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- 1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon again and welcome to the
- 2 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meeting. Today's
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- 24 background sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.
- 25 And honorable board and Chief of police Craig and other



- 1 guests please understand and please know that you do have
- 2 the capabilities to enable your microphones at any time
- 3 during the meeting as well as your video. Thanks you and
- 4 now Chairperson Bell.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I want to
- 6 welcome, the commissioners back from the one week
- 7 Thanksgiving break. I hope that all of you were safe and
- 8 had a healthy and rewarding Thanksgiving. I want to
- 9 commend, the newly elected commissioner, Linda Bernard to
- 10 represent district two. I commend you on your election. I
- 11 commend you on joining this board. I'm still extending an
- 12 opportunity to meet with you perhaps by Zoom as soon as
- 13 next week, hopefully. I think we can go over some
- 14 material and enlighten you. So I just want to say thank
- 15 you for your involvement in this particular meeting in
- 16 terms of the kickoff, and I would give you an opportunity
- 17 to speak shortly afterward in terms of after my remarks.
- 18 So, commissioners, at this time, we have one excused
- 19 absence, Lisa Carter. She's asking for your prayer
- 20 prayers. So I'm going to ask Chaplain Grady to come
- 21 forward to invocation at this time. Thank you.
- 22 CHAPLAIN GRADY: Amen. Thank you all once again for
- 23 allowing me to come and, render prayer to this meeting.
- Let us pray. Father God in the name of Jesus we thank you
- 25 for today. We thank you for yet another opportunity to



- 1 assemble together. Now, Lord, we ask that you bless the
- 2 agenda of the police board of commissioners, oh God, we
- 3 ask that you bless each and every one of them
- 4 collectively and individually. We send out oh God, your
- 5 healing power to Commissioner Lisa Carter and
- 6 Commissioner Jones oh God that we know that you are a
- 7 healing balm in Gilead, oh God. And surely, you are a
- 8 healing balm in this city. So we ask that you go
- 9 throughout this city oh God, this nation oh God,
- 10 spreading your love and joy peace. Most of all, your love
- 11 and your healing and salvation. We ask that every item oh
- 12 God will be discussed oh God that it would bring
- 13 wholeness, oh God. That it would do, Oh God what the
- 14 assignments of it is accomplished to do, oh God. And we
- 15 give you all the glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.
- 16 ALL: Amen.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chaplain. And I see
- 18 Chief Craig on the call. Thank you for your attendance,
- 19 chief, we're looking forward to hearing from you shortly.
- 20 At this time, I'm going to have the commissioners
- 21 introduce themselves. We go by the concept. I am the
- 22 Chairperson, Willie Bell from district four. Our vice-
- 23 Chair.

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- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon to the honorable
- 2 board and to the citizens of Detroit. I'm Annie Holt,
- 3 vice-Chair, commissioner at large.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, district one.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Oh, sorry. My lips were moving.
- 6 Good afternoon, everyone. Commissioner Darryl Brown
- 7 district one.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Linda Bernard, District Two.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District three.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon, everyone. I am
- 12 Shirley Burch commissioner for district three. Love where
- 13 you live.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And this is the first time that I
- 15 can recall that commissioner Burch is in living color on
- 16 this call. Thank you. I think it's a historic moment.
- 17 Thank you. District five.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Willie Burton,
- 19 District Five.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. As I've mentioned,
- 21 district six is excused, Lisa Carter. District seven.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon. Police
- 23 commissioner William M. Davis. Love where you work
- 24 officers.





1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At large. Commissioner

- 2 Hernandez.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, everyone.
- 4 Jesus Hernandez, at large.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.
- 6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon, everyone.
- 7 Commissioner Martin Jones. At-large.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Last, but not least the
- 9 commissioner Reverend Jim Holly.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you very much. Jim
- 11 Holley's present and accounted for.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair you have a quorum.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. At this
- 15 time, the Chair would entertain a motion to approve the
- 16 agenda for December the third, 2020.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 20 supported. Discussion. Roll call. District one.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. I was
- 24 writing. I'm sorry.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District three.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District four. Bell, yes. District
- 3 five.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District six. I'm sorry. Excuse
- 6 me. Seven.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Hernandez?
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holley.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White, indicating
- 15 that the roll call vote indicated the agenda's approved.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And through the Chair, Madam
- 17 Vice-Chairperson Holt's?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Vice-Chair Holt. I
- 19 apologize. Vice-Chair Holt, at large, please.
- 20 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes. I vote to approve the agenda.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Vice-Chair. The next
- item will be the approval of the minutes for November 19,
- 23 2020. The Chair would entertain a motion to that effect.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 3 supported. Roll call vote, district one. I'm sorry.
- 4 Correction. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District one.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District two.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: (Audio Distorted).
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District three.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District four. Bell, yes. District
- 13 five.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District seven.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At large. Commissioner Hernandez.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White, indication
- 24 that the minutes for November 19 have been approved by
- 25 the roll call vote.



- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At this time, Ms. White would you
- 3 introduce the board staff, please?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, the Department of
- 5 Innovation and Technology is monitoring and recording the
- 6 board's meeting today. Our court reporter is Mr. Don
- 7 Handyside and the following board staff members are in
- 8 attendance today, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Teresa Blossom,
- 9 Community Relations Coordinator, Ms. Jonya Underwood
- 10 Administrative Assistant, Investigator Tiffany Stewart,
- 11 and Sergeant Glenn Anderson in the absence of Lieutenant
- 12 James Coles representing Police Recruitment Division and
- 13 Police HR Division. Also, Interim Chief Investigator
- 14 Lawrence Akbar, Supervising Investigator Ainsley
- 15 Cromwell, Supervising Investigator LiSonya Sloan, and
- 16 Senior Investigator Rosalia Madrigal are all in
- 17 attendance today.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Chief Craig, it's good
- 19 to, once again, acknowledge you and your presence, would
- 20 you, introduce any of the DPD staff or Ms. White can
- 21 assist you. Thank you.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes. Thank you, Chair and good
- 23 afternoon board.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
- 25 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: I know that, assistant chief David
- 2 LeValley is on. I think, first assistant chief Stair is
- 3 on, but I can't see the others.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. Captain Aric
- 5 Tosqui, Captain Lena Ladell, Deputy Chief Elaine Bryant,
- 6 Sergeant Gerald Hewitt, Deputy Chief Grant Ha. And please
- 7 forgive me if I missed any others. I also see Executive
- 8 Manager Reid Branche-Wilson and I'm sure there may be
- 9 others but that is all that I see at this time.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I just want to appreciate all the
- 11 DPD, personnel on this call. We hope that they are safe
- 12 and are staying healthy also. Ms. White, do we have any
- 13 elected officials or representatives of elected officials
- 14 on the call.
- MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. I do not have any
- 16 information as far as any elected officials on the call
- 17 at this time, sir.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. The next item would be
- 19 moving right into my report, as I have stated in the
- 20 past, I will be brief and to the point. We have a heavy
- 21 agenda for this meeting and my intent is not to stifle
- 22 any dialogue from the commissioners but we want to have a
- 23 two-hour meeting and a timely meeting for all concerned
- 24 parties. I saw the email from Commissioner Davis. I'm not
- 25 trying to limit you to two or three questions, but I want



- 1 you to keep in mind that we want to be fair and give all
- 2 the commissioners an opportunity to speak and we want to
- 3 do this in a timely manner.
- 4 So in some instances, we have asked for concerns
- 5 prior to and we have gotten some concerns that's why we
- 6 altered the agenda a little bit in terms of Commissioner
- 7 Holley's concerns about training. So we would encourage
- 8 that. I just want to say that the main item that I wanted
- 9 to, and Chief Craig is probably going to elaborate, that
- 10 the incident at the fifth precinct, that was scary but, I
- 11 just want to commend Commander Ewing, an officer that
- 12 handled that situation initially, and also how quickly
- 13 SRT responded to the situation and dealt with it in a
- 14 manner that leads into domestic violence. As you well
- 15 know, domestic violence month took place in October and I
- 16 was part of the fifth precinct's walk from St. John's
- 17 Hospital to Baldwin Park along with my daughters and
- 18 others. So it was well attended and it's something that
- 19 this department is engaged in and continue to engage in,
- 20 in terms of domestic violence with the social workers at
- 21 the precinct and ongoing task force, Citywide, that was
- 22 reported out and hands-on and some of you participated in
- other precincts. So it's something that when we talk
- 24 about incidents, like that is really scary, but it's not
- 25 unusual, for wanting to attack the precinct in this day



