

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

Vice Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (November 16, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 16, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, November 9, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Vice Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche** asked Bishop Edgar Vann, II to provide the invocation. Dewaelsche asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Dewaelsche also welcomed to the meeting, Chief of Police James E. Craig. Police Chief Craig, introduced DPD staff.

Chair Report: Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche said "Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson of the Board and Commissioner At-Large. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today's Board meeting. Board Chair, Lisa Carter is away from the city and therefore, I will be acting as Chair. To encourage dialogue and exchange between the community and the Department our Board meets weekly. The Board will not meet Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Recess. I wish each and every person a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. This is a time to share with family and friends.

On behalf of the Board, we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families. The Chief's Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our injured officers. I would also ask for a moment of silent reflection for Police Officer Edward L. McCoy, assigned to the 8th Precinct. Police Officer Edward McCoy is the brother of Sergeant Cheryl McCoy-O'Neill and brother-in-law of retired Commander Daniel O'Neill. Funeral arrangements are schedule for Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 A.M. at Greater Grace Temple, located at 23500 W. 7 Mile Road in Detroit.

I would also ask the Chief for an update on recent reports of an altercation between officers in the 11th and 12th precincts as well as an update on our efforts to secure electronically controlled weapons to mitigate the use of deadly force in encounters with the public. I understand a pilot program is currently underway in the 4th Precinct.

Tonight, we also have two presentations. The first presentation is on Secondary Employment and the second presentation is a update on Body Worn Cameras. Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Commission, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table.

COP Police Report: COP James E. Craig reported on crime continuing to trend downward. Craig reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending November 12, 2017. Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017 of 11% decrease, Sexual Assaults -7% decrease, Robbery -16% decrease, Carjacking -15% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -6% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -13% decrease for an overall total of -8% decrease, and overall violent crime of -8% and property offenses -8%. Craig also uprated the Board on upcoming promotional ceremonies to be held at Second Ebenezer Baptist Church. Chief Craig reported on the altercation between officers in the 11th and 12th Police Precincts. He indicated Officers from precinct #12 were conducting a “buy and bust” undercover operations in the same locations as the officers from the 11th precinct who were attempting to serve a narcotics warrant. The officers had a confrontation “down the street” from of the target locations resulting in the 12th Precinct team of the officers ordering the 11th precinct team of officers to the ground (two individuals). It was reported that one member of the 11th precinct team pointed a shotgun at the officers “acquired a target” and ordered the officers to the ground. The Chief indicated the 12th Precinct team then continued to serve the warrant. The Chief also reported that a second confrontation occurred at the entrance of the target house. The second confrontation resulted in an exchange of physical blows between two officers from the 11th and 12th precincts. Both officers were treated and released for contusions. Chief Craig also indicated that two officers involved in the exchange of physical blows are placed on restricted duty and the supervisor in charge of the operations at the 12th has been reassigned. The Department has two parallel investigations ongoing surrounding this incident: Criminal and Administrative. The Chief indicated that a communications breakdown occurred and that “de-confliction protocols” were not properly followed. The Chief also indicated that the incident should not have occurred and it is embarrassing. Chief Craig also indicated that a video was unofficially released in connection with the incident and that he is also conducting an investigation into that release. **Commissioner Crawford** agreed with the Chief that the incident was unnecessary suggesting that there is a crisis in policing and speculated if the incident had any racial overtones. Crawford was critical of all white police units within the Department like Special Operations and raised this as an issue originally discovered in the work of John Bennett and the CORE Committee. Crawford also asked that the Department share its experiences related to the PEERS group with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. **Chief Craig** responded indicating that CORE is still around, but the CORE was not intended to be an investigative committee, rather it is advisory to the Chief. The Chief indicated that his investigation into the incidents are ongoing and if there are racial overtones connected to the incident he would share this in his findings. **Commissioner Vann** asked about the recent killing that took place at the Water Station on Woodward Avenue and requested additional attention to the north Woodward area. **Bell** inquired if the Department has supplemented street supervision with the corporal ranks or if there is a need for more Sergeants to buildout street supervision. **Chief Craig** indicated that the next budget has requested an additional 150 positions for crime intelligence and detectives unit.

Electronic Control Weapons (ECWs) AC James White reported on the current efforts to deploy electronic controlled weapons (ECWs). White indicated that two companies responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP). One company did not submit all of the necessary information to be evaluated. The other company is currently involved in a risk mitigations trial with the Department in the 4th Police Precinct. The risk mitigation period is to last for 30 to 45 days. The Department is operating under a training directive on ECWs, which according to AC White reflects the Board's approved policy on ECWs. White also indicated that the weapons are yellow in color and affixed to the weak side of the officer's gun belt to easily differentiate from the service gun. AC White also indicated that under the risk mitigation period the Department will be collecting data related to both the actual use and beneficial use (use of the weapon without actual firing the projectiles).

