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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Victoria Camille – Police Commissioner, Detroit District 7
DATE: January 5, 2026
RE: DPD Lawsuit Reporting

Greetings Fellow Police Commissioners,

Happy New Year and congratulations on your new or continuing term serving the residents of Detroit on the BOPC.

As the oversight body for the Detroit Police Department, it is important that we have a holistic understanding of the grievances Detroiters have against DPD. This information helps us better understand the needs and expectations of Detroiters to influence our decisions around policies and people-centered approaches to complaint resolution.

There are multiple channels to obtain grievance insights beyond the citizen complaints handled by the Office of the Chief Investigator. One of those channels is lawsuits filed against DPD. Lawsuit records provide insight into additional volumes and trends of some of the most egregious complaints, and the cost to taxpayers when DPD causes harm. This information is publicly available but buried in hundreds of pages of Detroit City Council agendas and minutes. Please see the attached select pages from the October 28, 2025, City Council Formal Session agenda and minutes where there are several requests for “Representation and Indemnification” and “Settlement” for lawsuits involving members of DPD.

I am requesting that BOPC Staff provide us with a running spreadsheet report twice a month (2nd and 4th Thursdays) with, at minimum, the following elements:

- Case Number
- Department (to ensure we always only have lawsuits for the Police Department on this report)
- Defendant(s)
- DPD Member(s)

- Date(s) of Alleged Injuries
- Each recommendation (i.e. Legal Representation & Indemnification, Settlement, etc.)
- City Council Decision
- City Council Decision Date
- Settlement/Award Amount
- Any other elements other Commissioners would like to add

I've attached a draft example of what this report could look like based on the cases handled in the October 28th City Council meeting. As Commissioners, we should have this information at our fingertips on a regular basis and not have to dig through City Council agendas and minutes to retrieve it.

Proposed Timeline

(adjustable with advance notice and rationale)

- January 12 – January 30:
Staff will establish an interim process to manually compile this information starting with January 1, 2026 data.
- February 12th:
Staff will begin delivering this manual report to Commissioners on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.
- January 12 – March 31:
Staff will work with City Council and the Law Department on a more streamlined process to compile this report.
- April 1:
The new streamlined report will be launched with all of 2025 data added to it.

I'm happy to work with the staff to assist with efficient options for the interim process.

Let's discuss this implementation and any adjustments or additions you'd like to make during New Business.

Respectfully,

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