- 1 and age, I can personally attest to that experience at
- 2 the ninth precinct and we know about what happened at the
- 3 eighth precinct. So we just continue to pray for the
- 4 officers. They're doing an outstanding job under
- 5 difficult circumstances.
- 6 Another key point I want to mention, the city
- 7 council recently approved the department contract
- 8 proposal for ShotSpotter, a technology tool used to
- 9 detect gunshot. Every week we hear the department report
- 10 out on wicked crime and stats, but we also get this on
- 11 the department's cell phone. Quite often the shootings
- 12 are ongoing so we all have experienced that. So we know
- 13 about the fatal shooting and the non-fatal shooting this
- 14 department has reported out and that's why the chief
- 15 indicated that the motion to get more detectives in the
- 16 ranks of the precinct to address the issue of the non-
- 17 fatal shootings and make sure they were extensively
- 18 covered. And we know all the victims and the families
- 19 have come forward, to this department and in the media
- 20 asking for closure, asking for assistance so we can't do
- 21 enough to try to encourage people to put down their guns.
- 22 And we get so many senseless shootings as you well know,
- 23 it doesn't add up. So they're legal guns out there and
- 24 people are using this. So we know this is an advanced
- 25 technology that's going to be initiated in two precincts,



- 1 number nine and number eight. And they went before the
- 2 council, Captain Tosqui, and this department came before
- 3 us prior to the Thanksgiving break and they had also been
- 4 out in the community addressing those concerns about the
- 5 details. And we're looking forward to drafting policy
- 6 along with the Chief and the mayor as we always do in
- 7 terms of by Charter mandated, due to his responsibility.
- 8 That leads me into the charter commission.
- 9 In the last two weeks, we have spent some time with
- 10 the charter commission. We went back and forth in terms
- of trying to clarify. Ms. White provided a whole lot of
- documentation. We made a personal appearance back in
- 13 March I think commissioner Davis was with me along with
- 14 the Public Safety Committee. So that is ongoing, I guess
- 15 they're reaching their deadline. So we don't know the
- 16 outcome, but we have been busy with them dealing with
- 17 that. So I just want to, make mention of the technology
- 18 that we're dealing with.
- 19 The few points about ShotSpotter is that no cameras
- 20 are included in this contract. No facial recognition
- 21 software has been used for this project. Audio is
- 22 permanently deleted after 30 hours if no gunshot is
- 23 detected. DPD cannot listen to live audio from the
- 24 sensors. DPD can only listen to recorded audio from a
- 25 sensor of a confirmed or likely gunshot incident. And I



- 1 get calls. We all have experienced shots. Even last
- 2 night, there were shots being fired in my neighborhood,
- 3 and it's something that I don't know the outcome, but
- 4 it's ongoing. So I'm going to close on that note. I want
- 5 to ask our new commissioner, Linda Bernard from district
- 6 two, to give her an opportunity to speak.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Commissioner Bell.
- 8 I just have really one comment on the ShotSpotter
- 9 technology, I do have some concerns about it and I would
- 10 urge that Chief consider, the interesting thing about
- 11 ShotSpotter is that obviously, it's really after the
- 12 fact. Shots are fired, there's some sort of a criminal
- incident usually then there are arrests prosecutions,
- 14 etc. I'd like to be proactive Chief and my fellow and
- 15 sister commissioners to not necessarily be reactive. What
- 16 I'd like to do commissioner and what I'd like you to
- 17 consider not at this meeting, it's not on the agenda,
- 18 none of that is that we need a substantial gun buyback
- 19 program. I'm not interested in incarcerating more
- 20 community people for having a gun or firing a gun, what I
- 21 want them to do is turn in their guns and I think, Chief,
- 22 if in fact, for example, and I am speaking now as a woman
- 23 and otherwise as an individual, as a lifelong Detroiter.
- 24 I think the women in households would turn in guns for
- 25 \$150 a gun. I'm serious because there are other



- 1 priorities in the household? If it's a big automatic
- 2 weapon like those, I guess it's called an Uzi or whatever
- 3 that you get \$200. No questions asked. I mean, it would
- 4 be totally confidential. It could be done through the
- 5 churches like Jim Holley's church, other churches. It's
- 6 not coming into the police department, not coming into
- 7 the police station. I mean there are ways that we could
- 8 set this up, at least in my opinion. There's the person,
- 9 the woman, the man, the child who brought in a gun could
- 10 just collect and turn in the weapon. And we might do a
- 11 dollar a bullet or whatever, I don't know. But I'm just
- 12 saying that I'm tired of our community contributing to
- 13 what Reverend Jackson calls the All-Black Male Academy,
- 14 which is Jackson. And I'd like us to maybe lessen the
- 15 population of the All-Black Male Academy by fewer arrests
- 16 and more proactive things to get the guns off the street.
- 17 And I really do think that it will work out. At least
- 18 it's certainly worth a try. Let's just pick up the guns
- 19 then there are no shots fired. Then there are no arrests.
- 20 Then there are no criminal prosecutors. Then there are no
- 21 incarcerations. That's just a though and thank you, Mr.
- 22 Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Bernard.
- 24 We're going to move on to, the next item would be a

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- 1 recommendation from the Chief of Police, James E. Craig
- 2 promotion, to the rank of captain. Ms. White.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Yes. Honorable board, two weeks ago you
- 4 received the package concerning the promotional or the
- 5 appointments concerning Lieutenant Vernal Newson to the
- 6 rank of captain and Lieutenant Thaddeus White to the rank
- 7 of captain. And you also receive reminder information
- 8 this week in your informational packets. And so at this
- 9 time, a motion is needed with regards to those two
- 10 appointment candidates and we can also post the motion
- 11 language as well.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 14 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell, are you going to have
- 15 each motion presented, each candidate?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The first motion is going to be
- 17 for Lieutenant Newson.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. Okay, that was my
- 19 question.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 23 supported. Discussion. Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just have one question, Mr.
- 25 Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Any relevant disciplinary
- 3 history concerning either of these officers?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, they were provided, how long
- 5 ago?
- 6 MS. WHITE: Yes --
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I mean, the disciplinary
- 8 history I'm in favor of the motion. I just wanted to
- 9 know.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am. This discussion they
- 11 will provide. And I think it's also included in this
- 12 week's package, provided about a week ago, that we would
- 13 take this item up at this particular time. Do we need a
- 14 roll call vote for this process or is anyone in
- opposition to it? Do we need a roll call vote?
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Those in favor, indicate by
- 18 saying yay and raising your hand?
- 19 ALL: Yay.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I didn't hear an
- 21 opposition, Ms. White so the motion passed.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I abstain only because I don't
- 23 know anything about these people. That's all not because
- 24 I object.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Duly noted that
- 2 Commissioner Bernard abstained the next motions to a rank
- 3 of captain, Captain White.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we approve chief of
- 7 police Craig's recommendation to appoint Lieutenant
- 8 Thaddeus White to the rank of captain.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been probably moved and
- 12 seconded. Discussion. Hear none. Do we need to follow the
- 13 same procedures, anyone in opposition to that promotion
- 14 of Captain White?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just abstain.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: One abstained for Commissioner
- 17 Bernard. Could you indicate by yay and raising your hand,
- 18 please? Yes. Ms. White indication that the commission has
- 19 spoken in terms of the vote. We have one abstaining,
- 20 Commissioner Bernard. Thank you. We want to extend
- 21 congratulations to both individuals in the ranks of
- 22 captain. We wish them the best and have a rewarding
- 23 career. Next would be Chief Craig, your report. Thank
- 24 you, sir.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, everyone. Once again,
- 2 greetings, hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving
- 3 holiday. I want to first start by congratulating once
- 4 again, Linda Bernard for her election to the board.
- 5 Congratulations. Secondly, I would ask the board and
- 6 everyone who's listening, for our continued prayers on
- 7 behalf of Sheriff Benny Napoleon, who as many of you
- 8 know, is still fighting COVID, still in the hospital. So
- 9 we are praying for his speedy recovery, full recovery
- 10 and, I'd appreciate that. Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, no problem.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: I want to also thank the board, for
- 14 their support of our two new captains. Both are just
- 15 uniquely qualified in so many ways. I know as much as
- 16 Commissioner Burch loves the 11th precinct. I know she
- 17 knows Lieutenant White, by way of example, White is just
- 18 a tireless professional who has really done a remarkable
- 19 job and having the highest clearance rate or at least
- 20 leading, the highest clearance rate in the city of
- 21 Detroit at the 11th precinct. And I'm talking it exceeds
- 22 even beyond national standards. We're talking about 40
- 23 plus percent clearance rate. That's unprecedented when
- 24 you talk about non-fatal shootings.
- 25 And into our newest captain, going back to number



