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- 1 CHAPLAIN GOODLOW: In Jesus, magnificent, mighty, and
- 2 merciful name, let us all say amen.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Amen. Thank you so much. We
- 4 will obviously see that we don't have yet a quorum of
- 5 commissioners who are here, and so I'm going to ask that
- 6 our acting secretary will provide for us with the
- 7 announcements and any incoming communications.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Currently are several announcements. The
- 11 next BOPC meeting is April 18th, 2024, 3:00 PM. The
- 12 location is 1301 Third Street, also Detroit Public Safety
- 13 Headquarters. Our next community meeting will be hosted
- 14 by the 8th Precinct and that location is forthcoming. The
- 15 monthly committee meeting scheduled for April, 2024.
- 16 Policy Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00 PM.
- 17 Citizen Complaint Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 23rd
- 18 at 5:00 PM and again, the Policy Committee meeting,
- 19 Tuesday, April 30th at 5:00 PM. All these can be viewed
- 20 on Zoom and they take place at the Detroit Public Safety
- 21 Headquarters. And Mr. Chair, you want me to go to...
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Your incoming communications
- 23 please.
- Okay. There are three incoming communication. The
- 25 board received an administrative leave without pay for



- 1 Officer Brandon Jordan, and we have the Chief
- 2 Investigator's report for 4-20-24 and the weekly OCI
- 3 report; then we come to the announcement, Mr. Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. Thank you for that.
- 5 And we don't yet have a quorum, but is there anyone here
- 6 who's welcoming us to the Ford Resource and Engagement
- 7 Center? If not, again, we just thank you for your
- 8 hospitality and opening this space for us in this
- 9 community. And again, it is our desire that once we can
- 10 get in the meat of this agenda that it indeed will be
- 11 productive.
- MRS. TURNER HANDY: Good evening, everyone. My name
- 13 is Sandra Turner-Handy and in lieu of Justin, who is
- 14 running around in the building somewhere, he has a lot of
- 15 activities going on in the building this evening. I would
- 16 like to welcome you all to the 9th Precinct and to the
- 17 Ford Resource and Engagement Center, which is one of our
- 18 public institutions in our community that is a welcoming
- 19 space for residents and visitors. So, thank you all for
- 20 being here.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for having us, we
- 22 truly appreciate. Well, we do have some items that we're
- 23 able to handle that does not require a vote by the board.
- 24 And so I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Banks,
- 25 as I know that he has some certificates of appreciation



- 1 he desires to share with those very engaged members of
- 2 our community.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright, thank you very much,
- 4 Mr. Chair, and hello to all the audience out there today.
- 5 God bless you. This is a Certificate of Appreciation,
- 6 Crime Intelligence Analyst, Amy Childers, for improving
- 7 public safety in the 9th Precinct and City of Detroit
- 8 through the outstanding performance of duties that
- 9 include identifying patterns, crime trends, criminals,
- 10 and other facts, vital to assist investigation and
- 11 apprehend persons and vehicles involved in illegal
- 12 activity, Amy Childers.
- MS. CHILDERS: Here.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright. Here's another
- 15 Certificate of Appreciation, Crime Intelligent Analyst,
- 16 Thomas Degenhart, for improving public safety in the 9th
- 17 Precinct and City of Detroit through the outstanding
- 18 performance of duties that include identifying patterns,
- 19 crime trends, criminals, and other facts, vital to assist
- 20 investigations and to apprehend persons and vehicles
- 21 involved in illegal activity. Thomas? Quite welcome.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: James Emon. Come on up. Well,
- 23 just going to you to be awarded tonight. Get your award.
- 24 Congratulations once again, okay. From the City of
- 25 Detroit, Board of Police Commissioners.



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- 1 MS. EMON: Alright.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Timothy Mark. Take that. Audrey 2
- Smith. Yeah, I have some more for you, so stay right 3
- there. James Stevens, Jemia Wilson, and Yolanda Ruiz 4
- 5 McCleary.
- 6 Sergeant Kimberly Wilson. What's that now? She's
- online? She's what?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, no problem. We'll make
- sure she receives it. 9
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: She's online. 10
- 11 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, on Zoom.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So she what? Is she going to
- 13 speak or anything?
- 14 MALE SPEAKER: No. Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Neighborhood Police Officer,
- 16 Aaron Kraszewski, Neighborhood Police Officer, Odessa
- Mitchell, Neighborhood Police Officer, Lester Johnson, 17
- Neighborhood Police Officer, Kyra Fair, Neighborhood 18
- Police Officer, Jalynda Wolanin, Neighborhood Police 19
- Officer, Dallas Gardner, Neighborhood Police Officer. 20
- Brittany Burks. Congratulations. Alright, and the last 21
- one we have here is Neighborhood Police Officer Aubrey 22
- 23 Wade. Are you ready to get promoted to Sergeant?

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25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, so we still have some



- 1 time. How about all of our certificate recipients come,
- 2 so you can take a picture with Commissioner Banks. One
- 3 group shot all of our recipients. You all can come
- 4 together. How about staying here, Commissioner Banks,
- 5 right here. That didn't make them enough room for all of
- 6 the great awardees this evening. You have to face that
- 7 way, right there, and face that way, just like they're
- 8 doing. Yeah. Excellent. We can use a little more on this
- 9 side.
- 10 COMMISSIONER WOODS: There you go.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Once again, congratulations.
- 12 Alright. So it does appear that we do now have a quorum,
- 13 and so we can go to our normal agenda, where we will
- 14 begin with the introduction of commissioners by Acting
- 15 Secretary Brown
- MR. BROWN: Chairperson Pressley Here.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith Present.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard asked for an excuse
- 19 absent.
- 20 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks Present.
- 21 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell, asked for an excuse
- 22 absent.
- 23 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton Present.
- 24 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter -
- 25 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore -



- 1 MR. BROWN: Mr. Hernandez asked for an excuse absent.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble asked for an excuse
- 3 absent.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Mr. Woods Present.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right, so again, we do
- 6 indeed have a quorum. We'll now move on to the approval
- 7 of the April 11th, 2024 agenda. Is there any objection to
- 8 this agenda being approved? Hearing none, the agenda is
- 9 approved. And now we'll move forward to the approval of
- 10 the minutes from the April 4th, 2024, meeting. Is there
- 11 any objection to the approval of these minutes?
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Correction, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Burton.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Last week, based off the
- 15 minutes, it said that there was not a second on a
- 16 ceasefire plus surveillance resolution. And I just want
- 17 the correction to be made, that it was seconded by
- 18 Commissioner Linda Bernard out of District 2.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: As has it been opined on
- 20 numerous occasions by the parliamentarian, you have to
- 21 direct exactly where in the minutes you want the changes
- 22 to be made. Do you have those edits?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The minutes was sent out by the
- 24 Secretary's Office, the Acting Secretary's Office by a
- 25 staff member. It was some draft minutes, but just for



- 1 correction on those minutes, I want the record to reflect
- 2 that it was properly seconded by Commissioner Linda
- 3 Bernard out of District 2.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So again, seeing that
- 5 there are no specific edits to the minutes that have been
- 6 printed, there is no objection to the approval of the
- 7 minutes for April 4th, 2024. Next we'll move on to the
- 8 introduction of BOPC Staff, Chief of Police, Elected
- 9 Officials and Representatives as well as Community
- 10 Leaders by Acting Secretary Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.
- 12 Currently, we have Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield,
- 13 Attorney Stephanie LaBelle, and HR Director Katrina
- 14 Patillo. Ms. Teresa Blossom, Ms. Candace Hayes. Ms.
- 15 Jasmine Taylor, Ms. Jonya Underwood, Ms. Mary Barber,
- 16 Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, and we have
- 17 Mr. Sanders. Brian who is doing our video, Sergeant Allen
- 18 Quinn is doing the audio, and Mr. Don Handyside is our
- 19 court reporter. Those who are representatives, Ms. Sherry
- 20 Johnson, Office of Wayne County Commissioner Jonathan
- 21 Kent Lock. Ms. Marie Overall, Office of the State
- 22 Representative Tyrone Carter, former Commissioner William
- 23 Davis, Ms. LaDon Davis, Office Council member of Fred
- 24 Durhal III, and I believe I saw Mr. Scotty Bowman, CAC
- 25 member, who came in.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. Thank you. We're so
- 2 grateful for everyone's attendance, and it is our desire
- 3 that we'll add to the productivity of today's meeting.
- 4 Seeing that we are in the great area of Commissioner
- 5 Banks, I will present our Board of Police Commissioner's
- 6 Office report for him if he wants to make any general
- 7 remarks. And then after that, we can continue with the
- 8 resolutions that we have for our honorees.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just
- 10 want to thank God for the 9th Precinct. Is it Commander
- 11 Decker and Officer Wade and all of those who've been a
- 12 blessing to me, open some doors for me over there at
- 13 number 9, and I'm very grateful for number 9, and all
- 14 those that participate at number 9. Thank you very much
- 15 for all you've done for me. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You're so welcome. And so now
- 17 we can move forward with the Resolutions that you have
- 18 for our honorees.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: All right, here we go.
- 20 WHEREAS originally from Virginia, Mr. George Preston
- 21 moved to Detroit at the age of 12 and graduated from
- 22 Southeastern High School. Following high school, Mr.
- 23 Preston attended Wayne County Community College and
- 24 earned an associate's degree; and
- 25 WHEREAS Mr. Preston has spent his life in law



- 1 enforcement, having served on the Detroit Police Force
- 2 for 28 years, and is a former military police officer, he
- 3 retired from the Metro parks after 10 years. And as a
- 4 parks officer, his law enforcement background has given
- 5 Mr. Preston the leadership expertise needed to excel in
- 6 all that he endeavors to the community; and
- WHEREAS Mr. Preston is currently serving as
- 8 president of Mohican Region Owners Association since
- 9 2010. During his term as president, Mr. Preston has
- 10 implemented a vision of impacting blight and crime, and
- 11 also has put into effect several community cleanups and a
- 12 neighborhood watch. Additionally, he has implemented more
- 13 youth activities that promote the importance of education
- 14 and impart sound advice to the youth; and
- 15 WHEREAS it is leisure time, Mr. Preston is an avid
- 16 baseball fan and inducted into the Detroit Soft Softball
- 17 Negro League Hall of Fame in 2013. Additionally, Mr.
- 18 Preston enjoyed officiating high school baseball games
- 19 and is the president of Tuesday night mixer bowling
- 20 leagues at Bonanza Bowl.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 23 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 24 Detroit, recognize and honor the long life contribution
- 25 commitment to excellence in public service of Mr. George



- 1 Preston. His display of an unwavering community spirit
- 2 has improved the quality of life for citizens of Detroit.
- 3 We welcome and congratulate you, Mr. Preston. You got a
- 4 couple minutes?
- 5 MR. PRESTON: Sure.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, first of all, I just want
- 7 to say I know this man personally. I have known him for
- 8 many years. He opened up many doors in District 3 for me
- 9 before I became a police commissioner. Many doors, you
- 10 remember those days?
- 11 MR. PRESTON: Yeah, I'd just like to thank you for
- 12 the Resolution and, you know, I just want to thank all
- 13 the people. The reason I've been able to win this award
- 14 is because of all the people that I've been working with
- 15 who have been diligent in terms of making things happen
- 16 in our community. So, again, I am the proud recipient of
- 17 this award on behalf of my overall community. So, once
- 18 again, thank you, thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So now the Chair entertains a
- 20 motion to adopt this Resolution into our archives.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 23 VICE CHAIR SMITH: Second.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 25 second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.



