officers came downstairs and they did not follow  
17 protocol correctly. And this is the same Officer Terrance  
18 Lookalike twin, that's how he addressed himself, who came  
19 to 3426 Mack Avenue to get the weapons from the shelter  
20 where the officer stays at on Mack Avenue. So what's the  
21 problem? You all sit up here every week and act like it  
22 does not exist. That we have ex criminals in the Detroit  
23 Police Department. That was your vision. Darryl Woods.  
24 Because like I said. He was in the Detroit Police  
25 Department. Nobody mentioned this. All of a sudden she

1 died. I do not believe that. And the person who owned  
2 that Elite Property Management, they own another property  
3 at 440 Jefferson and Charmers, 4 properties. They are all  
4 working together because guess what? You have to have a  
5 housing voucher to get in there. We are talking about ex-  
6 offenders who make a whole lot of money on the Detroit  
7 Police Department. So make it make sense. Yes, they may  
8 be \$600 a day if you're doing time, and if you're doing  
9 12 hours after 8 hours, you're getting paid what? And  
10 they are getting a house on watch too. And they love to  
11 steal from the casinos. They hack, they steal from Whole  
12 Foods. It's unbelievable. Let's talk about what's really  
13 going on in this City of Detroit. You all sit up here  
14 every week and act like nothing is going on.  
15 Accountability, transparency. But that's not the case  
16 because how can an Internal Affairs officer go and get  
17 weapons from the 3rd?

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.

19 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, that was your last  
20 speaker.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. No speakers on Zoom.  
22 No. Okay.

23 MS. UNDERWOOD: No ma'am.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner  
25 Woods.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. The returning  
2 citizens that I know are very resilient. And I don't call  
3 them returning citizens, which is a stereotypical term.  
4 These human beings who have served their time and they  
5 are backing this community, doing a lot of good things,  
6 getting rapists off the streets and getting those who are  
7 committing crimes off the streets. They're part of the  
8 ecosystem in this city. And through and beyond, they're  
9 doing phenomenal work. And so I'm not going to allow that  
10 stereotypical thing to just be out there like that. They  
11 are business owners. They are taxpayers' citizens, and  
12 they should not be discriminated against in any shape,  
13 form, or fashion. The ones that are mysteriously in the  
14 police department, I would like to see who they are,  
15 because that would be something; that would be a miracle,  
16 you know?

17 So we know that does not exist. That's not  
18 happening. But I am happy to say that through towing and  
19 the Water Department and other entities in the city, that  
20 this is a second chance city, and I believe in Fair  
21 Chance housing, that they should have the ability to live  
22 and pay rent and pay taxes and things of that nature. So  
23 I want the public to be absolutely unequivocally clear on  
24 that. You know what I'm saying? I don't like the hate  
25 speech that comes out sometimes about people who had to

1 suffer the indignities of being in a cage and eating food  
2 that you don't feed your dog. So I denounce any of that  
3 type of evil language towards men and women who had  
4 already suffered.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Any other questions or  
6 comments? Hearing none, then the next item on the agenda  
7 is presentations. There are none this evening. Board  
8 secretary, could we have a report from your office?

9 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the Chair, under  
10 tab 6 today, you have a recommendation from the Chief of  
11 Police that I note your attention to. Also, the  
12 recognition reports, facial recognition and ShotSpotter  
13 weekly reports. The announcements are also under your  
14 for-information tab. On the left side of your binders is  
15 a flyer announcing the date of October 23rd for the  
16 dedication of the Ron Scott conference room which will be  
17 held. And there are also flyers on the table, as well as  
18 reminders on what has been raised earlier, National Faith  
19 and Blue Weekend, both events for Friday and Saturday.  
20 The announcements of next meetings of the Board of Police  
21 Commissioners are next Thursday, excuse me, October 16th,  
22 3:00 PM at Public Safety Headquarters, is the next Board  
23 of Commissioners meeting. Our November community meeting  
24 is on Thursday, November 13th, and the 2nd Precinct at  
25 Adams, Butzel Rec Center, which is 10500 Lyndon Street in



1 Detroit. Upcoming committee meetings are both the Policy  
2 Committee will meet Tuesday, October 14th and Tuesday,  
3 October 21<sup>st</sup>. Both meetings are at 5:00 PM at Public  
4 Safety Headquarters. And that is the report for the day,  
5 Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, Madam Secretary.  
7 Commissioner Woods?

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. I would like to know  
9 whether there is a consensus in terms of making sure that  
10 all board members or the overwhelming majority board  
11 members have the ability for the dedication of the Ron  
12 Scott conference room, because that is vitally important.  
13 And the board made a decision to dedicate that room. I  
14 know I haven't received anything saying that it was going  
15 to be this particular date and no one checked the  
16 consensus of this board to make sure that the  
17 overwhelming majority of the board members have the  
18 ability to be present at this particular ---

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Madam Secretary, did we do  
20 an RSVP for that event, and do we know how many are  
21 available?

22 MS. GARNIER: The event for October 23rd?

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes.

24 MS. GARNIER: The event for October 23rd at 10:00 AM.  
25 There was discussion with staff. I confirmed it with you,

1 Madam Chair, your availability. Those other entities  
2 other than the board were also contacted. Staff was asked  
3 some weeks ago regarding how to get this done. And this  
4 was the date that has been scheduled ---

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

6 MS. GARNIER: October 23rd at 10:00 AM.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Madam Secretary, what  
8 we're asking is, have we received RSVPs from the other  
9 board members? Because we want the full board as many  
10 members as possible to attend. If we have not, we should  
11 look at another date; consider another date until we can  
12 get most of the board.

13 MS. GARNIER: We will follow the pleasure of the  
14 board, ma'am.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Well, okay. By the next  
16 meeting, because it's two weeks, correct; this is two  
17 weeks from now?

18 MS. GARNIER: Yes, ma'am.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: About two weeks from now.  
20 Let's RSVP the board and see how many board members can  
21 attend. And if we don't have most of the board members,  
22 then we will need to reconsider scheduling it, because we  
23 want to have full board participation if possible.

24 MS. GARNIER: Understood.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah, through the Chair. I'm  
2 deeply offended by that process, and I don't think that  
3 process should take place again. Something this  
4 important, we all should have been contacted, and that's  
5 unacceptable.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Well, we're already  
7 going to request an RSVP from all of the board and we'll  
8 have that number by next week and decide whether we want  
9 to reschedule, correct? Okay?

10 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other  
12 questions or comments? There's no unfinished business or  
13 is there any unfinished business by the board? Hearing  
14 none; there is new business. Due to the NACOLE  
15 Conference, most of us will be attending that. And so  
16 we're going to ask for a motion to cancel the October  
17 30th board meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by  
21 Commissioner Bernard and second by Commissioner Banks. Is  
22 there any discussion? Hearing none? All those in favor,  
23 indicate by saying, Aye.

24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.

1 Now I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: It's been moved by

5 Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Bernard. All  
6 those in favor, indicate by saying, Aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. The motion  
9 carries.

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12 (Meeting Adjourned at 7:42pm)

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