- 1 12, just a professional, tireless worker, has the respect
- of the men and women. He was at 12. He moved over to help
- 3 eight out as you know, eight has a lot of cases as well.
- 4 Did a great job in his short time there, he'll be going
- 5 back, to the 12th precinct. So I know, surely,
- 6 commissioner Burch is probably going to ask well, who's
- 7 going to replace T. White? We're going to find a good
- 8 Lieutenant. We don't want to lose traction over there. So
- 9 I know that's near and dear to your heart. So I'm going
- 10 to go right into crime. And so as of today, we're sitting
- on a 16% increase in homicides, which means there are 42
- more than, this time last year. Non-fatal shootings, 399
- more this time last year with a 15% increase in violent
- 14 crime.
- 15 However, looking at property crime, we're sitting on
- 16 a 24% reduction. In every area, there's a reduction. And
- 17 then overall part one crime, which includes both violent
- 18 and property we're sitting on a 12% reduction. So as
- 19 you've heard me say it in recent weeks, since COVID, I
- 20 was on a call with police chiefs of the major cities
- 21 across this country about two weeks ago now, we're all
- 22 having the same concern and issues, whether it's Los
- 23 Angeles, New York, as you've probably read about New
- 24 York, their shootings or just, I mean, they were the
- 25 safest big city in America but talking about New York,



- 1 Chicago, Philadelphia, just to name a few. And so we
- 2 wanted to try to understand what's driving violence
- 3 because obviously if all these cities are seeing an
- 4 uptick in violence, what are the consistent issues? Well,
- 5 COVID number one.
- 6 We know that COVID has played a key role whether
- 7 it's the impact psychologically COVID has had on people
- 8 and their way of processing anger during disputes. What
- 9 we've seen here in Detroit like these other cities
- 10 disputes rapidly escalate up into qun violence. That's
- 11 the dominant reason for the violence that we're seeing.
- 12 There has been some uptick in gang activity. We're
- 13 putting the focus on that as well. But really it's the
- 14 argument based disputes, no rhyme or reason why someone
- 15 would have an argument. Like we were involved in an
- officer-involved shooting, which I don't know if you were
- 17 reported out on that. Officers were on patrol and as they
- 18 were on patrol, they observed at a Greenlight gas station
- 19 was a suspect holding a gun to a victim with an extended
- 20 magazine. And the officer stopped and said, he's got a
- 21 gun, there's a robbery in progress. They pulled up. And
- 22 as they pulled up, the suspect turned, with this extended
- 23 magazine handgun and pointed at the officers, the
- 24 officers returned fire, I think in that instance two
- 25 shots were fired. He was transported for medical



- 1 treatment after that. But what was interesting about that
- 2 shooting incident, as the officers were involved in a
- 3 shooting, again, it started because, and we looked at all
- 4 the video, the victim goes into this convenience store or
- 5 gas station and he accidentally, you could see he
- 6 accidentally bumps, the suspect. The suspect's enraged,
- 7 he leaves the gas station. The victim leaves. The victim
- 8 certainly wasn't aggressive. He gets in his car and he
- 9 was approached by this suspect who threatened to shoot
- 10 him and wanted to rob him. And so you ask yourself, why
- 11 this even happened? But there was a shred of good news in
- 12 this situation.
- So as the officer was taking the suspect into
- 14 custody, he was laying on the gun that he had to commit
- 15 the robbery and pointed at the officers, all of a sudden,
- 16 a small group started to assemble screaming at the
- 17 officers because they shot this individual. The person
- 18 shot looked at the group and said it is okay. I was
- 19 wrong. I've never seen anything like that. And the crowd
- 20 backed off. Initially during our debrief, some of you may
- 21 or may not know after every officer-involved shooting
- 22 incident, we have what's called a 72-hour debrief and we
- 23 go through, even though the investigation is still going
- on, we go through very critically, we look at officer's
- 25 tactics to see what they could have done right, what they



- 1 could have done wrong, and we can make adjustments almost
- 2 in real-time. So I just found that was interesting, but
- 3 just the aggression, the fact that the suspect turned
- 4 around, pointed this weapon at the officers, and
- 5 fortunately, no one was hurt badly. The suspect is going
- 6 to recover from his injuries. And I want to address
- 7 something before I get into the attack on the fifth
- 8 precinct. I know, Commissioner Bernard made a suggestion
- 9 and I'm all open to looking at new ways of combating
- 10 violence. As a 40, an almost 44-year practitioner in his
- 11 business, I can say definitively and research backs me
- 12 up, gun buybacks don't work. It's nice that we look at
- 13 grandma turned in her shotgun because the people that
- 14 turn in guns are not criminals. Criminals don't turn in
- 15 quns; criminals get guns and use guns. So as much as I
- 16 believe in the proactive approach, we want young men to
- 17 have opportunities so that they won't engage in violence.
- 18 Factually, there are many more guns on the streets than
- 19 we've ever seen.
- 20 As I pointed out in weeks past, our officers are
- 21 arresting anywhere between 60 to 100 individuals who are
- 22 illegally carrying guns. We would probably never know how
- 23 many lives we save by the number of guns were taken off
- 24 the street. It's just simply amazing. We appreciate the
- 25 prosecutor who of those cases, 75% of them are being



- 1 signed for arrest warrants. A downside, what we also
- 2 find, there was a recent article in Detroit News where
- 3 judges who are engaged in bail reform are releasing some
- 4 individuals with violent histories back into our
- 5 community.
- 6 Now, as I've said publicly, I'll say it again,
- 7 police departments, because we're the most visible of the
- 8 criminal justice system when crime goes up, you go to the
- 9 police chief, you go to the police department, but we
- 10 leave out the other components. So frankly, we know this,
- 11 the suspects, in some instances who were being arrested,
- 12 they laugh at us. They laugh because they know I'll be
- out and we're talking about repeat offenders. So what's
- 14 the incentive for not illegally carrying a gun, what's
- 15 the incentive for not using violence? So I'll end on that
- 16 note, but I am not an advocate for gun buybacks.
- 17 Early in my career in other cities, I found it
- 18 comical that only the good law-abiding citizens were
- 19 turning in guns and the criminals they weren't. I've
- 20 never seen a criminal turn in a gun. That's another
- 21 story. One thing that's kind of notable right now since
- the pandemic, I've had a conversation with one of my good
- 23 friends who owns two gun stores, I didn't know it, but
- 24 it's kind of a national trend, but more consistent here.
- 25 There are more African-American women in this region



- 1 purchasing, legally purchasing handguns. And in terms of
- 2 a concealed pistol licenses, we ranked very high in the
- 3 country only exceeded by the great state of Texas. So
- 4 certainly the pandemic has created a lot of fear but
- 5 also, we have to be conscious of the individuals who are
- 6 having some psychological impact from the pandemic and
- 7 they're engaging in violence. That in part is driving our
- 8 violent crime. So I'm going to segway right into the
- 9 incident of a couple of days ago. So 11:15, the other
- 10 evening a young man had been in a continual domestic
- 11 dispute with his girlfriend. The dispute is over child
- 12 custody.
- 13 There were noted incidents of domestic violence, in
- 14 fact, the suspect had an active warrant out of Southfield
- 15 for domestic violence. On this day, because the dispute
- 16 didn't work out well in terms of him getting custody of
- 17 the child his estranged girlfriend was leaving her place
- of employment, and this suspect also 28 years old, they
- 19 were both 28 years old, stopped her in the street with an
- 20 AR-15, with two-two-three rounds. And those who know guns
- 21 know that's a high-powered weapon. He demanded that she
- 22 get out of her car. She refused, he fired several shots
- 23 into the car, striking her fatally. He leaves the scene.
- 24 At some point, after he left the scene, he authors a
- 25 text message to what we believe her family, and in that



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- 1 text message, he simply says, and I'm paraphrasing,
- 2 something to the effect, I was going to kill her over my
- 3 child and I'm going to deal with the police and the
- 4 judge. So at some point after he crafts this text, he
- 5 goes directly to the fifth precinct and we didn't know it
- 6 at the time but he goes to the 12th precinct probably in
- 7 the two o'clock hour, 2:00 AM, and he sits on a lot of
- 8 the precinct.
- 9 We now believe based on our investigation that he
- 10 waited there, he was waiting for an officer to possibly
- 11 approach him and he's going to kill a police officer. He
- 12 waited, he waited and no police officer approached him in
- 13 his parked car. So he moves his car to the front of the
- 14 station. He gets out with this AR-15, the same weapon
- 15 used to kill this young lady, he leans over the hood of
- 16 the car and begins firing several times into the fifth
- 17 precinct. Fortunately, we have bullet-resistant glass in
- 18 that precinct. I have to apply the watch commander or
- 19 Lieutenant that as soon as he heard the shots, he didn't
- 20 go out the front of course, but he went out of the side
- 21 exit to go to the front. So he could kind of get an idea
- 22 of who it was, what was going on. In doing so he saw the
- 23 suspect, he saw the vehicle started to pull off and the
- 24 Lieutenant properly and very quickly put out a
- 25 description of what had occurred and as you can imagine,