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- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 2. CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any oppose, no? The Ayes have
- it. Congratulations. COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the 3
- 4 Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Burton. 5
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd just like to add that years
- 7 ago, you know, I used to work for Wayne County
- Commissioner Martha G. Scott. I was her public relations 8
- director for our office. And I used to always come over
- 10 to the Mohegan Region meetings. And I remember meeting
- 11 Mr. Preston years ago. And I remember when I represented
- 12 that office, I presented you with an award years ago. Do
- 13 you recall?
- 14 MR. PRESTON: Yes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And now you're being presented
- 16 today with an award by the Board of Police Commissioners.
- So just show you the leadership and the hard work of Mr. 17
- Preston and the Mohigan Region in this community. 18
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Resolution honoring Russ
- 20 Bellant.
- 21 WHEREAS Mr. Russ Bellant was born in Detroit,
- 22 Michigan, in 1948, and he has an extensive background in
- community service. Mr. Bellant served 12 years as a 23
- Detroit Library Commissioner in all officer titles. He is 24
- 25 currently serving 15 years as a Neighborhood Block Club



- 1 president, and he has rehabilitated houses for 11 years.
- 2 He also served 10 years as president, VP of the
- 3 Neighborhood Association. We care about Van Dyke 7 Mile.
- 4 Mr. Bellant is currently the treasurer for the 9th
- 5 Precinct Police Community Relations Council since 2016.
- 6 Additionally, Mr. Bellant is a former treasurer of the
- 7 Michigan Apprenticeship Steering Committee, which is a US
- 8 Department of Labor Advisory Group. He also served as an
- 9 advocate for the Detroit Public Schools, and WHEREAS Mr.
- 10 Bellant attended Henry Ford Community College as well as
- 11 Wayne State University, earning a Bachelor's of Arts in
- 12 history.
- 13 Mr. Bellant served two years as a student government
- 14 president and a year as editor of the University
- 15 Newspaper. He organized antiapartheid work, wrote several
- 16 books and taught a university course; and
- 17 WHEREAS Mr. Bellant worked at Great Lake Steel. He
- 18 worked in the furnace, labored, and became a heavy
- 19 equipment mechanic. Periodically, Mr. Bellant worked on
- 20 one dock, or docks, coke ovens, blast furnaces, labor
- 21 gangs, and held the opposition of safety committee man in
- 22 the mechanical shop. Mr. Bellant was inducted into the US
- 23 Army and was sergeant in the Airborne Artillery. His
- 24 achievements with the Army include being part of a seven
- 25 man team that represented the US Army at the 25th



- 1 anniversary of D-Day, Normandy Beach, France, in 1969,
- 2 and he also received an army accommodation medal; and
- 3 WHEREAS Mr. Bellant has a rich employment history,
- 4 serving in various roles and capacities over the years,
- 5 he worked as a freelance writer and researcher, newspaper
- 6 editor and research interim for UAW and also worked as a
- 7 roofer.
- 8 After serving in these roles, Mr. Bellant was
- 9 employed with the City of Detroit, beginning his new
- 10 career in the Water Utility Department as a water plant
- 11 operator and plant union steward. Additionally, Mr.
- 12 Bellant directed an apprenticeship program teaching
- 13 training to electricians, plumbers, and mill rights for
- 14 several years. Mr. Bellant was the director of education
- 15 for the International Union of Operating Engineers for
- 16 stationary engineers in the Michigan, and directed that
- 17 apprenticeship program as well. He also served as chief
- 18 of staff for a state legislator.
- 19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 21 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 22 Detroit, recognizes and honors the long life
- 23 contributions and commitment to excellence in public
- 24 service of Mr. Russ Bellant. His display of unwavering
- 25 community spirit improved the quality of life for the



- 1 citizens of Detroit. We thank you, Mr. Russ Bellant.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
- 3 to adopt this Resolution into our archives.
- 4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second,
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I need a motion.
- 6 VIICE CHAIR SMITH: So move.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor please
- 9 signify by saying, Aye.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no? The
- 12 Ayes have it. Go right ahead.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I just want to thank Mr. Russ
- 14 Bellant. I've known him personally. He has opened many
- 15 doors for me in District 3, another one right here before
- 16 I became police commissioner. Thank you Mr. Russ.
- 17 MR. BELLANT: I think I submitted too long a resume.
- 18 I want to say that the inspiration for my public service
- 19 came on the 25th anniversary of D-Day on the beaches of
- 20 Normandy, France. I had the honor to represent the United
- 21 States Army in front of General Omar Bradley, who led the
- 22 invasion in World War II. On the way in our train was
- 23 full of vibrant discussion until we got into Normandy,
- 24 and we saw miles of graveyards. It taught me that public
- 25 service must be part of my life. Those people gave more



- 1 than anything I'll ever give. And I hope that everyone
- 2 who is in public service will think in terms of the great
- 3 sacrifices others have made, and in terms of the humility
- 4 and the mutual respect that we need to cultivate in our
- 5 city, in our nation, and in this world to survive the
- 6 prospects of another catastrophe that we defeated in
- 7 World War II. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair, can you...? No, I get
- 10 it.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You want me to read the last
- 12 one?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I got it.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just
- 16 wanted to say it's great to see Mr. Russ Bellant being
- 17 honored by the Board of Police Commissioners today. Once
- 18 again, years ago, when I represented Martha G. Scott's
- 19 office, I used to always go over to the Mohegan Region
- 20 meetings, where he was the president or vice chair of
- 21 those meetings as well. It just shows you the impact that
- 22 he has in our community when it comes to community
- 23 service policies. When I think of leadership, I think of
- 24 the wonderful leaders that we have here today, like Mr.
- 25 Preston over at Mohegan Block Club, but I also think of



- 1 Russ Bellant. When I think of policies, I think of
- 2 leadership. I don't think there's anyone in our community
- 3 that understands policy the way Mr. Russ Bellant
- 4 understands policies and the work that he has done in
- 5 Lansing, and on behalf of the residents here in Detroit.
- 6 So I want to just say congratulations to all the awardees
- 7 today who've been recognized by this board.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for that. Alright.
- 9 And so for our last Resolution, we'll have Commissioner
- 10 Woods to read it and it will be presented by Commissioner
- 11 Banks
- 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Resolution recognizing the 9th
- 13 Precinct Police Community Relations Leader, Phillip
- 14 Sample.
- 15 WHEREAS Mr. Sample is the founder and Executive
- 16 Director of Response Able Hands and Minds, Incorporated.
- 17 A nonprofit organization known as RAHAM. Both Mr. Sample
- 18 and RAHAM are noted for extensive outreach to help
- 19 achieve safer and stronger neighborhoods throughout the
- 20 9th Precinct and other Detroit communities, and
- 21 WHEREAS Mr. Sample took on his current mission with
- 22 RAHAM, after transforming himself and his life through
- 23 his books, poetry, and Music. He frequently shares how
- 24 his single mother raised him around gangs, drugs, and
- 25 violence in poor neighborhoods in both Detroit and



- 1 Chicago. And how he became a gang member at age 11, a
- 2 gang leader at age 14 and a Michigan prison inmate at age
- 3 18. During 15 years of incarceration, he began working to
- 4 make amends and participate in the efforts to help
- 5 prevent youth involvement in crime and gang violence; and
- 6 WHEREAS Since 2017, his work has focused on
- 7 rebuilding community bonds that help youth, families, and
- 8 neighborhoods thrive. He is a former outreach specialist
- 9 with Ceasefire Detroit, the Violence and Gang Prevention
- 10 Coalition, with representatives from law enforcement,
- 11 criminal justice, social service, and the clergy. As a
- 12 resident of the 9th Precinct, he frequently supports the
- 13 Police Community Relations Council, its outreach programs
- 14 and activities. Through RAHAM and it's based at the
- 15 Samaritan Center, he also collaborates with numerous
- 16 other Eastside groups that help bring residents together
- 17 to improve public safety. As an author, Mr. Sample
- 18 touches even more people with messages about the power of
- 19 positive change and community action.
- 20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- 21 That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 22 speaking on behalf of the residents of the City of
- 23 Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognize and
- 24 commend Mr. Phillips Sample for his dedicated leadership
- 25 and contributions to improving public safety and police



### 1 community relations in the 9th Precinct.

- 2 MR. SAMPLE: So when I first got wind of this, I
- 3 said, do they know who they are about to give...? Then I
- 4 think of a story that I'll share with you really quick.
- 5 Once upon a time, it says, there was a great feast and
- 6 Brother Jesus and his disciples were in attendance. Say
- 7 that one of the disciples asked Brother Jesus, do you
- 8 know that your reputation is at stake because you sit and
- 9 sup with prostitutes, thieves, and murderers? To which he
- 10 responded, what makes you think that your soul is more
- 11 valuable than theirs? But what he knew in his infinite
- 12 wisdom is this, that there will come a time when a
- 13 certain element of people would need to be testified to.
- 14 And you can't testify if you don't have a testimony, Bro.
- 15 So they say that Brother Phil is a gang specialist.
- I say that Brother Phil was able to pull from his
- 17 trauma and pain hurt and passion. A lot of people say, I
- 18 don't want no award. I don't care about that. Well, I do.
- 19 I want it, I need it, and I thank you because, guess
- 20 what? There's a file on Philip Sample, somewhere in the
- 21 MDOC, the DOJ, the DEA, or the ABC, but it's also a file
- 22 on Philip Sample. And the way that he offset what he did
- 23 is by doing what he doing. So I thank you all, I thank my
- 24 team, my family of whom I drive absolutely crazy. 48205
- 25 Shot Stopper. And let me speak to that real quick. They



- 1 say you all not doing as well as others in the numbers in
- 2 the 48205. That's because we are not just aiming to take
- 3 guns out of hands, Brother Darryl, we are trying to take
- 4 murder out of hearts. To take the gun out the hand is
- 5 only half for the resolution. So we are trying to create
- 6 a whole environment that's indicative and reflective of
- 7 the way it was, Auntie Deborah. When you first moved in
- 8 the 48205, we thought Auntie Deborah had gotten rich. It
- 9 was a beautiful suburban place. And then hell came and
- 10 I'm one of the people who lit the match. That's why I'm
- 11 one of the hands that's rebuilding this thing. Thank you
- 12 all.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
- 14 to adopt this Resolution to our archives.
- 15 VICE CHAIR SMITH: So move.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's properly moved and
- 19 second. All those in favor, please signify by saying,
- 20 Aye.
- 21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those who oppose, no? The
- 23 Ayes have it, the motion passes.
- 24 VICE CHAIR SMITH: Through the chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Vice Chair Smith.



- 1 VICE CHAIR SMITH: Yes. Through the Chair. I would
- 2 like to speak to Phillip Sample. You are very, very
- 3 modest in your bio. You know, I've had the pleasure of
- 4 working with you through Cease fire Detroit. What people
- 5 don't know about us is that we were on call 24 hours a
- 6 day, 7 days a week. The times that we had to spend with
- 7 families who experienced fatalities to comfort them, and
- 8 give them something that they didn't even know, and most
- 9 of us didn't even know what to do. But in my most recent
- 10 experience with you, when I called on you about the 13-
- 11 year-old that's been missing since January 9th, you
- 12 immediately moved. You organized and galvanized a group
- 13 of people that most people could not touch or even speak
- 14 to. We were out there knocking doors in the cold and you
- 15 said, this would not be tolerated in our city. It's not
- 16 normal, and it won't be accepted for children to come up
- 17 missing. And I appreciate you and I love you, brother.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well said.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: If I may?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I also want to uplift this
- 22 brother. I have done a lot of work with him in the
- 23 Detroit Public School system, being able to talk to young
- 24 people and to encourage them, and inspire them to be
- 25 better. I was a little late today. He would've been with



- 1 me today, but he was getting an award here, you know, so
- 2 we've been challenging these hookah shops that've been
- 3 poisoning our children, and his boots are on the ground
- 4 dedicated to that type of work. And I know all of the
- 5 great work that you're doing. And so I say we salute you,
- 6 we thank God for you, we thank God for your
- 7 transformation, and we thank God for using you to
- 8 transform the lives of men and women in our community. So
- 9 keep on keeping on.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Again,
- 11 congratulations to all of our honorees. With that, we'll
- 12 now move on to our Community Impact report where Chief
- 13 Investigator Warfield will provide us with his
- 14 presentation.
- 15 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair and to this honorable
- 16 board and to the public, thank you for the opportunity to
- 17 report out. Before we get to the numbers of the citizen
- 18 complaint reports and the progress that we're making at
- 19 OCI, I do want to just bring you up to date and up to
- 20 speed on a few things. We do have one more day for the
- 21 investigator positions to remain posted. To date, we
- 22 received 57 of the resumes to forward the 6 positions
- 23 that we have vacant. And again, that host will close
- 24 tomorrow at the end of the day. Also for the cases that
- 25 were returned back from the office of the Inspector



- 1 General, our 3 new investigators have been working on
- 2 those cases, and in 3 weeks, they have resolved over 40
- 3 of those cases and closed over 40 cases.
- 4 And so a hats off to our new investigators and to
- 5 the person that's overseeing them, Senior Investigator
- 6 Jessica Hunter, who was their trainer, and she's
- 7 overseeing them at this time. In addition to that, we
- 8 have sent out letters to all of the recipients of our
- 9 backlog cases, and those responses are coming back in.
- 10 And so we are making sure that we have one-on-one contact
- 11 through those letters, with each person who was in that
- 12 back law category from the OIG office. And want to thank
- 13 Ms. Jasmine Taylor for her work in making that happen,
- 14 and our administrative staff at OIG, Ms. Angela Cox and
- 15 Ms. Stephanie Phillips have been just monumental in
- 16 getting that work done for us. In addition to that as we
- 17 get into our numbers for the first quarter of 2024, and
- 18 you have that report in your binders, and it'll be up on
- 19 the screen in a minute, I want to thank Ms. Mary Baker,
- 20 who is just such an excellent resource for the Board of
- 21 Police Commissioner and for our office, and I thank her
- 22 just for all of her help that she gives me and making
- 23 sure that our numbers are correct. Here we go.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Just for my
- 25 colleagues again, that's behind tab five in your binders.