Presentations to the Board: (A) Secondary Employment, Lt. Franklin Hayes (B) Electronic Control Weapons (ECWs)

(A) Secondary Employment, Lt. Franklin Hayes presented the history, goals and objectives of the secondary employment unit. Hayes described that secondary employment is an enhanced safety plan subsidized by public and private sponsors. Each sponsor has a written agreement with the following wage schedule -

Rank	Standard	Weekend	Premium	Holiday
Officer	\$28.59 / hour	\$29.19 / hour	\$40.77 / hour	\$45.45 / hour
Sergeant	\$35.69 / hour	\$36.28 / hour	\$50.64 / hour	\$98.01 / hour
Lieutenant	\$39.68 / hour	\$40.28/ hour	\$56.76 / Hour	\$101.25 / hour

Generally, rates are set 11% above standard hourly rate, plus the City receives \$2.00 per hour, as a administrative fee and \$50.00 per vehicle. Funds are deposited into the General Fund. Hayes indicated that to date 427 members of the Department participate in the program and there are 33 customer accounts. Revenues for the operations is \$7.2 Million, with \$599,639.47 in administrative and vehicle fees.

Eligibility: *All participating members shall maintain a clear disciplinary history and display high levels of both reliability and professionalism at all times.* (Eligibility statement taken from video presentation).

Commissioner Shelby inquired if each member completes an activity log after deployment. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about the treatment of downtown sports facilities and casinos. Vann also expressed a concern that many of the businesses included in the list are business that receive specialized tax treatment and speculated if each business is paying its appropriate share of the costs for police coverage. **Chief Craig** responded that he had similar concerns about reimbursements and if the department was creating internal competitions against themselves as officers select overtime work in the precinct or at specialized downtown events. Craig instructed AC White and DC Bettison to provide a report for the Board addressing issues of reimbursements, cost and expenses as well as other data on Secondary Employment.

(B) Body Worn Camera Update: Lieutenant William Sims, Civil Rights, updated the Board on Body Worn Camera. He indicated that all of the precincts had cameras, several of the specialized units including Metro and Major Violations have cameras. Sims said that 13 of 15 designated operations have been equipped with cameras. Sims also indicated that Watchguard systems is upgrading the Department computer systems to handle the enhanced demands on the system and to sink the various video feeds into the system. **Commissioner Shelby** asked if Secondary Employment was equipped with BWCs. **Commissioner Crawford** also indicated that as he has reviewed the citizen complaints he is seeing that the BWCs work, the images are allowing BOPC investigators to determine when an allegation is true or false.

Report from the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Hicks indicated there are four incoming items appearing on today's agenda.

Old Business. None

New Business. Commissioner Crawford commented about Commissioners attendance and participations at the meeting, **Commissioner Bell** commented on a report by TV Station WXYZ (Ch. #7) on being stopped by the police.

Announcements: The next regular of the BOPC is November 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. The next Community meeting of the BOPC is December 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the 2nd Police Precinct @ St. John the Great Baptist Church, 16101 Schaefer.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Faith applauded the Department and the Board for their professionalism. **Mr. Peter Rhoads** discussed Secondary Employment as a win-win situation. Rhoads also raised the issues of sports and entertainment facilities and if they in fact pay. Mr. Rhoads called for more transparency related to all reimbursements to sports and entertainment facilities. **Bishop Clarence T. Webb** described a November 6, 2017 incident of predatory policing wherein an officer pulled him over at 3:00 AM and issued a ticket for not putting on his blinkers as he pulled over. Mr. Webb was referred to OCI. **Ms. Bernice Smith** was upset about the police using shotguns against other officers. Smith also complained about a robbery at the development center where her daughter works, she requested additional attention at the facility. **William Davis**, newly elected Commissioner, expressed his concerns about the altercation between officers' from the 11th and 12th police precinct. Mr. Davis indicated that he received several calls and emphasized the need for an effective investigation about the aggressiveness of white officers against black people. **Nicole Small** expressed concerns about treatment at a recent Board of Water Commissioners meeting and how police officers are used to monitor citizen participation at the meeting. She noted that six officers were called to enforce order at the meeting when no one was out of their seats. She also added that a better balance be used given the finite resources. Ms. Small also wanted to see more officers in Secondary employment placed in the 2nd Police Precinct. **Roy McCalister**, newly elected Detroit City Councilmember indicated he would work with the Board and citizens of Detroit.

Adjourned at 5:08 PM.