- 1 units began to converge on the fifth precinct to back the
- 2 officers at the station up.
- 3 As they were doing so, one police vehicle was
- 4 intercepted by the suspect. He fired another round at an
- 5 oncoming scout car. It penetrated the windshield of the
- 6 scout car fortunately, it did not hit the officer, but
- 7 fragments of the glass did cut the officer's hand. So
- 8 once again, the shooting into the station, shooting at
- 9 that officer as he was spying in the back, the station
- 10 came out okay. The suspect then went about a block, those
- 11 who are familiar with the area. The fifth precinct is
- 12 located on Connor, a half a block or so away is a UAW
- 13 office. He pulls into that closed location in the parking
- 14 lot, lights on, and just sat there. So the officers from
- 15 the fifth precinct converged very quickly, surrounded the
- location, but through good common sense and leadership,
- 17 they did not approach the vehicle at that time. What they
- 18 did was wait, the wise decision was to call the Special
- 19 Response Team. The Special Response Team responded very
- 20 quickly and they began to surround the location.
- 21 They quickly came up with a plan, but throughout
- 22 this ordeal, what was interesting, the suspect who was
- 23 seated in the car, engine running, began to use his turn
- 24 signal, hit his brakes several times. So some of you may
- 25 be wondering, why was he doing it? My best guess and it's



- 1 probably a pretty good one, he was making an effort to
- 2 lure officers in close. Had an officer approached at that
- 3 point, there is no doubt in my mind that he would have
- 4 used that high-powered weapon to kill the officers. So
- 5 Commander Darin Szilagyi and the Special Response Team
- 6 came up with a very quick plan. Time was not on our side.
- 7 And because of the fact that we knew he was armed and
- 8 dangerous, he had already killed this victim, his
- 9 estranged girlfriend, he shot at our police station, shot
- 10 at a police officer so we knew if he got out of that
- 11 parking lot, there was a strong possibility of additional
- 12 carnage. So they came up with a great plan.
- Now, you know our SRT, Special Response Team,
- 14 deployed armored vehicles, armored vehicles, military-
- 15 grade armor vehicles, and I'm saying it and emphasizing
- 16 it for a reason. There was only one way to stop this very
- 17 dangerous suspect. So they decided because they had made
- 18 numerous attempts, they had gotten his phone number to
- 19 call him, he would not answer his phone, so they took
- 20 their armored vehicles and used them as a way to pin him
- 21 in the parking space. As they pinned him in, they knew it
- 22 was no way for him to leave and they began to ask him,
- 23 show your hands. Now what they observed right away, the
- 24 suspect was holding close to his chest in the driver's
- 25 seat that AR-15 loaded with two-to-three rounds. Now,



- 1 again, if this was done by a scout car, that bullet would
- 2 have just ripped and shredded through all that metal. No
- 3 police officer could have survived that kind of weaponry
- 4 in a traditional passenger vehicle. But this armored
- 5 vehicle undoubtedly saved our officer's life.
- 6 So as the officers were giving commands, hands up,
- 7 he shook his head. No, not going to do it. And as he was
- 8 saying, no, he raised the weapon up pointed in the
- 9 direction of the officers. There was an exchange of
- 10 gunfire between our SRT officers, as well as the suspect
- and the suspect succumbed to his injury. Tragic
- 12 situation. My prayers go out to the young lady's family.
- 13 It's too bad that something couldn't have been done in
- 14 using, Commissioner Bernard's statement in a proactive
- 15 way that maybe something could have stopped this young
- 16 man from making such a terrible decision.
- 17 As we continued our investigation after the
- 18 shooting, as he spent time in the parking lot of the
- 19 station, he began to craft out a letter and in his
- 20 writings, he basically talked about why it was important
- 21 for him to take the life of his estranged girlfriend, the
- 22 life of a cop, and that he wanted basically a cop to kill
- 23 him. And he felt that including the courts, everybody
- 24 wronged him because nobody supported him going through
- 25 this ordeal. So that's the extent. I'm sorry, because I



- 1 wanted to kind of give you and paint a picture of how
- 2 this transpired, but I also want to just take the time to
- 3 say year to date, this is our 31st incident involving
- 4 barricaded suspects.
- 5 You've heard the stories we report out on situations
- 6 that have gone three days, two days, armed and dangerous.
- 7 We have seen an increase and again, this is consistent
- 8 with the increase in crime, the increase in the attacks
- 9 on police officers. There's just no reverence by some
- 10 individuals for law and they're more aggressive now. And
- 11 so, our officers know to be extremely cautious of it.
- 12 Fortunately, no officer got hurt in this incident.
- So with that, I will, oh, I didn't give the last
- 14 thing I want to cover. I think it's important. As you
- 15 know, COVID has been spiking. The COVID certainly has hit
- 16 our department in recent weeks. We saw a dramatic spike,
- 17 but here's a little shred of good news. And I hope this
- 18 is a continuing pattern. It appears right now that our
- 19 numbers of quarantined and numbers of positives are
- 20 starting to flatten out. So, I'm optimistically hoping
- 21 that we will start to see a decline.
- As of today's date, we have 67 members of our
- 23 department who are positive for COVID. 60 of them are
- 24 sworn officers. Seven are civilians. Throughout the life
- of this pandemic, there've been a total of 482, of



- 1 course, myself included who have tested positive for
- 2 COVID. And then in terms of quarantine numbers, as of
- 3 today's date, 88 are quarantined. Of that number, 73 are
- 4 sworn and 14 are civilians. Now the good news is I want
- 5 to say a week or so ago, we were at 90 plus quarantined.
- 6 So I'm hoping that our numbers continue to drop in both
- 7 our positive cases, as well as our quarantined. At this
- 8 point, I want to give a special thank you to Assistant
- 9 Chief LeValley and Executive Manager Branche-Wilson,
- 10 who's just done a phenomenal job at tracking these cases.
- 11 David has had and does a biweekly COVID meeting.
- 12 It's so important for us to stay abreast of the
- 13 numbers because as you know, back in March, when I was
- 14 fighting COVID we had as high as 650 people guarantined.
- 15 And so we had to make some very fast decisions, according
- 16 to deployment. We did that and we didn't have a hiccup in
- 17 handling our radio calls. So right now we're still in a
- 18 good place but again, we're starting to see a little
- 19 flattening and I hope it continues. So with that, board,
- 20 I open it up for any questions that you might have.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief, thank you for that detailed
- 22 report. Commissioner Davis. We're going to kick it off
- 23 with you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I'm pleased to see you,
- 25 Chief. The question, what are the six steps of the force



- 1 continuing, and on that, where are tear gas and rubber
- 2 bullets? That's my first question.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: I don't have it in front of me. I just
- 4 don't have it in front of me. I'm not even going to try
- 5 to -- It's not at the fatal force level but it's
- 6 certainly someone who is aggressive, aggressive resisting
- 7 one can deploy gas, but if you want our policy, I think
- 8 we've provided it in the past. Certainly, we can give you
- 9 a special and we've done it in the past, special
- 10 presentation on force and when we can use gas, and when a
- 11 decision to use fatal force is appropriate.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Hold on, Commissioner
- 14 Holley. Commissioner Davis has got another question.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also, as it relates to spot
- 16 shotter, I see that the main areas, like say like in
- 17 eight and nine or like north of McNichols, and is it true
- 18 that it doesn't really register, like say 22s and 25
- 19 caliber shots?
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: I've never heard that. It's registered
- 21 shots, but I've never heard anything relative to small-
- 22 caliber weapons. If so, you're the first person to tell
- 23 me that, but I've not gotten that from anywhere. I know
- 24 Assistant Chief LeValley is on the line. I don't know if
- 25 he has heard that, but I've not ever heard that.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You could have somebody get back
- 2 with me on that. Also, is it principally only for shots
- 3 fired outside in the open?
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes, I would imagine if it could pick
- 5 up shots in a home, possibly, but again, it's primarily
- 6 designed for shots in the open. You deal with a structure
- 7 there's a different dynamic with that. And then the other
- 8 issue with a structure, it's not going to point to the
- 9 exact structure where the shots being fired. Proximity,
- 10 yes. The beauty of ShotSpotter that when we respond and
- 11 we recover casings, we can put those casings in the
- 12 Center and then determine if this weapon was used in
- 13 another situation.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And my last question is this
- with the people that you're picking up for illegally
- 16 carrying guns, do you know if any of them have put in for
- 17 CPLs because of the long process, I know it's taking a
- 18 lot longer, do you know if any of them have been putting
- in for it, they're just waiting for it?
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: That's a question I don't have the
- 21 answer to, don't know, don't know if that's the case. I
- 22 mean, by law you have to have a Concealed Pistol License
- 23 and you can't carry it until you have it. And we get the
- one-time offender who maybe does not have a history of
- violence, but what we do know that guns are the primary



- 1 object illegally carried guns is the primary weapon being
- 2 used in these non-fatal and fatal shootings.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And I'm very pleased that no
- 4 officers weren't injured in that fifth precinct and the
- 5 fourth precinct area. That concludes my remarks, sir.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holley.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chief
- 8 is good. Good to hear from you. Thank you so much for
- 9 being there today.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Chief, to
- 12 Chief Craig, we've got 1700 people that died from COVID-
- 13 19 in Detroit. I got over 300 something people, but by
- 14 the end of this year, most likely we have over 300
- 15 homicides in the city of Detroit, with almost a third of
- 16 COVID-19. My concern is, and I really wish that you and
- 17 the commissioner or the chief or the president of the
- 18 board really consider with the mayor, really addressing
- 19 this community about homicides. We've over 300 people are
- 20 going to die in the city of Detroit. I just feel like
- 21 there's no way in the world in good conscience, I know
- 22 you feel the same way, that we should go in the new year
- 23 without at least addressing this. Secondly, Chief, then
- 24 I'll leave you alone and that is, is that I asked a
- 25 couple of weeks ago about are people still being put in