- 1 Go right ahead.
- 2 CI WARFIELD: Thank you Chair. As it relates to the
- 3 cases that are open in-house this is ending the month of
- 4 March, 2024, We had 1,753 cases open. Of those 1,753
- 5 cases, 344 are from the zero to 90 day period. And 1,409
- 6 of those cases are backlogged. And of those 1,409 cases,
- 7 700 of those cases are those that came back from the
- 8 Office of the Inspector General. Next slide, please. This
- 9 gives us an indication, and I apologize for the size of
- 10 this, but this gives us an indication of the trend line
- 11 that we're receiving. And I'll compare this versus last
- 12 year in a moment. But from January, February, and March,
- 13 we are outpacing the number of citizen complaint reports
- 14 that we're receiving in our office. And as you know, in
- 15 2023, it was somewhat of a record year for us as it
- 16 relates to our citizen complaints. And you'll see the
- 17 number of cases that we've closed to date. 143 cases have
- 18 been closed to date, and 420 citizen complaint complaints
- 19 have come into our office for the first three months of
- 20 2024. Next slide, please. And if we compare this to 2023,
- 21 as you can see, there are 322 complaints, CCRS that came
- 22 in 2023, and we have closed 252 cases. We had to put an
- 23 asterisk by those 252 cases because some of those cases
- 24 that were deemed as closed in those months were cases
- 25 that ended up in the OIG report that we are now going



- 1 back into to complete. So it really should be an asterisk
- 2 at that number. Next slide, please. This is looking at
- 3 the overall reduction of the office, and actually it's
- 4 off by 1. But we have, again, closed in the month of
- 5 March, just for the month of March, 43 cases that are
- 6 closed from all 3 teams. Actually, 44 cases were closed
- 7 by all 3 teams. And when you look at the cases that are
- 8 closed versus the cases that are still in review, in
- 9 other words, those cases have been submitted, and they're
- 10 waiting for the quality reviewer or myself to sign off on
- 11 those cases. Your cases had a total production of 116
- 12 cases for the month of March. So considering the fact
- 13 that we're still understaffed, we're still making great
- 14 progress in making sure that we're doing the work of the
- 15 people and answering, solving, and resolving their
- 16 citizen complaints. Next slide, please.
- 17 As relates to the allegations for the month of March
- 18 2024, we had a total of 377 allegations. And you can see
- 19 that again, about 70% of those allegations are broken out
- 20 into a procedure, demeanor, and service as they normally
- 21 are. Yeah, procedure, demeanor, and service as it
- 22 normally is. And so you'll see that, and then we can
- 23 break it down. Next slide, we can break it down to the
- 24 actual command level. And I'm sorry for the smallness of
- 25 the slide, but you have to put a lot of information in,



- 1 and you'll see all 377 of those allegations, how they're
- 2 broken out by the various command levels in the various
- 3 precincts. And we broke them out for the various
- 4 commissioner districts if they wished to follow up as
- 5 well. Next slide, please. Any questions?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, thank you for your
- 7 report. Again, to try to make that more digestible to our
- 8 citizens, we'll start here. What is the number of fully
- 9 staffed investigators, if we have all the investigators
- 10 that we are budgeted to have? What is that number?
- 11 CI WARFIELD: So if we had everybody in place right
- 12 now, it would be a total of 23.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So when OCI is fully staffed,
- 14 we'll have 23 investigators. How many investigators do we
- 15 currently have?
- 16 CI WARFIELD: We currently have 15.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: 15. And so we are currently
- 18 short eight investigators, and that's why we're hiring
- 19 those. He said there's 57 applications that have come in,
- 20 and we're hoping over the next few weeks we'll be able to
- 21 hire them so that we are fully staffed and we're dealing
- 22 with 23 investigators to deal with the backlog. My next
- 23 question is, again, to help us understand this. Again,
- 24 these citizen complaints are when citizens have negative
- 25 encounters with law enforcement, and have the opportunity



- 1 to fill out a citizen's complaint report. And what our
- 2 numbers are showing for this year is that more complaints
- 3 are being filed this year than were filed last year, and
- 4 last year was a historic rate, correct?
- 5 CI WARFIELD: Correct. Yes, sir.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. And so to note that
- 7 again, some of that might be that citizens are now more
- 8 readily understanding the opportunity that they have to
- 9 file complaints because I want to kind of juxtapose that
- 10 to this data point, and I don't know if we have that for
- 11 2024, but I do know that as we're preparing for the City
- 12 Council's budget, so when we investigate the complaints
- 13 that citizens have, I believe it was 2022, that 18% of
- 14 those complaints were sustained...
- 15 CI WARFIELD: Were sustained, which is significant.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yep. Okay. So hearing that out
- 17 of all of the citizens who wrote citizen complaint
- 18 reports, and we investigated those reports, 18% of them
- 19 came back and sustained, which suggests that what the
- 20 citizens said happened, actually happened, and there were
- 21 some level of discipline that should have been meted out
- 22 to those officers for that. But then the following year,
- 23 even though we had more complaints that were being
- 24 submitted, the number of cases that were sustained, I
- 25 believe was 12%, correct?



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- 1 CI WARFIELD: Yes, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So even though there are
- 3 more citizens who are filing complaints, the number of
- 4 those complaints that are being sustained is actually
- 5 going down, which is suggesting that when we investigate
- 6 these, what the investigators are seeing is what the
- 7 citizen said happened, which is not happening at the same
- 8 rate that it did the year before. It went from 18% to
- 9 12%.
- 10 Okay? And then the last thing, just again, so we're
- 11 adjusting what these numbers are saying is that the top 3
- 12 things our community is complaining about with negative
- 13 encounters with police officers is procedure. Okay? So
- 14 that's saying they did something out of order.
- 15 Oftentimes, in the cases that I reviewed, and this is
- 16 anecdotal, I can't give you the actual number, but it's
- 17 mostly that they didn't have their body-worn camera on,
- 18 which is a failure procedure. Some might suggest that
- 19 there are other things. They didn't say why they were
- 20 pulled over, and they didn't suggest what the stop was
- 21 for. So procedure number 1. Number 2 is demeanor, which
- 22 suggests that the officer used language that was
- 23 inappropriate and against policy. And then last is
- 24 service, which suggests that a call was made, they needed
- 25 help, they needed service, and service was not rendered.



- 1 Those are the top 3 complaints that citizens are
- 2 filing citizen complaint forms for. Now, I want us to
- 3 note that oftentimes the narrative in law enforcement, is
- 4 alarming and concerning, and we want to ensure that we're
- 5 doing the very best that we can to create oversight of
- 6 our law enforcement officers so that those things are
- 7 done. But when you see things like force or harassment,
- 8 those things are actually low on the number of citizen
- 9 complaints that are coming in on that. Just based on this
- 10 year's number, again, around force, it's only 9. We only
- 11 had 9 complaints about force. When it comes to
- 12 harassment, we only had 29. Now, again, 1 is too many.
- 13 Alright, 1 is too many. But I do want to put that in
- 14 context. So as you all are hearing these numbers, these
- 15 are the things that we're focusing on when we talk to DPD
- 16 and Chief White in training and in policy to ensure that
- 17 the number of complaints we're getting, again, revolves
- 18 around procedure, demeanor, and service, which are the
- 19 things being addressed. So hopefully that makes that a
- 20 little bit more digestible. Chief Investigator.
- 21 CI WARFIELD: And thank you, Mr. Chair. And through
- 22 the Chair, we also want to point out to the citizens that
- 23 when we do see cases that are egregious, we do forward
- 24 that information over to the Chief's Office, as well as
- 25 send it over to disciplinary, and they act immediately on



- 1 those issues. And so the Chief's Office has been lockstep
- 2 as it relates to making sure that egregious misconduct is
- 3 taken care of immediately. And I want the citizens of the
- 4 City of Detroit to understand that.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further
- 6 questions or comments? Commissioner Burton.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for the Chief. Chief
- 8 Warfield, when it comes to the backlog of citizens'
- 9 complaints, of the 700 that were confiscated by the
- 10 Inspector General's Office, have your office been
- 11 notified about the outcome of that investigation.
- 12 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. Actually, there were
- 13 1400 cases that was taken out of our office by the Office
- 14 of the Inspector General. Those 1400 cases were delivered
- 15 back to our office a few months ago, about a month and a
- 16 half ago. And so, yes, we have been informed of those
- 17 1400 cases that were brought back, 705 of those cases
- 18 still needed to be investigated, although they were
- 19 labeled as closed. So we are going in right now, the
- 20 process that our new investigators are doing, they're
- 21 going into those cases to complete those investigations
- 22 and notify our citizens.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions?
- 25 Commissioner Woods.



- 1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes, I want to applaud you,
- 2 Chief for your hard work. I call you often, and I've been
- 3 working with you in the direction of our Chair. And I
- 4 want to applaud our Chair for creating the special
- 5 Personnel and Training Committee. And you, the citizens,
- 6 should rest assured that those interviews for the
- 7 remaining investigators would be done within the next two
- 8 weeks. It's our intention to have that scheduled and fill
- 9 those positions because, if you're fully staff, you could
- 10 reach your maximum potential in terms of investigation.
- 11 That correct?
- 12 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, yes, sir.
- 13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. And so rest assured that
- 14 this Chairman means business, and the Chief means
- 15 business, and this Commission means business that we will
- 16 get fully staffed and we will get all the investigators
- 17 done in an expedited fashion.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further
- 19 questions or comments? And hearing none, thank you again
- 20 for your report. Now we will move forward to the Chief of
- 21 Police and the 9th Precinct Report. And so I'll give it
- 22 to you to determine how you want to handle that.
- DC Stewart: Thank you. Through the Chair, I'm Deputy
- 24 Chief Tiffany Stewart. I just want to say that I am very
- 25 happy to be here tonight as a former captain of the 9th



- 1 Precinct, probably about seven years ago. I know what a
- 2 great community this is. I know what a highly engaged
- 3 community this is. And I certainly think our current
- 4 command staff, Commander Lawrence Purifoy, and Captain
- 5 Nathan Duda, are going to be a great fit as evidenced by
- 6 the report they'll give you after I read the Chief's
- 7 report.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay, great.
- 9 DC STEWART: So, moving on to the Chief's report, our
- 10 crime data, we're continuing to experience reductions in
- 11 our Part 1 violent crime. We're at 29% reduction in
- 12 homicide, a 13% reduction in non-fatal shootings, and a
- 13 26% reduction in robberies. We also have a 37% reduction
- 14 in carjackings. Our total Part 1 violent crime as a
- 15 whole, as a reduction of 10% over last year. Moving on to
- 16 drag racing and drifting. Enforcement stats for last
- 17 weekend. We started it, I think, the week prior to that,
- 18 with just a number of great stats already. Last week we
- 19 had over 38 traffic stops, we issued over 15 citations;
- 20 investigated over 44 vehicles; impounded 4, 2 felony
- 21 arrests. We had like 6 runs related to drag racing, and
- 22 we had 2 spectator tickets issued. And as a whole, since
- 23 we began, it's been like 95 traffic stops.
- We issued over 41 traffic citations. We've impounded
- 25 13 vehicles. We've recovered 4 stolen vehicles, 9



- 1 weapons. We've had a total of 32 police runs related to
- 2 drifting and drag racing. And we've issued 10 spectator
- 3 tickets. So it's early. So, hopefully, we'll get a handle
- 4 on it. It'll calm down before the summer months start,
- 5 when the calls really start coming in. So, moving on to
- 6 mental health related calls for service. In the last 7
- 7 days, we had 287 service calls for mental health related
- 8 causes violent armed, not violent, violent, not armed in
- 9 those dealing with suicide. Year to date over last year,
- 10 we're seeing slightly up over 4,475 calls this year. And
- 11 we serviced over 3,939 calls. We've also tracked our
- 12 overdose related costs. In the last 7 days, we had 94
- 13 overdose related costs, and we serviced, year to date,
- 14 over 1200 calls for overdose related police runs.
- Moving on to some significant events for the past
- 16 week. We had a non-fatal shooting. An officer involved
- 17 shooting was actually in the 8th Precinct. On Thursday,
- 18 April 4th of this year, at 7:19 PM, officers were in the
- 19 area of Bramell and Fenkell on an investigation of a
- 20 suspicious person. Officers were on routine patrol in the
- 21 area when they observed the suspect walking east on
- 22 Fenkell with what appeared to be a handgun. They pulled
- 23 up to the suspect and exited the scout car to
- 24 investigate, and the suspect began to flee east on
- 25 Bramell. The officers initiated a foot pursuit east in



- 1 the alley, at which point the suspect removed the weapon
- 2 from his side. Officers, fearing for his safety, fired
- 3 two shots at the suspect, striking him once in the right
- 4 leg. They secured the suspect's weapon at the scene and
- 5 provided medical attention until medics arrived and
- 6 transported him to the hospital.
- 7 He was later identified as a 16-year-old male. He
- 8 was in stable condition that night. He was later released
- 9 from the hospital and transported to the Wayne County
- 10 Juvenile Facility. No officers were injured during this
- 11 investigation. On Friday, April 6th, the Wayne County
- 12 Prosecutor's Office signed a warrant, and the suspect was
- 13 arraigned in 36 District Court on the following charges:
- 14 carrying a concealed weapon, receiving and concealing,
- 15 resisting, and obstructing. He's currently held on a
- 16 \$3,000, 10% cash bond at the Wayne County Juvenile
- 17 Detention Facility. And pursuant to DPD policy, this
- 18 matter has been turned over to the Homicide Task Force
- 19 for investigation. As this matter involves a DPD officer,
- 20 the Michigan State Police will assume the lead in the
- 21 investigation as always. And the DPD's critical incident
- 22 debriefing that the Chief instituted will be released
- 23 within 45 days of the incident.
- In another incident, we had a drag racing incident
- 25 in the 11th Precinct. On Sunday, the 7th, officers were



- 1 in the area of Van Dyke and Lynch on a call for drag
- 2 racing in progress. They arrived on the scene and
- 3 observed a black Dodge Charger with no license plate
- 4 driving westbound or Lynch. The officers activated the
- 5 overhead lights and sirens and initiated a traffic stop.
- 6 He fled on Van Dyke at a high rate of speed. The driver
- 7 turned the headlights off and proceeded to drive
- 8 northbound on Van Dyke, disregarding all traffic lights
- 9 and varying forces between lanes of travel by driving
- 10 around other vehicles without using signals to allude to
- 11 a traffic stop. After driving westbound on Nevada and
- 12 making a U-turn, the driver continued southbound. Our
- 13 scouts lost sight of him. About 17 minutes later,
- 14 Michigan State Police helicopter, Trooper 2, observed the
- 15 vehicle pull into a BP gas station at Joy and Evergreen.
- 16 After observing the scouts, you know, the scouts
- 17 went over to the scene. After observing the scouts, the
- 18 driver attempted to turn right on Joy Road but then
- 19 changed directions and went left. After activating
- 20 overhead lights and sirens, officers initiated a traffic
- 21 stop again, but the driver fled because, in driving at
- 22 speeds greater than the posted speed limits, the trooper
- 23 continued to follow the vehicle and alerted multiple
- 24 other agencies in the area, including Michigan State
- 25 Police, who were on the ground as well. They were able to



- 1 disable the vehicle using spike strips. All occupants
- 2 exited the vehicle and fled in different directions. The
- 3 trooper in the helicopter was able to keep the driver in
- 4 sight, and he was later apprehended. Officers recovered a
- 5 stolen Dodge Charger that they were driving from Adrian,
- 6 Michigan. And on Monday, April 8th, the Wayne County
- 7 Prosecutor's Office signed a warrant, and the suspect was
- 8 arraigned in 36th District Court. He's currently at Wayne
- 9 County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.
- 10 We had a couple other incidents. We actually had 3
- 11 fatal shootings, one in the 11th Precinct. On Monday, the
- 12 8th, officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of West
- 13 Arizona for a ShotSpotter alert, which was upgraded to a
- 14 shooting. Officers arrived shortly thereafter for 14
- 15 shots fired. And they observed several people standing
- 16 outside of the location, stating that someone inside was
- 17 shot. Officers entered the location and observed the
- 18 victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. Medics
- 19 arrived and pronounced the victim dead on scene. The
- 20 detectives were able to determine that a male wearing a
- 21 black ski mask who drove away from the location in a
- 22 blue, unknown make or model, SUV shot the victim. This
- 23 investigation is still ongoing. We are asking for any
- 24 tips. You can contact Detroit Rewards TV or Crime
- 25 Stoppers at 1800 SpeakUp. We had another homicide on



- 1 Tuesday, the 9th, Officers were dispatched to the 3,200
- 2 block of Fullerton for a shooting. Officers arrived at
- 3 the scene and observed the victim lying in the street
- 4 with two gunshot wounds to the chest. Officers were
- 5 notified that medical assistance would take approximately
- 6 15 minutes, and officers transported the victim to Henry
- 7 Ford Hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the victim
- 8 was pronounced dead. And detectives from the homicide
- 9 unit were notified. Detectives were able to determine
- 10 that the suspect got into an argument with the suspect
- 11 named Dave, who shot, I'm sorry. Detectives were able to
- 12 determine that the victim got into an argument with the
- 13 suspect named Dave, who shot the suspect and drove away
- 14 in a red pickup truck westbound on Fullerton. Detectives
- 15 identified a suspect and tracked the vehicle to 3,700
- 16 Clement Street, where two suspects were arrested in a red
- 17 Chevy pickup truck.
- 18 Both suspects were conveyed to the detention center.
- 19 And detectives will be working on a warrant to prepare
- 20 and submit to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for
- 21 review related to this. That's another homicide. I'm
- 22 going to skip over that one for time, and I'm going to go
- 23 to some of our positives. We did have a promotional
- 24 ceremony on Monday. We did promote 36 members of the
- 25 department to various ranks, from commanders all the way



- 1 to detectives. We also have a graduating class tomorrow.
- 2 Friday is going to be a greater grace. Tomorrow at 2:00
- 3 PM, 35 student police officers will be graduating from
- 4 the training academy. We started last month doing, let's
- 5 chop it up Tuesday, it's part of Chief's neighborhood
- 6 liaison. That's where DPD men were able to share their
- 7 experiences and have peer-to-peer conversations. They had
- 8 a great turnout for that. So it's something that they're
- 9 going to continue to do, some mentorship and just being
- 10 able to sit back and talk about some of the things that
- 11 they're dealing with on the job. So, I thought that was
- 12 great and wanted to mention it. PAL, there is a book
- 13 launch party and fundraiser through Detroit PAL. They
- 14 held and raised funds for the PAL's Advisory Board Chair,
- 15 Jerry Boylan. The \$20 donation for each ticket went to
- 16 PAL, and book sales benefited as well. And on Sunday,
- 17 actually, PAL is hosting an empowerment event for girls
- 18 ages 11 and 18. The goal is to increase retention and
- 19 engagement through peer-to-peer bonding and professional
- 20 development training. This event will feature PAL's
- 21 alumni and program coordinator, Kira Borum, who will
- 22 speak on resilience. This event will run from 11 to 2 at
- 23 the ballpark. And as usual, all of our precincts are
- 24 involved in the community. The 8th Precinct will be
- 25 joining Goodwill for a donation drive at Crowell Rec



- 1 Center tomorrow and Saturday. And on Sunday, the 4th
- 2 Precinct will join Goodwill for a donation drive at
- 3 Patton Rec Center. I'll push on to the Precinct unless
- 4 you want to ask me some questions.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Let's do questions for the
- 6 Chief first, and then we'll have our precinct report. Let
- 7 me also take this opportunity to warmly encourage you, if
- 8 you have not done so, to look at your cell phones and
- 9 make sure that they're vibrating. So again, our citizens
- 10 were watching on Zoom and weren't distracted by ringing
- 11 phones. With that, any questions for Deputy Chief
- 12 Stewart? Yes, Commissioner Woods.
- 13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: How are you doing, Deputy Chief?
- 14 DC STEWART: Doing good.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: As it relates to the shooting of
- 16 the 16-year-old or the interaction, you're saying that it
- 17 is being investigated by the state police?
- 18 DC STEWART: Yes. The Homicides Task Force is a task
- 19 force made up of officers from various other departments,
- 20 including Michigan State Police, who will investigate DPD
- 21 officers.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So, preliminarily, the
- 23 information that you guys have is that, you know, he was
- 24 running, he was armed, and, you know, there was
- 25 interaction. What was the interaction if ...?



- 1 DC STEWART: So, the interaction was him grabbing his
- 2 handgun. That was the interaction. And officers, fearing
- 3 for their safety, fired shots at him, and struck him.
- 4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Do the officers receive any type
- 5 of counseling after that type of interaction?
- 6 DC STEWART: Oh, absolutely. We actually put them off
- 7 usually admin, no gun status or we will move them to a
- 8 different assignment while they go through that process
- 9 and speaking to somebody and making sure that they're
- 10 okay.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. Thank you kindly.
- 12 DC STEWART: You're welcome.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions?
- 14 Relatively again, to that officer involved shooting, is
- 15 body-worn camera footage available?
- 16 DC STEWART: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. And then I know that you
- 18 said that the Chief will be providing the critical
- 19 debriefing according to the policy in 45 days. Will the
- 20 commissioners have an opportunity to review that body-
- 21 worn camera footage prior to that?
- DC STEWART: I'm assuming you all will.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Commissioner Burton.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a question for the
- 2 Chief. What specific steps has DPD taken to ramp up
- 3 security during the draft, and how are you making sure
- 4 that Detroiters are protected during that ramp up?
- 5 DC STEWART: So the draft security plan is huge. We
- 6 have various departments from around the State involved,
- 7 not just the Detroit Police Department. We've got Wayne
- 8 County Sheriffs, there's Michigan State Police involved.
- 9 There's a Detroit Public Safety School involved. There
- 10 have been various police departments, just from around
- 11 Southeastern Michigan, involved for the past few months.
- 12 They've been doing security debriefings for that
- 13 footprint. Everybody has a specific job assignment. Those
- 14 days of the NFL draft are 3 restricted days for the
- 15 Detroit Police Department. Nobody gets the day off, all
- 16 hands on deck, including officers in the academy. We have
- 17 a number of evolves that we rented to ensure the safety
- 18 and security of not only the footprint of the NFL draft,
- 19 but secondary activations as well, evolves will be going
- 20 in those locations. We have our CTAC viewing any
- 21 potential threats.
- That's our Counter Intelligence Committee through
- 23 the Real Time Crime Center. They run any threat
- 24 assessments related to the draft. They report them, and
- 25 we look into them. They're making sure that all video



- 1 assets are in play with not only all community partners,
- 2 but all stakeholders in the downtown Detroit area. So
- 3 just the number of things we're doing to ensure the, the
- 4 safety and security of the community. At large, we've got
- 5 first aid kits coming in, we've got a whole lot. We're
- 6 trying to cover it from A to Z, and they have weekly
- 7 meetings regarding it, Commissioner Burton.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, Chief, the Chief promised
- 9 that downtown would be safe for the draft. Can you make
- 10 the same promise that our neighborhoods, where Detroiters
- 11 live, will feel equally safe?
- DC STEWART: Through the Chair. Yes, Commissioner.
- 13 That's why we have restricted days, and nobody can have
- 14 those days off because we need all hands on deck. You
- 15 need folks' downtown, and you still need to have calls
- 16 for service answered in a Precinct as well.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. My final
- 18 question would be, you know, two weeks ago, the Chair and
- 19 I had, you know, asked for the ShotSpotter data use
- 20 agreement, the shared agreement, to be made publicly
- 21 available to provide hard copies. But last week we
- 22 received unrelated documents based on the data shared
- 23 agreement, and it was based on the license plate readers.
- 24 But the information that we were asking for that we
- 25 requested was the ShotSpotter data sharing agreement. Is