- 1 jail, because when you get -- I got a gun and get stopped
- 2 traffic and have a gun illegally, do I got to go to jail
- 3 for that, and if so, does the court put me in jail for
- 4 two years because of a gun?
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Starting with your last question, I
- 6 just talked about the fact that many who we arrest,
- 7 suspects who are illegally carrying guns are laughing at
- 8 us. They're getting released.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's what I'm saying. It
- 10 doesn't make any sense.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: So we're sitting here and I got to tell
- 12 you, I give a lot of credit to the men and women of the
- 13 Detroit police department, who, despite the challenge
- 14 today, the anti-police rhetoric, the fact that they're
- 15 being attacked and it's an extremely dangerous job that
- 16 they do, despite all of that, these men and women
- 17 courageously go out and put themselves in harm's way and
- 18 are making these arrests. Making the arrest. So, to your
- 19 first part, crime has been important to me, Commissioner
- 20 Holley. It always has from day one.
- 21 As I tried to articulate when I started talking
- 22 about crime, we're not on an island with the crime. There
- 23 are some big issues that are in play across this country.
- 24 That doesn't mean I sit back and put my feet up and I'm
- 25 comfortable with it. No, we are constantly battling the



- 1 violence in this city and we're going to continue to
- 2 fight the good fight. But we got to think about what's so
- 3 unique about today? COVID. COVID is having a
- 4 psychological impact on people and a lot of people are
- 5 engaging in violence. Some of the stuff that we encounter
- 6 as reasons for someone using a gun is startling. I mean,
- 7 before COVID, well, just before COVID we started to see
- 8 the uptick, but it's no rhyme or reason to it. And I'm
- 9 not just sitting in isolation. I'm talking to my
- 10 colleagues all across the country. So maybe it looks as
- if the homicide rate is starting to, our homicide numbers
- 12 were actually a little higher than what they were, our
- 13 non-fatal shootings up higher, but you're right, 300 is
- 14 300 too many. 250 is too many. So we take it seriously.
- 15 This department works extremely hard. And then on top of
- 16 that, we have a homicide unit that goes out day in and
- 17 day out, trying to quickly close these cases because they
- 18 know if they don't close them fast, they're going to have
- 19 two or three more waiting.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. Commissioner Bernard.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'd like to just make one
- 23 point. I was at the detention center last week to pick up
- 24 a client of mine, non-violent thing but anyway, back to
- 25 the point when this gentleman was released he's a mature



- 1 person. Two young black males were also released at the
- 2 same time. They were all standing outside. They had them
- 3 standing separately, because of COVID and stuff. Anyway,
- 4 they were all released at the same time from the
- 5 detention centers. So I picked up my client. The two
- 6 young black males started walking out towards the gate,
- 7 cut across the medium to go to the gas station. And I
- 8 asked my client, I said, do those guys have a ride? And
- 9 he said I don't know. I don't know. We all just walked
- 10 out together. So I pulled up to them and I said, do you
- 11 guys have a ride? And they said, no. I said, where do you
- 12 live? They said up near, Lahser Road & Seven Miles.
- 13 They got in my car and so I decided to take them
- 14 home. One was 18 and had been in jail for three days. He
- 15 had gotten a ride on Seven Mile from a guy he knew, got
- in the car with five other people. He's a little-bitty
- 17 guy. He could sit in my lap. He's that small.
- 18 Anyway, he had gotten in the car with the guy who
- 19 was the driver, who was a friend of his, got in the
- 20 backseat. Six black kids in a car, young, mostly black
- 21 male, one girl, they got stopped. They're stopped. When
- they're stopped, there was a gun under the seat of the
- 23 driver. It's the driver's gun. There's also a gun in the
- 24 backseat, but this young man didn't know anything about
- 25 it. And the girl that was in the backseat, told the



- 1 police officer, that the gun-- He was only going five
- 2 miles. The guy was giving him a ride for five miles. So
- 3 he didn't have to walk.
- 4 So the girl told the police officer that gun's his,
- 5 the guy she didn't even know, the one that had gotten in
- 6 the car, he said, no, it's not. Anyway, they arrested him
- 7 because the guy whose gun it was, was her boyfriend and
- 8 she didn't want him to be arrested. My point and the
- 9 other young man had a very similar situation, riding in a
- 10 car, not doing anything wrong, pulled over, sit down and
- one of the guys in the car had a gun. This goes back to
- 12 my initial point, and I disagree with the chief about a
- 13 gun buyback, because I think mothers, sisters,
- 14 girlfriends will turn those guns over, that's number one.
- 15 But more importantly than that, and then there's one
- other point I want to make, more importantly than that
- 17 there should be no assumption that because a person is
- 18 arrested for this crime, one that they are guilty or that
- 19 they are involved because I can get in your car Chief and
- 20 if you weren't the police chief, you could have a gun and
- 21 they would arrest me and--
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, what I wouldn't do, all due
- 23 respect as much as I want to help folk, I see two
- individuals being released out of the DDC. One day, one
- 25 might have COVID because they do them early release. And



- 1 secondly, I don't know what the person was arrested for.
- 2 I'm not going to hold court out there. I might help them.
- 3 I might facilitate a ride for them.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: They were young boys and they
- 5 have no way, it was not impossible for them to walk eight
- 6 miles. They're released. They have no plans, all the way
- 7 out there. But back to the point, I mean, we can at least
- 8 give them a bus card or bus fare.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: I'm good with that.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But my point is that everybody
- 11 that is arrested for a gun charge or that even has a gun
- doesn't mean that they're getting ready to commit a crime
- 13 and I had the gun case that I had was a young man who
- 14 actually is a professional, 26 years old and he carried a
- 15 qun one evening to protect himself because he's a small
- 16 quy and he had Cartier glasses on. There's no reason why
- 17 he didn't have a permit, he should have had one. He has
- 18 no felony convictions, no arrests, not even a traffic
- 19 ticket. He was clearly entitled to a CPL if he wanted
- 20 one, but he just made that bad decision to carry a gun
- 21 that one time because he thought somebody might try to
- 22 take his glasses.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Are you suggesting that we should
- 24 overlook these arrests?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm not saying that. I'm



- 1 saying that everybody that has a gun is not a criminal.
- 2 That's my point.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: I'm not saying that. I'm just saying
- 4 we've got to address the issue.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I appreciate that dialogue, but we
- 7 want to give all the commissioners an opportunity to
- 8 speak. Commissioner Burch.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you so much. Hello,
- 10 chief, how are you again? Thank you, Mr. Chair. You used
- 11 the word love when you say I loved the 11th precinct; I
- 12 just love Detroit. And I think that since I've had so
- 13 much experience in number 11, Chief with multiple
- 14 commanders and captains and lieutenants, it's been so
- 15 many at number 11. Sir, I just want to ask you, why so
- 16 much rotation at number 11, far as what we experienced
- 17 and that I get calls all the time from citizens, why
- 18 don't they solve the crimes? When we call them, I'm
- 19 talking about minor things like getting a person to
- 20 remove, just something simple, their trash container, put
- 21 it back, that we've lost so much pride in our city that
- they don't respect the police, they don't respect their
- 23 neighbor. So Chief, I'm saying this, that I have said it
- 24 over and over and over again, where is a traffic officer
- 25 Robins? I know he was off sick. Haven't heard back when



- 1 he will return or if he's well, then I've asked about the
- 2 rotating sign, sir, forever and a day, which you all get
- 3 tired of me saying that you get tired of me saying
- 4 speeding, but this is what the citizens face every day,
- 5 every night. We get shootings like everybody else. So
- 6 something's got to be done to have pride in yourself,
- 7 pride in the police. So, you know I'm not against the
- 8 police. I'm saying why does the 11th precinct have so
- 9 many changes in command ever since Leach left? Just
- 10 change, change, change. And before that, we had different
- 11 commanders.
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Could I ask a question?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: So if I fire someone for misconduct
- 15 that creates a vacancy and I have to put a commander in
- 16 to replace that vacant position. Secondly, If I promote
- 17 someone to captain or commander, that's going to create a
- 18 vacancy. Frankly, and honestly, there has been stability
- 19 at the 11th precinct. Slappey has been there for some
- 20 time. Now we have not moved her. Her captain has been
- 21 there for some time, although he's getting ready to
- 22 retire. I'm not going to encourage him to not retire
- 23 because that's the decision he's made so there'll be a
- 24 new captain coming into the 11th precinct. I mean, that
- 25 gets stability, but when there are opportunities for