- 1 it available yet?
- DC STEWART: So through the Chair. So I was not here
- 3 obviously last week, so I'm not sure what was provided to
- 4 you. I will ask that you put anything that you're
- 5 requesting in writing, so we can submit it, pull what you
- 6 need, and we can make sure that you get the proper
- 7 information that you're requesting.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But Chief, you have a pen
- 9 there, you have a pad, and you have your officers here.
- 10 The request had been made several weeks ago. I'm making
- 11 it again now. I'm making it in this public meeting. So it
- 12 has been counted a number of times in this meeting.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton, we'll
- 14 ensure that that request is made. And just to clarify
- 15 again, we wanted to have a robust meeting after there
- 16 were so many questions surrounding the data sharing
- 17 agreement. The resolution that was made was that we would
- 18 have a meeting focusing on that item in particular, and
- 19 that the department would have an opportunity to respond
- 20 to any questions that we might have regarding that. But
- 21 again you don't have to write the email. I'll ensure that
- 22 our board secretary does that. So again, we have
- 23 efficiently and effectively communicated with the
- 24 department your desires. Any further questions?
- 25 Commissioner Banks,



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair, blessings to
- 2 you and your household, Chief.
- 3 DC STEWART: Thank you, sir.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You're quite welcome. Does DPD
- 5 still have the nuisance abatement program? That's through
- 6 the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where you have,
- 7 maybe if someone is having prostitution out of their
- 8 house or they're selling drugs out of their house, they
- 9 get 3 times and they can be put out of their house. It's
- 10 still on the records, but is DPD still enforcing that?
- 11 DC STEWART: So the nuisance abatement, actually,
- 12 they do. If there's a number...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Make sure we speak to the
- 14 Chair. Go right ahead.
- DC STEWART: Through the Chair, actually, they still
- 16 do nuisance abatement. Depending on the specific
- 17 circumstances, they will go to court regarding those
- 18 matters. And typically, if I'm not mistaken, it goes
- 19 through the city law department as well.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can you run it back by me again,
- 21 Deputy Chief Stewart?
- DC STEWART: I said yes, we still do nuisance
- 23 abatement. It depends on specific cases, what's going on
- 24 in certain locations, and it's actually handled through
- 25 the law department.



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Thank you.
- DC STEWART: You're welcome.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions or
- 4 comments? All right. Hearing none, we will now receive
- 5 the presentation from the 9th Precinct with Commander
- 6 Eric Decker and Captain Derek Griffin.
- 7 DC STEWART: No, no. Oh, through the Chair. Commander
- 8 Lawrence Purifoy, current Commander and Captain Nathan
- 9 Duda, current Captain
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, to those who are now
- 11 coming?
- 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: That could be gone in a while,
- 13 right?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm reading what's on my
- 15 agenda here.
- 16 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Good evening. Good evening,
- 17 everyone. To the board, the citizens of the 9th Precinct.
- 18 On behalf of the members, sworn and non-sworn, the
- 19 civilians and the citizens of 9th Precinct, my staff,
- 20 Captain Duda, and I, Commander Lawrence Purifoy, present
- 21 the following report. Overall, in the 9th Precinct in
- 22 2024, there has been a 14% decrease in major crimes, with
- 23 a 17% decrease within the last 28 days. Year to date in
- 24 2024, there has been a 14% decrease in victims suffering
- 25 from violent crime. In the past 28 days, property crimes



- 1 have decreased by 29%. Year to date, in 2024, there has
- 2 been a 36% decrease in homicides.
- In 2023, we had 11 homicides. Year to date in 2024,
- 4 we have 7. As far as CSC 1, and 3, we have a 60%
- 5 reduction. In 2023, we had 28 and 2024, we had 11. In
- 6 robberies, for the 9th Precinct. In 2024, we have a 15%
- 7 reduction. In 2023, we had 45 reported robberies, and in
- 8 2024, we had 38 robberies. With aggravated assaults,
- 9 we're down 11%. 2023. We had 279 reports, and in 2024, we
- 10 had 247. Our carjackings year to date in 2024, we have
- 11 had a 20% in increase, which actually is a result of one
- 12 increase. We have six year to date in 2024, whereas in
- 13 2023, we had 5.
- 14 Our overall Precinct crime reduction strategy for
- 15 2024 is to be under 13 minutes in total response times.
- 16 As of today, in the first quarter, we have met and
- 17 exceeded that goal. Another goal is to improve upon the
- 18 reductions in crime by 2023. As I just reported, in 2024
- 19 we're meeting and exceeding that goal. Our current focus
- 20 areas within the 9th Precinct, our scout car areas
- 21 95,96,97. Our overall strategy has had an impact on
- 22 homicides, CSC robbery, aggravated assaults, which have
- 23 decreased in 2024. Additionally, part 1 crime has also
- 24 decreased in 2024. In our focus areas, scout car area 95
- 25 has seen an overall decrease in part 1, violent crime of



- 1 41% during this first quarter. Our scout car area 96 has
- 2 seen an overall decrease in part 1 violent crime by 30%.
- 3 Our scout tower area 97 has an overall decrease of Part 1
- 4 crime by 14%. We'll continue to monitor these areas
- 5 monthly and adjust our strategy as necessary.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Let the youngsters be. You can
- 7 keep the door open. Be good.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.
- 10 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Continuing on in 2024, for our
- 11 non-fatal shootings, we have shown a 45% increase in our
- 12 non-fatal shootings in 2024. We now have a total of 29
- 13 non-fatal shootings in 2024, versus 20 shootings.
- 14 Currently, the non-fatal shooting team's closure rate is
- 15 41%. This includes 2 cases from the prior year, but we
- 16 are still investigating all of our prior year non-fatal
- 17 shootings. So we will not give up on those. We anticipate
- 18 having 2 additional non-fatal shootings backed out
- 19 shortly as accidental, with the offender now identified.
- 20 And what we mean as backed out, we back out shootings
- 21 that are self-inflicted and considered accidental as
- 22 they're non-criminal.
- To highlight some of the work from our non-fatal
- 24 shooting team, at 11200 Morang on February 20, 2024, we
- 25 had a suspect in the vehicle a suspect vehicle. This



- 1 incident was identified using the flock camera systems,
- 2 and a license plate was obtained. The vehicle was
- 3 subsequently located in the hotel parking lot, and inside
- 4 the vehicle were 3000 fentanyl pills, the gun that was
- 5 used to shoot the victim, and paperwork with a suspect's
- 6 name. A female who was inside the vehicle cooperated and
- 7 gave full details about the shooting. A warrant was
- 8 submitted for the shooter with the following charges:
- 9 assault when intent to commit murder, assault when intent
- 10 to of great bodily harm, felonious assault weapons,
- 11 firearm discharge from a vehicle causing injury, weapons,
- 12 firearms, and discharge at a building causing injury,
- 13 felon in possession, carrying a concealed weapon, and
- 14 felony firearm times 6. When we times 6, means that there
- 15 were a number of victims in the area when this person was
- 16 committing a crime.
- 17 Additionally, he was determined to become a habitual
- 18 offender, second offense, which means this is the second
- 19 time that he has been charged with such offenses. After
- 20 the shooting our shooter, he fled the state to Tennessee
- 21 and then to Arizona, where he was located by our team.
- 22 Our team did some great work with the cooperation of some
- 23 citizens and their investigative skills and located him
- 24 in Arizona, excuse me, Arizona. The US Marshals assisted
- 25 with his apprehension, and he was taken into custody



- 1 while he was in Arizona. He was arraigned federally for
- 2 charges in Tennessee and Kentucky. So he had some charges
- 3 in Tennessee and in Kentucky, where he was indicted
- 4 federally for selling narcotics.
- 5 We are currently awaiting extradition back to
- 6 Michigan, due to him challenging his extradition, and the
- 7 governor's warrant is being sought in this case. He's
- 8 fighting that case, really fighting extradition back to
- 9 Detroit because with all of the charges that we have, he
- 10 will actually end up serving more time in a State prison
- 11 than he would federally. So he's fighting that hard. But
- 12 with our governor's warrant, we're sure to have him back
- 13 here very, very soon. And getting to an area with which
- 14 helps us a lot, controversial to some, not to others is
- 15 the ShotSpotter program.
- As far as ShotSpotter, we will continue our
- 17 investigations to follow up on priority ShotSpotter
- 18 locations, with their overall goal of 200 search warrants
- 19 for 2024. Our prioritized ShotSpotter locations include
- 20 those that have automatic weapon and multiple gun nexus
- 21 or a convicted felon registered to the address.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Can you repeat what you just
- 23 said.
- 24 COMMANDER PURIFOY: We prioritize our shots fired
- 25 warrants through locations that have automatic gunfire.



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- 1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: The numbers.
- COMMANDER PURIFOY: We have our goal of 200 search 2.
- 3 warrants for 2024.
- 4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay?
- COMMANDER PURIFOY: Okay. Currently, for the first 5
- 6 quarter, we've had 46 ShotSpotter warrants executed. With
- those 46 ShotSpotter warrants, we arrested 8 felons and
- covered 55 firearms. 8
- Overall, there has been a reduction of 629 gunfire 9
- incidents year over year from this time in 2023, as well 10
- as a reduction of 2,137 rounds fired year over year from 11
- 12 this time in 2023. Briefly, for the first quarter in
- 13 2023, we had 2,350 ShotSpotter runs in 2024 for the first
- 14 quarter that we had a reduction of 676 runs. We currently
- 15 have 1674 for 2024. That is a reduction of 29%. For the
- 16 number of rounds fired, in 2023, we had 8,951, in 2024,
- we had 6,814. This is a total change of 2,137 rounds 17
- fired within our community and a 24% reduction. So we are 18
- continuing to use these statistics overall. With this 19
- report for ShotSpotter, it is telling us that the program 20
- is actually working. The 9th Precinct went live, the 21
- entire Precinct in 2023. We needed time to get our data 22
- together, and for the first quarter of 2024, we can see 23
- 24 that the 9th Precinct, the community, is a lot safer from
- 25 people firing weapons.



- 1 And to date, in 2024, the 9th Precinct has taken 213
- 2 firearms off the street. We have been followed up by our
- 3 specialized units after a non-fatal shooting at 202,
- 4 well, on Pelkey, I won't to put the address up. We had
- 5 multiple known gang members were present. Our ceasefire
- 6 officers conducted extensive follow up on the case,
- 7 alongside with our gang intelligence unit. After an
- 8 extensive citywide search, ceasefire officers were able
- 9 to apprehend a suspect on March 6th, 2024, at his
- 10 residence within the 9th Precinct. Another citizen
- 11 suspect was on parole at the time of the incident, and he
- 12 was seen on the video firing shots.
- 13 This suspect has since been returned to prison and
- 14 is facing multiple additional charges and retaliation to
- 15 this incident. We also have our Restore Peace Operations,
- 16 which we conduct weekly. We have ceasefire custom
- 17 notifications, our partnerships, our MDOC, Homicide Gang
- 18 Intelligence, Major Violators, Vice Enforcement, and
- 19 Community Prosecutors, which I have recently returned to
- 20 the 9th Precinct. Our federal partners, AUSA, is assigned
- 21 to the 9th Precinct. We also have the City of Detroit,
- 22 BC, Building, Safety Engineering, and Environmental
- 23 Department. Moving on to our Blight Enforcement by our
- 24 NPOs. Within the last 30 days, over 550 vehicles were
- 25 tagged with 74 being towed. There were 13 stolen vehicles



- 1 recovered and 114 blight tickets issued. The number of
- 2 vehicles represent the total from private property and
- 3 street enforcement.
- For our community programs, we have several
- 5 programs, but I'd like to specifically highlight our
- 6 brotherhood program and our sisterhood program. Our
- 7 brotherhood program is going on right now. That's why you
- 8 see the young men in the hallway. And what that does, we
- 9 have two high schools within the Precinct, Osborne and
- 10 Denby. And we take the teenagers from there, and then we
- 11 mentor them so that they can see that just because
- 12 they're living in, whatever the circumstance is, they can
- 13 be beyond that. There's hope beyond what they see within
- 14 the Precinct. Our NPOs are also engaged in community
- 15 Compstat meetings, community meetings, school events,
- 16 mentoring programs, Detroit at Work, which is a job
- 17 placement. DPD is always recruiting and hiring, just in
- 18 case you have anyone.
- 19 Neighborhood cleanups: working with block clubs and
- 20 block associations, they actively participate in the
- 21 meetings. And I'd like to stop and pause right there and
- 22 just let the citizens know the block clubs are the heart
- 23 and soul of our communities. And I encourage everyone, if
- 24 you have not started a block club, if you are not active,
- 25 a participant, please start one in your neighborhood,



- 1 they do work. They help out tremendously. They're working
- 2 different church events. We have Assumption, Grotto
- 3 Church, Charity Lutheran, Community, Christian
- 4 Fellowship, Fountain of Truth, and Mount Cavalry
- 5 Lutheran. And if I have forgotten your church, they're
- 6 numerous. So I don't want to offend anyone.
- 7 I'm working with nonprofit organizations such as
- 8 Black Family Development. Camp Restore, Righteous Sons,
- 9 NB Alliance, LaSalle Parks, SEED NOW, and we also deal
- 10 with a lot of quality of life issues, as I just
- 11 explained. We assist in removal of abandoned vehicles and
- 12 work with our project Green Light partners. For our
- 13 project Green Light partners. As everyone knows, you can
- 14 see the green lights flashing outside of the businesses.
- 15 Just know that those businesses are a safe haven if you
- 16 need them. We are monitoring those businesses constantly,
- 17 and we respond, and they have been a great partner as
- 18 well. For some of the upcoming events within the 9th
- 19 Precinct, we have the NFL Draft event at Hillman, which
- 20 is right down the street here. That's going to be on
- 21 April 13th from 1 to 5, Strengthen Unity Community
- 22 Dinner, which is going to be on April 17th. That's going
- 23 to be from 6 to 8. And our Maple Ridge Community Chest
- 24 Camp, that's going to be on April 20th from 12 to 3. The
- 25 camp, for those who don't know how to play chess, only



- 1 know parts of the pieces like myself, can actually teach
- 2 you to come out and learn to play chess, knowing that
- 3 games such as chess, are lifelong games. There are
- 4 something that you can pass on to anybody. I used to work
- 5 with a gentleman, his daughter was one of the state
- 6 champions for the 10th. He lived in the 10th Precinct.
- 7 She also went out of the country in test tournaments. She
- 8 was a teenager. So there are opportunities to sit down
- 9 and learn these games, something different from a video
- 10 game. That is my report. If you have any questions.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so much for your
- 12 report. Commander Purifoy, and with that, Commissioner
- 13 Banks.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Thank you. Through the
- 15 Chair. Is it captain or commander?
- 16 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Commander, sir?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I thought commander Decker...
- 18 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Decker's been gone many years,
- 19 right.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, I'm sorry. I go way back
- 21 with Decker and Mahone. Do you remember Commander Mahone?
- 22 COMMANDER PURIFOY: I do.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I go back, huh?
- 24 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Commander Decker is now at number
- 25 11. Commander Decker is at the 11th Precinct.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, is he?
- 2 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, I didn't know that. Okay.
- 4 Wonderful. Now you say 213 guns, commander, were taken
- 5 off the streets in this year?
- 6 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Year to date, yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Where commander? Where are the
- 8 hotspots at in number 9, in 205 zip code? You need to
- 9 give us the hotspots, please.
- 10 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Our current focus is on 9, scout
- 11 car areas 95, 96 and 97. COMMISSIONER BANKS: What are
- 12 the areas, though? I mean, Gratiot and 7 Mile. I mean, I
- 13 know that's the red zone over there at 7 Mile and
- 14 Gratiot, right?
- 15 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Well, that's 7 Mile, and 8 Mile
- 16 Gratiot to Kelly. That's what is typically known as the
- 17 Red Zone. For anyone in the middle of the Precinct, let's
- 18 go from 7 Mile from Gratiot to Kelly and from 7 Mile all
- 19 the way down to just south of Houston, Whittier. Those
- 20 are our focus areas. But just because those are our focus
- 21 areas does not mean that we're ignoring anything else
- 22 that goes on in our other areas. So those are just our
- 23 focus areas where we concentrate a lot of our issues or a
- 24 lot of our resources. However, we're still following the
- 25 data. If something were to flare up, let's say on the



- 1 northeast side, which is from Hoover to Outer Drive, 7
- 2 Mile to let's say close to the Precinct, we are still
- 3 pushing our resources over there to put out fires where
- 4 they may pop up.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods. I'm sorry,
- 6 were you done, Commissioner Banks?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: How critical is the work that
- 10 you're doing with groups like RAHAM and Friends and
- 11 Family? What role does that play with you guys there,
- 12 with the Showstopper's group?
- 13 COMMANDER PURIFOY: It's unspeakable. When Phil, Mr.
- 14 Sample got up and what he said is, we are trying to
- 15 change the culture to make people understand and believe
- 16 that you don't have to live this way. This is not normal.
- 17 It's invaluable. So with the partnership of the citizens,
- 18 my hope is that one day, a lot of our neighborhoods,
- 19 because of the citizens within the neighborhoods, are
- 20 taking back their streets. You won't need to see the
- 21 presence of police. I believe that once the citizens take
- 22 it back and then get used to not seeing police, the
- 23 citizens have won. That's my belief. So it's invaluable.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. And last question is you
- 25 gave some powerful numbers about the ShotSpotter, you



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- know?
- 2. COMMANDER PURIFOY: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You know, I'm an advocate for
- 4 ShotStopper and ShotSpotter.
- 5 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Yes, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Can you emphasize how important
- that tool has been for you guys in terms of seeing the
- reduction, again? 8
- 9 COMMANDER PURIFOY: As far as these ShotStopper or
- 10 ShotSpotter?
- COMMISSIONER WOOD: ShotSpotter. You just talked 11
- 12 about the ShotStopper, you know, but...
- 13 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Again, we compare data year over
- 14 year. The 9th Precinct went, or the entire Precinct in
- 15 2023, that's when we went with the entire Precinct. You
- 16 need time to evaluate the data. So for the first quarter,
- 17 the returns that we are seeing are tremendous. And when
- you can say that there's a 29% reduction and a 24% 18
- reduction in the first quarter, that's huge. 19
- 20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you.
- 21 COMMANDER PURIFOY: That's very huge.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions? Hearing
- 23 none. Thank you so much.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. 24
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton? 25



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, I have a question. And
- 2 it's this goes for the commander here at number 9, as
- 3 well as the chief. Before the ShotSpotter data leak that
- 4 was released in the Wire. I asked a question here at the
- 5 table. DPD said they didn't have any information about
- 6 the microphone locations. Have you requested or received
- 7 the two of you any microphone locations, information
- 8 following the reveal of ShotSpotter data security
- 9 problems?
- 10 COMMANDER PURIFOY: For me, the answer is no.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And for...?
- 12 CAPTAIN DUDA: Through the Chair, no.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. And another thing. Are
- 14 you two aware of the Silvon Simmons case out of
- 15 Rochester, New York, where a judge revealed that
- 16 ShotSpotter technology was not reliable?
- 17 COMMANDER PURIFOY: I have heard of the case,
- 18 however, looking at the data that I have with the arrest
- 19 that we have, and the weapons that we've confiscated, in
- 20 my humble opinion, it's working.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And are you aware of the Silvon
- 22 Simmons case out of Rochester, New York?
- DC Stewart: Through the Chair. Commissioner Burton,
- 24 I'm not intimately aware of that case. I haven't studied
- 25 that case. But what I can tell you is through our Police



- 1 Department ShotSpotter works. We have tremendous crime
- 2 reductions behind it. I think he's just explained to you
- 3 some of what they've experienced here in the 9th
- 4 Precinct. And we are advocates for it. That's one case
- 5 that you've mentioned. Again, I'm not familiar with the
- 6 intricacies of the case, but I can tell you that for the
- 7 Detroit Police Department, the ShotSpotter technology is
- 8 working.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, it was an innocent
- 10 man that was arrested because of skank evidence, and I
- 11 was in Rochester, New York. Are you two aware of the
- 12 Michael Williams case out of Chicago, Illinois, where he
- 13 was misidentified by ShotSpotter technology and went to
- 14 prison for a crime that he didn't commit that later
- 15 exonerated. The taxpayers of hundreds of millions of
- 16 dollars right now in litigation in Chicago. Chicago
- 17 already made an announcement that they were pulling back
- 18 from your ShotSpotter program.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton, those are
- 20 very alarming cases again, and you know...
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: These are national cases.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'd say they're alarming,
- 23 wherever they're happening, they're alarming. But again,
- 24 it is important to ensure that we're talking apples to
- 25 apples and not apples to oranges. I'm suggesting that



- 1 because the policies that are in place in Detroit with
- 2 the Detroit Police Department utilizing technology are
- 3 not the same policies in place in Rochester, New York,
- 4 and Chicago. And so, when you have policies in place to
- 5 ensure the proper and effective use of the technology, it
- 6 becomes difficult when you cherry pick these other
- 7 incidences in other cities and states and try to compare
- 8 them here. Now again, it is alarming, and it should
- 9 always encourage us as commissioners to make sure that we
- 10 are asking the right questions, that we're doing our due
- 11 diligence to ensure that this technology is being used
- 12 constitutionally and effectively. But again, these are
- 13 Detroit police officers, and I think it's important that
- 14 you have Detroit cases or incidences to have them to
- 15 respond to as opposed to things that are outside of their
- 16 jurisdiction or that don't align with the same policies
- 17 that we have here in the City of Detroit.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Burton.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It lines up because it's the
- 21 same technology, it's the same vendor, and it's the same
- 22 company. There is a cost associated with this technology.
- 23 We are talking about civil liberties, we are talking
- 24 about how our civil liberties community needs to be
- 25 protected. We must defend civil liberties at all costs.



- 1 And if we are using this technology that's often getting
- 2 it wrong, whether it's here or somewhere else, then the
- 3 question is, should we not be using it at all? You know
- 4 how you fight crime? You have to grow jobs. If you look
- 5 at the 1968 Corner Commission report, it explains it
- 6 right there. It's a 426 page document. I read the
- 7 document twice. I encourage members of this department,
- 8 as well as the mayor's office, City Council, and current
- 9 board members, to also dissect that report, because from
- 10 the information that's in that report, I think we can
- 11 learn something, a thing or two, even today when it comes
- 12 to ShotSpotter technology here.
- 13 Let's look at the number of arrests, guns recovered
- 14 year to date versus last year, and the cost associated
- 15 with this technology. How many people were arrested, how
- 16 many lawsuits were filed? There are a whole lot of
- 17 questions we really don't have here, but there is a cost
- 18 associated with it. We must continue to protect civil
- 19 liberties. You know, microphone sensors are subject to
- 20 picking up sensitive conversations from the street level,
- 21 to the ground level. And that's what those reports that I
- 22 mentioned here, you know, talk about in the Silvon
- 23 Simmons case, as well as in Chicago. But you've got
- 24 microphone sensors that are sensitive, to pick up
- 25 conversations from the street level. And when we talk



- 1 about the NFL draft coming to downtown Detroit, you know,
- 2 are these microphone sensors? Are they going to be
- 3 recording people's conversations as they walk by? We
- 4 talking about innocent women and children, where are the
- 5 technologists being deployed on our streets? We are
- 6 talking about America's blackest and poorest city like
- 7 Detroit.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay, so duly noted. And
- 9 again, I think that it's important that we don't create
- 10 unnecessary contradictions because, at the same time, we
- 11 should and are protecting civil liberties, which is why I
- 12 said make sure the technology's used constitutionally. We
- 13 also need to protect life. And when you're hearing data,
- 14 that's suggesting that the number of shootings is going
- 15 down, the number of guns on the streets is going down,
- 16 and the felony arrests that are being made are
- 17 substantial. I think that we should balance the
- 18 conversation and, again, don't make unnecessary
- 19 contradictions when they are there. There is a way, at
- 20 the same time, to protect people's civil liberties to
- 21 also utilize technology to save people's lives. Any
- 22 further questions? Commissioner Woods.
- 23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And I'd like to acknowledge
- 24 those young people back there? Let's give them a hand.
- 25 And secondly, again, those numbers that you gave



- 1 commander, can you repeat the numbers of how many guns
- 2 was taken off the street as a direct result of
- 3 ShotSpotter?
- 4 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Absolutely, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And just in this quarter, this
- 6 year, 2024.
- 7 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Absolutely. I can break this down
- 8 by the month. In January, we had 1,081 ShotSpotter runs
- 9 in 2023. In 2024, we had 853. This is a decrease of 21%,
- 10 and the total change was 228 less runs that we went to.
- 11 As far as the rounds being fired in January, there were
- 12 4,893 rounds that were fired. In 2024, there were 4,286
- 13 rounds. This was a reduction of 607 rounds, or a 12%
- 14 reduction.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. And can you tell me how
- 16 many people in the City of Detroit have the DOREEN
- 17 doorbell?
- 18 COMMANDER PURIFOY: No, sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You know, basically everybody
- 20 had that, right?
- 21 COMMANDER PURIFOY: It's common, very common.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And that picks up conversations,
- 23 right?
- 24 COMMANDER PURIFOY: Yes, it does.
- 25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You know, so citizens can have