- 1 members of our organization, I'm not going to forego
- 2 putting them in positions of increased responsibility if
- 3 they deserve it. Now, as I know we've talked and I know
- 4 I've talked to deputy chief Bryant, who she indicates
- 5 that you and her have had some great conversations about
- 6 the things that you were most concerned about, I will
- 7 follow up with her and find out, have we explained the
- 8 kind of things that you've raised on this call today.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I would appreciate that, sir, so
- 10 very much. And I do remember chief just to say this, we
- 11 had Rochon, we had Miles. I mean, there's been so many
- 12 through there, even back, like you said, you were, I
- 13 think you were the chief then when we had Commander
- 14 Haddad, there's just so many people that have left. So
- 15 many you've been through number 11 is pathetic.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: I wasn't here. I wasn't here then.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, you weren't.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: And so part of my job is to hold my
- 19 management and executive team to a very high standard.
- 20 And if they don't meet that standard because I live with
- 21 these folks every day, if they don't meet the standard,
- 22 then I will take appropriate action. This is not a
- 23 friends and family kind of dynamic and every captain and
- 24 commander knows that. And I appreciate the work that the
- 25 vast majority do, but if they're not serving in a manner



- 1 that we believe is appropriate, I am going to make a
- 2 decision and I'm not going to necessarily put their
- 3 personnel information out publicly.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, commissioner. We want
- 5 to give all--
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh yes. Commissioner Holt.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. early on and thank you,
- 9 Chief Craig, for your report earlier on questions were
- 10 asked about the operations of the ShotSpotter and what
- 11 I'd like to share with, with the commissioners is that we
- 12 have received a huge packet that does discuss the program
- 13 and those questions that were asked earlier, they can be
- 14 answered by us going back to pages A2 through A8, the
- 15 answers to those questions that were asked earlier are
- 16 answered in this packet.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Holt. We
- 18 share information--
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just pause. I'm hearing two or
- 21 three voices. Who was up? Commissioner Brown?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Brown.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Go ahead.
- COMMISSIONER BROWN: Chief, glad to see you. And, as
- 25 I said before, I just commend the department and the men



- 1 and women for, dealing with everything that they have to
- 2 deal with on a day-to-day basis and especially, in
- 3 handling the situation on Eastside. I think it was
- 4 handled very well and, it was minimized and mitigated
- 5 very professionally. It's unfortunate that the outcome
- 6 was what it was. My question is, we have officers that
- 7 have been trained to write environmental and blight
- 8 tickets, mainly our NPOs and they've been pulled from
- 9 those duties and I'm getting a lot of complaints that the
- 10 inspectors are getting threatened when they arrive at
- 11 different places to write tickets, guns drawn on them and
- 12 things like that. And my question is, is that if this is
- 13 going to wind up eventually being a police matter, why
- 14 don't we leave it in the hands of the police to go out
- 15 and inspect and write the environmental tickets? I know
- 16 that we used to do it. And some reason we stopped and the
- 17 authority was vested with the NPOs. I would just like to
- 18 see if we can, get back to that census, ultimately
- 19 winding up a police issue with writing these blight
- 20 tickets. If it was just starting with us and stays with
- 21 us, I think it would be, highly effective with the police
- 22 officers making the first attempted approach of contact.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: I can appreciate that. The decision
- 24 wasn't made out of consideration. This is the first I'm
- 25 hearing about inspectors being threatened or guns pulled



- on them that certainly would cause me concern. So I would
- 2 like to know when and where is this happening? Is this an
- 3 ongoing issue? This the first I'm hearing of it. Now, I
- 4 certainly will talk to my staff, AC LeValley, AC Bettison
- 5 and certainly, if this is a trend that's occurring then
- 6 we will make some adjustments. But, you know, we pull our
- 7 people in a lot of different directions. We forget about
- 8 the weeks and weeks of protests. We forget about the
- 9 issue now with COVID and the fact that our officers are
- 10 also playing a role with the health department going in
- 11 and doing inspections. And so, we try to be everything we
- 12 can to everyone, but I really try to prioritize what's
- 13 most important. But of course, if what you're describing
- 14 to me is happening, that's a big concern. So I will want
- 15 to know how often these have occurred.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Maybe we can talk to
- 17 someone whit a BC. And then another question as it
- 18 pertains to Shot Spotter, I know that a couple of weeks
- 19 ago that a presentation was made to just inform the board
- 20 about it and some of the dollars that were circulating
- 21 around it. Then we come to find out the city council
- 22 approved the budget increase and change to your budget
- 23 for these dollars, for Shot Spotter. And I'm just asking
- 24 the question is that we had this problem with the facial
- 25 recognition program is that, wouldn't it be prudent to



- 1 come to this board to get the buy-in and approval and get
- 2 a policy drafted and then go before a city council that
- 3 everyone is understanding what's going on and the
- 4 approval and the backing of the board is there then come
- 5 back. Cause that budget amendment again, was not approved
- 6 by this board. And also we don't even have a policy of
- 7 how this is going to be used. So now we've got some stuff
- 8 and equipment that's been approved and out here and we
- 9 don't have a policy of how it's going to operate, how the
- 10 department is going to operate.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: I would offer a different view,
- 12 Commissioner Brown. In fact, I'm told that the policy if
- it's not a four-year review, we haven't implemented
- 14 anything yet. In fact, you've in your own words said that
- there was some presentation before this body a couple of
- 16 weeks ago and ultimately it is under the city council to
- 17 approve the money so it wasn't like it was done in
- 18 secret. So I will check on the timeline. I'm not certain,
- 19 but in your own words, you said yes, in fact, there was a
- 20 presentational ShotSpotter, so it wasn't like it was done
- 21 in secret.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: But the presentation wasn't
- 23 telling us it was going before the city council and it
- 24 was just some-
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: Why would we make a presentation on



- 1 something we weren't going to do?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The presentation wasn't made.
- 3 The presentation was just brought before us for
- 4 information and then the presentation was being put out
- 5 by another meeting that later on that I attended to get
- 6 more information about ShotSpotter and I asked the
- 7 question about whether it be approved.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: I didn't hear the presentation, but I
- 9 would have hoped that as part of the presentation,
- 10 overtures would have been made that we were pursuing it
- 11 for budgetary approval at the City Council. And if that
- 12 didn't happen, I'll be the first to apologize, but I want
- 13 to check into it because I don't have that--
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief, I think that dialogue took
- 15 place. I want to say that, there is a policy. This is not
- 16 the first time that DPD has used this concept, it's been
- in the past too. So this is not something new, but as you
- 18 well know, they rolled it out to the community, but we
- 19 want to move on. It's going to be an ongoing dialogue.
- 20 Any other commissioners that haven't had a chance to
- 21 speak? Commissioner Jones? Any other commissioners?
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 23 Good afternoon, Chief Craig. I want to thank you for your
- 24 presentation that you gave in your report on DPD. And I
- 25 definitely thank PD for the hard work that they do out



- 1 here and the community and for making sure no officers
- 2 were hurt in that situation over at the fifth precinct. I
- 3 just got more of a comment though, is that with the
- 4 successful implementation of the ShotSpotter program, I
- 5 was privileged to be able to sit in on a small meeting
- 6 where it was discussed about its effectiveness that it
- 7 can have on the community, the effect it can possibly
- 8 have on the crime also. So I'm hopeful that with the
- 9 implementation of this, program, that once, the criminal
- 10 element are aware that there's a firing of a gun can be
- 11 something that can be detected. I would be hopeful that
- 12 it would prevent a lot of crime from happening,
- 13 especially drive-by's when someone's driving by a
- 14 property and they're firing shots into an occupied
- 15 dwelling and it disappearing before a witness can even
- 16 come forward and say, well, there was a green car with
- 17 red wheels on it, So I'm hopeful that that program will
- 18 help to serve as a deterrent to help to lower the crime
- 19 in our community.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. I agree. I'm hopeful and
- 21 confident that it will have that impact.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: All right. Thank you, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Not long ago
- 2 there was the Massachusetts court, you know, found that
- 3 recordings were prohibited intercepted under the state
- 4 wiretap act. The court granted, the defendant's motion to
- 5 suppress the recordings. Also, recordings were obtained
- 6 through ShotSpotter that included snippets of
- 7 conversations that were also used in 2013 in a California
- 8 court case in relation to shootings. It would have been
- 9 nice if we would've had someone here from a law
- 10 department or from a university level or college level,
- 11 ACLU, members of the community when, presentations were
- 12 being discussed on ShotSpotter in the sixth and I guess
- 13 the ninth and the eighth precinct or even before the
- 14 police commission, I mean, there have been court cases in
- 15 Massachusetts as well as California, where even a
- 16 sensitive conversation was being recorded and it was also
- 17 used. And so, years ago I thought ShotSpotter was the way
- 18 to go but as I look at how people--
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, for the sake
- of time, do you have a question for the chief?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, but, Chairman Bell,
- 22 please, hold up, brother. Chief, why the department
- 23 didn't use someone from the college level or the ACLU and
- 24 other members of the community to have conversations
- 25 about Shot Spotter?