- 1 technology, but the Detroit Police Department can have
- 2 technology that can detect gunshots and save lives.
- 3 COMMANDER PURIFOY: I'll listen to your comments. I
- 4 believe that this technology only picks up gunfire. That
- 5 was part of the agreement coming into the city, part of
- 6 what the City Council really concentrated on. It only
- 7 detects gunfire.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And rest assured, I'm on the
- 9 Policy Committee. There are others on this Policy
- 10 Committee that we will protect citizens from any
- 11 violation of their civil liberties, and I'm sure that's
- 12 the chief's passion, and that's your passion that we will
- 13 protect the citizens. And so, through the Chair, for
- 14 those who are on the Policy Committee, you know, do your
- 15 work, do your job, and make sure that we have iron clad
- 16 policies to protect the citizens, but also that we have
- 17 enough technology to protect those babies back there.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. I don't know if
- 19 there wanted to be some presentation of the young man
- 20 that came in. I think this is the Brotherhood program
- 21 that you were speaking of.
- MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. So these are
- 24 freshmen to seniors?
- MR. YOUNG: Yes, please. This gentleman, he was like,



- 1 he's going to be our lead if it's okay when it comes down
- 2 to public comment.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. We look forward to
- 4 that. That'd be the very next thing on our agenda. If
- 5 there are no more questions for the 9th Precinct
- 6 presentation.
- 7 COMMANDER PURIFOY: One final thing I'd like to add.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMANDER PURIFOY: I wear this uniform for a certain
- 10 number of hours a day. I'm a citizen all the time. I
- 11 would not like my civil liberties violated, so therefore,
- 12 I do not go out and invite other people's civil
- 13 liberties. That's just what I would like to... I'm a
- 14 citizen as well. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I appreciate that. And we'll
- 16 ensure, not knowing what promotions or changes might
- 17 come, that the next time we are here, the agenda will be
- 18 correct. So we'll know that it is Commander Lawrence
- 19 Purifoy, who is leading this great Precinct. Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Great leader. Give them a hand.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So with that, we will now move
- 22 to oral communications. Ms. Blossom. I know that we
- 23 probably had... how many do we have? I mean, sorry, Acting
- 24 Secretary Brown, how many do we have?
- 25 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair with that young man who's going



- 1 to speak? We currently have 10 speakers.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. 10 speakers. And so
- 3 we'll start with...
- 4 MR. BROWN: We'll start with that young man. After
- 5 that, Ms. B. Buffeting followed by Ms. Karen Gordon.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yep. And so, just so you know,
- 7 everyone gets two minutes in remarks, so go right ahead.
- 8 MR. YOUNG: Alright. How are you all doing?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Great.
- 10 MR. YOUNG: My name is Dejuan Young, and this is the
- 11 Brotherhood program. I kind of graduated from the
- 12 Brotherhood program. I'm 20, but you know, I still come
- 13 up here and, you know, just try to help out the youth
- 14 because, if you want to be honest, these, my brothers and
- 15 you know, this is the next generation, so I have to help
- 16 them stay on the next track. I know we are in a rush, but
- 17 I can't just sit up here and act like the program... we
- 18 kind of need help, you know, we need more people, more
- 19 kids, you know, we're trying to, you know, get everybody
- 20 on the right path. But I just want to say I appreciate
- 21 these guys because they help me out a lot. I don't know
- 22 where I'd be right now if it wasn't for them. I went to
- 23 like 3 different high schools, you know, a lot of
- 24 different middle schools. I was getting kicked out, just
- 25 fighting a lot, but I'm down on the right path. But they



- 1 helped me get there, you know, I'm doing good, you know,
- 2 I'm a carpenter now.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Awesome.
- 4 MR. YOUNG: I am not going to lie. Like these guys,
- 5 they changed lives, and that's what I'm trying to get
- 6 them to understand. And I want the whole community to
- 7 understand that all Detroit police officers are not bad.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, thank you. Thank you.
- 9 MR. BROWN: Ms. Buffeting.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Burton.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Let's give that young man
- 13 another round of applause.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Sure. Please.
- 15 MR. BROWN: Ms. Gordon.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Was Ms. Buffington on Zoom, or
- 17 was she in person?
- 18 MR. BROWN: I don't see on Zoom, Mr. Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, we'll go to our next
- 20 speaker.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Gordon. I don't see Ms. Gordon on
- 22 Zoom as well. So we'll go to Mr. Ty Carnes, followed by
- 23 Mr. James Grant.
- 24 MS. CARNES: Okay. Good afternoon, evening.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.



- 1 MS. CARNES: Commissioners, deputy, and chief. On
- 2 March 28th at approximately 4:30, my son Michael Carnes
- 3 was pulled over last year between 6 Mile and Fenkell,
- 4 while traveling south. He was in my vehicle, and once he
- 5 was pulled over, the officer advised that he was being
- 6 pulled over for going around a vehicle that was turning
- 7 left. Four other vehicles went around that same vehicle
- 8 as well. He then gave the officer his license,
- 9 registration, and insurance, which are all current and
- 10 active. The officer then asked to search the car. He
- 11 responded, no. The officer then asked him to roll down
- 12 his back window and he complied. The officer then told
- 13 him to get out of the car because he saw a breeze bait
- 14 pen on his backseat. My son was then handcuffed and
- 15 detained while the officers searched his vehicle.
- 16 After the search concluded, the officers tried to
- 17 put the bait back into the car, and my son advised the
- 18 officers to throw it away because of what had just
- 19 happened, no ticket was issued. So basically, I'm asking
- 20 that overzealous cops be held accountable and given
- 21 proper sanctions and training. This incident was a clear
- 22 violation of his 4th Amendment right. There was no cause
- 23 to search that vehicle. I also would like to add that my
- 24 son is 19, but he's a very sheltered 19. My husband and I
- 25 raised him to obey the law. My husband was also an



- 1 officer of the law until he passed away. So the officers
- 2 involved were officers 40, number 3979, and Officer
- 3 Crawford, number 904. Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. I'm going to ask
- 5 that Investigator, excuse me, ma'am. Investigator
- 6 Cromwell, who's standing right there. He's going to get
- 7 your information so that we can investigate that
- 8 complaint on your behalf. Thank you.
- 9 MS. CARNES: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Grant, followed by CAC member Scotty
- 11 Bowman.
- MS. GRANT: Good evening.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.
- MS. GRANT: It's a twofold question. The commander
- 15 mentioned that the areas that they're focusing on, and I
- 16 do live in one of those areas, and for the past 5 years I
- 17 have been asking, begging, and petitioning for help in
- 18 the areas of Strasburg and 6 Mile. There is a lot of drug
- 19 activity in that area, and the merchant refuses to
- 20 monitor his parking lot, stating that he's afraid to call
- 21 the police because of retaliation. My statement to him
- 22 was, if you are afraid to call the police, then you
- 23 shouldn't be in this area, close your store down and move
- 24 somewhere else. Of course that wasn't taken very well,
- 25 but my feelings are if you're afraid to call the police,



- 1 then you're afraid to be in this area. And I'm sure
- 2 wherever he lives, the kind of activity that goes on
- 3 around his business does not occur and they wouldn't
- 4 tolerate, I'm sure, where he lives. But in addition to
- 5 that, I remember a time you had to have a permit just to
- 6 sell dog food. Now there are pop-up barbecues everywhere.
- 7 And I want to know, is that being addressed? That
- 8 attracts a lot of illicit activities, fights, and other
- 9 undesirable things going on. So I like to know what's
- 10 being done about people just setting up barbecue pits all
- 11 over the city.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you know if you have
- 13 somebody who can get that information from her and
- 14 respond to those questions.
- 15 MR. BROWN: Mr. Bowman.
- MR. BOWMAN: Hello. First of all, I wanted to take
- 17 issue with the Chair in the manner in which he handled an
- 18 effort to amend the minutes by Commissioner Burton. I
- 19 actually heard that meeting. I know that he did indeed
- 20 have a second on his motion. And it's just a matter of
- 21 accuracy. It doesn't necessarily have any matter of
- 22 agreement or disagreement with what the motion is. It's
- 23 just a matter of reflecting accurately in the record what
- 24 happened. And that's what the commissioner was asking
- 25 for. And to say that there was no correction cited when



- 1 you just heard one is dishonest. I mean, you heard one
- 2 and then you're saying, oh, there is no correction made.
- 3 I heard it, we all heard it. We're all in this room. So
- 4 that's just a cognitive dissonance, which I think might
- 5 be the phrase that would apply, or a disconnect between
- 6 one's beliefs and what is actually happening around one.
- 7 Another matter regarding the whole Gaza thing, I
- 8 don't know what the real difficulty is with calling for a
- 9 ceasefire. And as far as the dives part goes, we're just
- 10 talking about divesting from companies that are connected
- 11 with Israel that are involved in surveillance technology.
- 12 It doesn't mean you get rid of the surveillance
- 13 technology, it just means divesting in companies involved
- 14 in Israel that are doing it. Now that I remember back, I
- 15 was in a group called SASO-2 back in the eighties, and we
- 16 asked for divestment of portfolios, retirement portfolios
- 17 in South Africa, which is probably much more impactful on
- 18 the people who had those investments than whether or not
- 19 you have to find another company to do surveillance. So I
- 20 just don't think that was too much to ask, and it's
- 21 disappointing that the board couldn't have approved that
- 22 resolution. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next 4 speakers will be
- 25 on Zoom. Chris Gilmour Hill, followed by the caller with



- 1 the last three members, 124.
- 2 MR. HILL: Good evening. Can I be heard?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can, go right ahead.
- 4 MR. HILL: My name's Chris Gilmer Hill, a lifelong
- 5 resident of the city's second district. Firstly, I'd like
- 6 to thank Commissioner Burton and echo Mr. Bowman's
- 7 concerns that he just raised, regarding the amending of
- 8 the minutes. Again, this is purely procedural, and
- 9 Commissioner Burton was just objectively correct. There
- 10 was a clear error in the last few minutes. He cited a
- 11 specific part of the minutes that needed to be corrected,
- 12 and it was procedurally improper for that to be shut down
- 13 by the Chair. I'd also like to urge this board to adopt
- 14 the resolution that's been brought up time and time again
- 15 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and divestment from
- 16 surveillance technologies with ties to international
- 17 human rights violations. And to be clear, while I do have
- 18 problems with several of the other kinds of surveillance
- 19 technology that the city uses, this resolution doesn't
- 20 ban surveillance.
- 21 It doesn't ban the use of technology. This
- 22 resolution specifically says we see the technology being
- 23 developed in a genocide. We see what companies around the
- 24 world are doing to profit off of the violations of human
- 25 rights. And we're not going to let that come home to



- 1 Detroit. There is not a soul in this city that wants the
- 2 technologies being developed in Gaza to be used on our
- 3 streets to commit violence against Detroiters. But to be
- 4 blunt, I have very little faith that this board would
- 5 refuse to allow the DPD to use those technologies unless
- 6 we clearly set that guideline now. We need to be clear on
- 7 this. We need to set a precedent. We need to say this
- 8 will not happen in Detroit, and this resolution is the
- 9 way to do that. I am disappointed that there's so much
- 10 reluctance, but I am still optimistic. I know that there
- 11 were some solutions offered by Commissioner Burton and
- 12 Bernard previously, regarding ways that the commission
- 13 could move forward on this resolution. I would urge you
- 14 to move forward on it now and to not use things like the
- 15 Council's resolution or the attorney, who I believe is
- 16 not present again as the excuse for continuing to do
- 17 nothing. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Caller with the last three numbers, 124.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Caller with the last numbers.
- 21 124, are you there?
- 22 CALLER 124: Yes. Hello. May I be heard?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can, go right ahead.
- 24 CALLER 124: Okay, thank you. I would like to commend
- 25 the young gentleman who spoke first and I'm glad he is



- 1 getting out the word that not all police officers are bad
- 2 police officers. And I just kept thinking about the time
- 3 when I taught school in Detroit in the mid-nineties and
- 4 there weren't playgrounds for the children for, yeah, a
- 5 long time. I brought a soccer ball to school because
- 6 that's around the time the world soccer cup was here in
- 7 the United States. And the kids were thrilled to kick
- 8 around the soccer ball, but they didn't have a playground
- 9 or stuff. And so now those people, excuse me, they're now
- 10 adults and they didn't have a playground, and there was a
- 11 lot more that wasn't there. You know, but there's also
- 12 personal responsibility, like don't litter and things
- 13 like that. But I guess what I'm trying to say is I hope
- 14 that we will adapt some more trauma informed care because
- 15 I believe there are a lot of people who have been
- 16 traumatized. They don't, may not even know it. And I've
- 17 learned a lot about trauma. I mean, there's a lot of
- 18 people who have different forms of trauma in terms of
- 19 having an informed response. And because of the officers,
- 20 what they witness sometimes, as I live in a lot of trauma
- 21 too. And if we're not aware of it, then things can
- 22 escalate, and then it's not, may not be pretty. I would
- 23 also like to talk about directing attention to property
- 24 crimes and talk about a situation that escalated so much
- 25 that a person who had some mental health issues could



- l have had an earlier intervention by the police when he
- 2 was caught stealing off somebody's porch six times. And
- 3 then he started, the young man started setting places
- 4 up...
- 5 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next 2 speakers will be,
- 6 One of the Coldest, followed by former Commissioner
- 7 William Davis. One of the coldest.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Hello? Are you there? We'll go
- 9 to our next speaker.
- 10 MR. BROWN: He's there, Mr. Chair. But I'll go to
- 11 former Commissioner William Davis.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And then we'll come back to
- 13 you, sir, or ma'am.
- MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can, go right ahead.
- MR. DAVIS: As a critique, you know, I would think
- 17 that these meetings need to be shorter. Also, it should
- 18 not take 2 hours before you get the public comment for
- 19 people to speak, to raise concerns. Also, when I was a
- 20 police commissioner, I was at every meeting on time. I
- 21 never missed a meeting. Perhaps you need to encourage
- 22 more of your fellow commissioners to be more proactive
- 23 about their attendance and tardiness. I see there was a
- 24 recent article talking about giving a number of the board
- 25 of police commissioners a "D" for their attendance. You



- 1 know, people see what's going on. And I think you all
- 2 should also be encouraging more young people to be more
- 3 active and know what's going on in the community, and
- 4 need to be more supportive of young people. I'm a strong
- 5 community activist, and I think we need to help to
- 6 develop young people to become community activists.
- 7 Also, I am a supporter of the ceasefire resolution.
- 8 And I find it amazing that with so many black faces on
- 9 this board, you know, you all can't support a ceasefire
- 10 when people of color are being killed. You know, what's
- 11 going on in the Middle East is tragic. And I hope that we
- 12 can help to encourage it to stop and discontinue. You
- 13 know, I think you all need to be more proactive about
- 14 what's going on. You need to be more community orientated
- 15 and you all need to encourage more of the officers to
- 16 actually live in the city because, as I used to say
- 17 frequently, the officers need to love where they work
- 18 because so many of them don't live in the city. Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, we'll go back to one of the
- 22 coldest.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Caller, are you there? We're
- 24 having a hard time hearing you if you're there.
- MR. BROWN: He's not unmuted yet, Mr. Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Please unmute. Are there any
- 2 other speakers, Acting Brown?
- 3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that's your last speaker.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right, so we'll wait just
- 5 a few more seconds here. Alright. Well, we apologize for
- 6 any technical difficulties that you might be having, but
- 7 we'll move forward with our agenda. We now will have a
- 8 presentation to the board by the 9th Precinct Community
- 9 Relations Council. And that will be done by Ms. Turner
- 10 Handy.
- 11 MS. TURNER HANDY: Good evening everyone.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.
- MRS. TURNER HANDY: I'm going to make this short and
- 14 sweet because we've been sitting for a while.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Sorry for that.
- MRS. TURNER HANDY: Not a problem. This is a
- 17 necessary meeting, and we understand that because you
- 18 guys represent us, you know, so you're there for us when
- 19 we need you to be there. So we're going to be here and
- 20 hear what's going on.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MRS. TURNER HANDY: My name is Sandra Turner Handy,
- 23 and I am the 9th Precinct Community Relations Council
- 24 President. I'm also the president of the Denby
- 25 Neighborhood Alliance and I'm also the lead on the 482



- 1 live CBI grant that's over in this area. We have 2 CBI
- 2 grants in this area. We have Friends and Family, and we
- 3 have the Wayne Metro, DNA Denby Neighborhood Alliance,
- 4 and Camp Restore, Detroit. So our community, our 9th
- 5 precinct, has been truly blessed with these grants in
- 6 order to reduce fatal and non-fatal shootings in our
- 7 community. However, the strategies for doing that is
- 8 different. First of all, I want to ask everybody who is a
- 9 part of the 482 old live that's still here to please
- 10 stand up.
- 11 These people have made a commitment to this
- 12 community, to this precinct. You guys are sitting in 4820
- 13 live, which is known as 4820 live. We are changing that
- 14 narrative. If you look at our shirts, it say 4820 live.
- 15 This was designed by Phil Samples, who said that we're
- 16 going to change this narrative in this community. We are
- 17 going to live, we're not going to allow our children to
- 18 think that gunfire is normal. We talk about ShotSpotters.
- 19 I'm one of those people who went downtown and advocated
- 20 for it because nobody's coming across the 8 Mile shooting
- 21 in our community. Nobody's killing us, but us. And that's
- 22 unacceptable. When my babies don't even hit the floor
- 23 anymore, when they hear gunshots, that's not normal. So
- 24 this grant allows us to change the mindset and the
- 25 culture in our community by getting our residents



- 1 invested and committed and raising the quality of life.
- 2 Maybe not for me because I'm old, but we have babies
- 3 in this community that have to grow up, and they should
- 4 not grow up being in fear for their lives where they laid
- 5 their heads. That is not acceptable. So this grant will
- 6 allow us to get our residents to start block clubs to
- 7 organize, and our community will partner with our police
- 8 department. They're our partners. They're right there
- 9 every step of the way with us. Phil is our intervention
- 10 guy. He will go out at 3 o'clock in the morning if
- 11 necessary, if there's a shooting in our community,
- 12 putting his own life on the line because he has babies
- 13 and he want them to be safe. George, who we have honored
- 14 both of them. George has started back up the radio patrol
- 15 in our community. He has recruited. How many people do
- 16 you have now, George?
- 17 He has 40 residents that are going out and
- 18 patrolling in our community around our school. We
- 19 recently had a peace talk with our young people and their
- 20 parents because we need to know why they're shooting each
- 21 other. So I'm giving you guys this snapshot of what's
- 22 going on in the 9th Precinct because it's a whole new
- 23 thing going on over here, guys. People are calling my
- 24 phone 24/7, talking about starting a block club. And I'm
- 25 going to tell you why. This young man said when he was



- 1 doing his dirt, if it were an organized block that had a
- 2 block club and Ms. Jones was looking at him, he would go
- 3 around the corner. So all our block clubs are going to
- 4 have a Ms. Jones because we are not going to put up with
- 5 it anymore. These residents that you see in here are all
- 6 committed and invested in their community, and we are
- 7 supporting them with that grant money to make sure that
- 8 they have the resources on the ground to do the work
- 9 that's needed so that we can have a higher quality of
- 10 life over here. That's my presentation. Thank you guys so
- 11 much. And I do want to say for those of you that are
- 12 still here, please, we have dinner for you guys in the
- 13 room next door. Even if you can't sit and eat it, grab a
- 14 plate and go home and have a good meal. And it is catered
- 15 by one of our residents in our community. Chef Dean.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Thank you so very
- 17 much for your presentation. I do want to add and it is
- 18 part of their presentation. The 9th Precinct meets the
- 19 first Thursday of each month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at
- 20 the Hellman Recreation Center, located 19601 Brock Ave,
- 21 Detroit, Michigan, 4820 live. And then they meet in
- 22 January, February and March, excuse me, January,
- 23 February, and March meetings are virtual. So those who
- 24 have not yet participated, we encourage you to attend.
- 25 Commissioner Burton.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I just want
- 2 to just say it was great. I listened to a member of our
- 3 community speak at the podium and everyone in this room,
- 4 feel her passion about the community and an engagement.
- 5 But I'd also like to ask a question to you. Is the board
- 6 attorney present at today's meeting and parliamentarian,
- 7 Chairman, are they present today on Zoom?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, they are on Zoom.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Alright. And I have a question
- 10 for the board attorney. Has she looked into those
- 11 requests that the board made and have she brought
- 12 anything back for us today?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The request regarding, more
- 14 specifically?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There was a question that was
- 16 raised several weeks ago or a couple months ago now from
- 17 the committee that I chair as a Disciplinary Appeals
- 18 committee about some recommendations that was sent to
- 19 her. And we have not heard back and it's been a couple of
- 20 months, but that's one specific.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Again, not to be accused by
- 22 the citizens of not being responsive to what you're
- 23 saying, but I need a more specific request that you're
- 24 asking for. Our board secretary is very efficient in
- 25 responding to those requests. But again, in not knowing



- 1 exactly what you're talking about, it's difficult for me
- 2 to say whether or not that information has been provided.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, it hasn't been provided
- 4 in the email back to myself. And so if the board attorney
- 5 is here, it'd be nice if she was sitting at the table
- 6 because she hadn't been present in past weeks. And a
- 7 request was made by myself to the attorney and the
- 8 committee that I chaired.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So this was a request that was
- 10 made in committee? COMMISSIONER BURTON: Correct.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: When did your committee meet?
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: A while back, and the board
- 13 attorney at the time... there were some questions that were
- 14 raised in my committee for her to help with the structure
- 15 of our committee. And we have not heard back from the
- 16 board attorney.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I don't have any record of the
- 18 Disciplinary Action Committee meeting. So again, it's
- 19 very difficult for me to pinpoint the information you're
- 20 asking for. But what we'll do is, well, I'll ensure that...
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The acting secretary was part
- 22 of the meeting.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Acting Secretary Brown, are
- 24 you familiar with any disciplinary action committee that
- 25 was held or this information that was asked of Attorney



- 1 LaBelle?
- 2 MR. BROWN: No, sir. I'm not aware of that.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So again, we'll do our
- 4 due diligence in ensuring that we follow up on that
- 5 information and make sure we get that for you. Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Just for the record, the
- 7 attorney has been on vacation
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. Last week, Indeed. But
- 9 she is present today by Zoom. Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: She's been on vacation.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, which is her right as I
- 12 was on vacation as well.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair, we didn't hear her
- 14 name mentioned when we did the role of the staff as well
- 15 as the role of the commissioners. And so her name was not
- 16 mentioned then, and I think that had an inappropriate
- 17 time. So therefore, we don't know if she's in the meeting
- 18 or not.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: But again, you asked, and we
- 20 said yes, she's here. You asked, she's on Zoom? We said
- 21 yes, she's here. Acting Secretary Brown has said again
- 22 that she's here. Okay. We now move on to new business,
- 23 and we have one important item. And so I'm going to do an
- 24 out of order so we make sure that this gets done today.
- 25 And that's the Personnel and Training Committee. I'm



- 1 going to ask that Commissioner Carter reads that report
- 2 because, again, the only way we are able to have
- 3 interviews for board secretary next week is if we pass
- 4 the recommendation that comes out of committee. So I'm
- 5 asking that all commissioners remain until that is done.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Alright, thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 7 So the Personnel and Training Committee met on April 4th
- 8 and there is a memo in your packets. And on the
- 9 memorandum, on behalf of the Board of Police
- 10 Commissioners Personnel and Training Committee, please
- 11 see the key updates from the committee. The board
- 12 attendees were, Chairperson...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: One second. Commissioner
- 14 Burton, I'm asking will you please remain for another 5
- 15 minutes so that the board can hire a board secretary. We
- 16 need to interview a board secretary next week,
- 17 Commissioner Burton. And your presence here is necessary
- 18 for our quorum. I just want the citizens of this city to
- 19 see the commissioner walk out on his duty for us to be
- 20 able to hold interviews next week for board secretary. So
- 21 again, I just want to remind you that that happened, and
- 22 so we don't have a quorum. With no quorum, we cannot move
- 23 forward with any action of business. And so when a person
- 24 grandstands about their passion for the work of this
- 25 committee, actions speak louder than words. I just think



1	that it's important that that be noted at the moment when
2	business needed to be handled so that a board secretary
3	could be interviewed and the commissioner walked out of
4	the room without any regard to the Chair's request. So
5	with that, because we have no quorum, this meeting is
6	adjourned.
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