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: I don't have an answer for you on that.
- 2 I know there's been a lot of discussions as it was
- 3 already pointed out. We have used Shot Spotter, in the
- 4 past. I am unaware of ShotSpotter picking up
- 5 conversations of individuals. It's shot detection. This
- 6 is the first time I'm hearing that. If you have
- 7 literature that says ShotSpotter is, picking up
- 8 conversations again, this is, I don't know at all. I just
- 9 don't but I've not heard of that.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So in Massachusetts, there was
- 11 a court case, and there was another big court case in
- 12 California, which was in 2013.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, with all due
- 14 respect, do you have another question? The chief just
- 15 responded, if you have any other concerns you can relay
- 16 that to him in another form, if not, thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So chief, it would be nice if
- 18 we can have more discussions on ShotSpotter. I don't
- 19 think this technology is ready to be used or deployed at
- 20 this time. Therefore, you know, personally, I call for a
- 21 moratorium on ShotSpotter because it does violate civil
- 22 liberties, but when it comes to gun violence in the City
- 23 of Detroit, America's blackest and poorest city.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, I'm going to
- 25 have to end. You wanted two questions and we want any



- 1 other commissioner might want to move on with another
- 2 question, if not, we want to close this out.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question. When it comes to
- 4 shooting in the City of Detroit, America's blackest,
- 5 poorest city, what are we going to do far as training the
- 6 community on mental health and what are we going to do,
- 7 Chief, to have more conversations about ShotSpotter from
- 8 someone from an academic level, as well as somebody from
- 9 the community, from like the ACLU?
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: I'll simply put it this way. I'm always
- 11 open. If it's the board desire to have another
- 12 conversation about ShotSpotter and you want some
- 13 academians to come in and give their view that that would
- 14 solely, surely be your call but I tell you what, I'm a
- 15 little disheartened on when we look at the number of
- 16 victims, I can't help but think about that beautiful
- 17 young lady who was killed the other night. Beautiful. A
- 18 mother killed. We never talk about the victims. We just
- 19 don't. And when are we going to start talking about the
- 20 victims? We want to take guns from 75-year-old
- 21 grandmothers, but guns being taken from criminals, not
- 22 likely. And again, in almost 44 years as a practitioner
- 23 in this business, it does not happen. I am about the
- 24 victims, but I'm also about doing it the right way. So
- 25 please, can we just talk about the victims sometimes? Can



- 1 we talk about the police officers that are being shot at
- 2 sometimes? Because guess what? Their lives matter too.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief Craig. We're
- 4 going to close the session out. We have a request from
- 5 Commissioner Holley to hear from the commanding officers
- of the Academy. And Ms. White, is the captain prepared to
- 7 come before us in a brief five to eight minutes process?
- 8 Because we want to move on. We've got a full agenda so
- 9 we've been at this for quite some time. Ms. White?
- 10 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, through the Chair. We are
- 11 preparing to unmute Captain Worboys microphone at this
- 12 time.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 14 CAPTAIN WORBOYS: Afternoon. Can you hear me?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, we can.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 17 CAPTAIN WORBOYS: Good afternoon, board. Through the
- 18 Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 20 CAPTAIN WORBOYS: Captain Kurt Worboys, professional
- 21 education, and training. Commissioner Holley made a
- 22 request to report out on the training guidelines offered
- 23 to new police recruits, to provide assurances that the
- 24 DPD is not engaging in police misconduct relating to the
- 25 use of force and otherwise, but the DPD is leading the



- 1 charge towards innovative 21st century policing community
- 2 relationship building. So, what I've done is he also
- 3 asked about what are we doing with discussing the unrest
- 4 that's going on among other jurisdictions throughout the
- 5 country surrounding police misconduct and police
- 6 brutality across the country and uses of force? So the
- 7 way we do it here at the Academy, we do not delve into
- 8 the specific ongoing instance of civil unrest or possible
- 9 policemen misconduct in other jurisdictions.
- 10 Well, what we do is we cover these types of
- 11 situations at a high level without getting into the
- 12 particulars of a given incident by using our own
- 13 procedures and policies. For example, we have a subject
- 14 matter expert, Garth Brooks who teaches classes in
- 15 ethics, civil rights, cultural competency, which is
- 16 implicit bias, and interpersonal skills. We also go into
- 17 great detail, 62 hours' worth of training on subject
- 18 control, which breaks down the use of force continuum,
- 19 and proper techniques for taking individuals into
- 20 custody.
- 21 Some of the other topics that might interest the
- 22 board of police commissioners regarding community
- 23 relationship building and 21st century policing are
- training and response to persons with medical and mental
- 25 disorders, prisoner care and treatment, domestic violence



- 1 response, and procedures, civil disputes, victim rights,
- 2 laws of arrest, laws on search warrants and civil
- 3 disorder procedures. So, saying that, so we, like I said,
- 4 not go into specific details of an ongoing investigation
- 5 or situation in other jurisdictions around the country,
- 6 but using our own guidelines and procedures and that's
- 7 how we train the students in the Academy. One more thing
- 8 I'd like to add to that is that we're also for the active
- 9 officers that are already certified, we're offering
- 10 crisis intervention team training. It's voluntary.
- 11 At the moment we have 380 officers that have taken
- the mental health first aid training. And we also have 45
- 13 officers that are confirmed in crisis intervention team
- 14 training, which is enabling the department to have a
- 15 model for police-based crisis intervention training and
- 16 is giving the department an understanding of common signs
- 17 and symptoms for mental illness and co-occurring
- 18 disorders, recognize that when signs or symptoms of a
- 19 represented crisis situation, help self safely deescalate
- 20 individual experience behavior and health crises and
- 21 utilize community resources and diversion strategies to
- 22 provide assistance. So that is one thing that we're
- 23 doing. We're trying to build that up and it's an ongoing
- 24 program that we're working with our community resources

- 1 and mental health organizations in the city. That's all I
- 2 have for you. If there are any questions.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Captain. Commissioner
- 4 Holley.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm fine. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Captain. Perhaps you
- 7 should really provide a curriculum for Ms. White and she
- 8 can share with the board, highlighting, your training,
- 9 curriculum, not in detail, but just the overview. I think
- 10 that would be very helpful. I just--
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I hear a question.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, it's a commissioner Brown.
- 14 I just had one question for the captain.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Are you working with anyone in
- 17 the community that's a professional of mental health
- 18 basically, through any of the colleges like Schoolcraft
- 19 or any place?

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- 20 CAPTAIN WORBOYS: Well, that's what the crisis
- 21 intervention team program is about. That's working with
- 22 the hospitals. It's quite an involved endeavor that's
- 23 bringing all aspects in, both education, I said medical
- 24 resources and police to work together to provide these

- 1 services out there on the street in the immediate
- 2 response action.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. I'm going to talk to you
- 4 offline about it Captain and I'll give you a call.
- 5 Thanks, Mr. Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, please. And this question is,
- 10 again, to Chief Craig, as well as captain, I cannot see
- 11 your last name so I apologize. Does not the board, the
- 12 Detroit Police Department, have a licensed psychologist
- on staff that does the screening of some sort?
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: We do, as you know, anytime an officer
- 15 goes through an officer-involved shooting incident we
- 16 contract that services out. Certainly, if we make a
- 17 determination that an officer's having a crisis himself
- 18 or because of something that's happened at work, maybe
- 19 some home issues, personal issues, we do have someone
- 20 that we do contract out to. We don't have--
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: One last question. Oh, I'm sorry.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: We don't have someone assigned to
- 23 staff. I mean, I would like that but we don't.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: So in that example, the person so
- 2 that you, I guess it's like a contract, I wouldn't be
- 3 appropriate to have that individual come in and help us
- 4 better understand the counseling that officers receive?
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: I think that would be a great idea that
- 6 way, I don't think I know of a time in my time where the
- 7 psychologist that we use has ever made a presentation
- 8 before this body and I think it would provide tremendous
- 9 insight.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Holt.
- 11 Thank you, Chief Craig. We can work that up for the next
- 12 year of 2021. Very, very on-point question. Chief, thanks
- 13 for reporting out. Thank you. It was quite detailed,
- 14 quite lengthy but there were really some good questions,
- 15 concerns came out of there, and thank the Captain for the
- 16 Academy in terms of his reporting out. We want to move on
- 17 commissioners. Under unfinished business, Manual
- 18 Directive 102.12 Duty to Intervene, Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, yes. Honorable board.
- 20 You received the department's Duty to Intervene policy.
- 21 That policy was transmitted to the honorable board on
- 22 October 29th, 2020, for your review and consideration, it
- 23 was posted to the board's website for a public review and
- 24 inspection and feedback. And also the board staff also
- 25 conducted research and analysis into the policy



- 1 directive. Please keep in mind that in August of 2020,
- 2 the honorable board approved the department's use of
- 3 force directives 304.2 and 201.11, and more specifically,
- 4 recommendations posed by Commissioner Evette Griffie
- 5 included a requirement for officers to intervene
- 6 immediately when police utilize inappropriate or
- 7 unwarranted force. And so this directive, this Duty to
- 8 Intervene directive is an expansion of the
- 9 recommendations posed by the board during the summer.
- 10 Specifically, the directive covers the following. It
- 11 outlines the policy and the purpose of the Duty to
- 12 Intervene, which is as follows. The directive is
- 13 explained to members the legal and moral obligation to
- 14 intervene. And also, the directive outlines the law
- 15 enforcement code of ethics, the standard of conduct, and
- 16 the law as it relates to intervening, not only in the use
- 17 of force situations but in all circumstances. The
- 18 directive also covers procedures for the duty to
- 19 intervene as well as the liability for failure to
- 20 intervene. The directive also covers members'
- 21 responsibilities as supervisors' responsibilities and
- 22 requires notifications to the Professional Standards
- 23 Bureau, and constitutional policing for all incidents
- 24 involving the intervention by a member. And so at this



- 1 time, a motion is needed to approve the department's duty
- 2 to intervene directive 102.12.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Its' been properly moved and
- 6 supported, Directive 102.12. Discussion.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I know you asked me, Ms. White, if
- 10 I had questions and I said, no. Commissioner Davis and I
- 11 were on the charter commission meeting the other evening,
- 12 and I was surprised that they were surprised that
- officers subject to a penalty if they were discovered
- 14 turning off their body cam. I don't know why the charter
- 15 was surprised, but they were relieved to know that there
- is a penalty. Now with 102.3, 102.13, duty to intervene.
- 17 And the last item here in bold print is the failure to
- 18 intervene may subject a member to disciplinary actions.
- 19 Perhaps to Chief Craig, through the Chair, what does that
- 20 look like, I mean, subject to disciplinary action? I'll
- 21 work without pay or loss of your job, what does that
- 22 mean?
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Well it's not a termination case. I
- 24 mean, it could be a suspension day. It could be a written
- 25 reprimand. Just depends on the severity. You talking



- 1 about specifically -- Oh, a duty to intervene could result
- 2 in termination. I mean, like if you're using a George
- 3 Floyd example where the officers just stood back that's
- 4 clearly a dismissal case.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. That's what I needed.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. That's what it would be.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: You're welcome.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'd like to call to table this
- 12 until the next week, to the next commissioner's meeting,
- 13 due to the fact that we got a new commissioner that just
- 14 recently joined us today, give her an opportunity be able
- 15 to read through all of these different recommendations
- 16 and SOPs, but also, we just saw that as witnessed,
- 17 commissioner Annie Holt, still had a few different
- 18 concerns as well, but just to set it off for one meeting
- 19 to our very next meeting so everybody can work especially
- 20 our new--

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- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, this is not
- 22 about one commissioner, all due respect, Commissioner
- 23 Bernard. I know she's a quick study. She will abstain
- 24 from another matter, but we have a heavy agenda and we

- 1 have to really take care of business here. So the motion
- 2 on the floor--
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair, I second his
- 4 motion.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved and seconded
- 6 to table this matter. Roll call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District one.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District three.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District four, no, Bell. District
- 13 five.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District seven.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: No.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White. I think the motion
- 24 failed.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner, District Two?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. I thought I called
- 2 district two. I'm sorry. My apologies. District Two.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think and I was looking for
- 4 my Robert's Rules but I don't think a motion to table is
- 5 subject to a vote.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, it is now.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's tabled. I'm looking at my
- 8 Robert's Rules right now.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's subject to a vote. We just
- 10 vote. How do you vote?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You don't on a motion to
- 12 table. A motion to table carries through under
- 13 parliamentary procedures as I understand it.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Ms. White, how do we vote?
- 15 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. I have six no
- 16 votes, and three yes votes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The motion failed. So we're going
- 18 to entertain the motion at this time. Roll call vote.
- 19 We're actually voting on the motion now to approve the
- 20 motion--
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, can we simply
- 22 look at the motion to table in Robert's Rules? That's all
- 23 I'm suggesting.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We're looking at 102.12. We
- 25 have a roll call vote at this time. Commissioner Holt.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I'm voting to approve.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Right to intervene. Correct, yes. I
- 4 vote for it.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District one.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Abstain.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District three.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District, four, yes. District,
- 12 five.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District seven.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White. I think the motion
- 23 passed. What is the vote?
- 24 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. There were
- 25 six yes votes, three no votes, and one abstention.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We move on to any new
- 2 business?
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: It's got resolution.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. The resolution's coming
- 5 up.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm sorry. You're right.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah. Okay.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm just trying to get out of
- 9 here that's all.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah, I hear you. If not, we're
- 11 going to hear from City Wide--
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You say you're in new business?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I already put a motion before
- 17 the board again, that we hire a parliamentarian.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, that is a personnel--
- 19 COMMISSIONER DURTON: Second!
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That is a personnel matter. And we
- 21 would have you take that up in terms of personnel
- 22 matters. So I'm going to move on at this time. Citywide--
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair--
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, Mr. Chairman--
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Move to overrule the Chair.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The second has been made.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Stokes-- Ms. White--
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Support to overrule the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, Mr. Stokes, we're going
- 5 to move on.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, you've got to hear
- 7 this motion. You out of order. There's a motion on the
- 8 floor to overrule your decision.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, we got to move on. We
- 10 got to move on--
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Support!
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Here we have --
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Stokes.
- 15 MS. WHITE: Mr. Stokes--
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.
- 17 There was a call to overrule the Chair that was seconded.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Stokes, please, go ahead.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No other business--
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, be quiet,
- 21 please. Thank you. Mr. Stokes, you got the floor.
- MR. STOKES: Through the Chair. Good evening
- 23 commissioners. My name is Alvin Stokes. I am the
- 24 president of Citywide Citizens, Police Community
- 25 Relations. Chief Craig, good to see you and to the new



- 1 members of the board that I haven't had the pleasure of
- 2 meeting, welcome aboard and I look forward to working
- 3 with you. As far as Citywide is concerned right now, we
- 4 have not been able to meet because of COVID at all in
- 5 2020. Most of our precincts have gone to either Zoom or
- 6 conference calls and that seemed to be working as far as
- 7 keeping a dialogue between the NPOs, sergeants,
- 8 commanders, and the citizens of the precincts.
- 9 So far we are doing a great job as far as
- 10 communicating. There are a few issues. There's one
- 11 precinct that we have to do some work on, but my issue is
- even in this COVID thing, I'm still unable to get these
- 13 presidents, even on Zoom. They don't even want to join us
- on Zoom. My concern is whatever decision is made with
- 15 Citywide it affects everybody. It affects every precinct.
- 16 And if you don't have a say at the table, you don't know
- 17 what's really going on and you don't have a say as far as
- 18 what rules go down the line. So far, we've been doing
- 19 this for quite a while. I've been part of community
- 20 relations for over 25 years and I do it because I love
- 21 the city and community relations is my heart. So, just
- 22 keeping a line of communication open between the citizens
- 23 and the police department.
- We pray every day for our citizens, for our police
- department, as they go out and do what they're sworn to



- 1 do. I ask God to put his armor of protection around them,
- 2 to keep them safe from hurt, harm, and danger. But I had
- 3 a meeting about two months ago with the sergeants of the
- 4 NPO, which went very well. We were able to meet the new
- 5 sergeants. We had an open dialogue as far as what's going
- 6 on. What were their concerns? And what I want to do is I
- 7 want to get the NPO sergeants along with the presidents
- 8 of the community relations together on the Zoom meeting,
- 9 as far as Citywide so that we can all touch basis to find
- 10 out what is it we can do for the police department, what
- 11 is it the police department can do for us. Right now,
- 12 we're at a standstill as far as volunteering for the
- 13 police department because of COVID. There's a lot of
- 14 things that we could not do this year, including feeding
- 15 the police, Halloween, Thanksgiving, now Goodfellas, but
- 16 I want the police department to know, through the Chair,
- 17 is that we, the citizens of Detroit, are with you as far
- 18 as your support.
- 19 So, through the Chair again, chief, I would like to
- 20 reach out to you to come and talk to the presidents of
- 21 the community relations to find out what it is that we
- 22 can do to give you some advice, as far as what's going
- on, really in the city. When you talk about community
- 24 relations, who's better to talk to besides the presidents
- 25 that are out here doing the work as far as community



- 1 relations is concerned? We appreciate you. We just want
- 2 to continue to have an open dialogue as far as what we
- 3 can do for the police department and the citizens of
- 4 Detroit. We're here to make it a better place for
- 5 everyone. Thank you, brother Chair.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: Please, Mr. Stokes, make sure you reach
- 7 out to my staff so we can get a calendar.
- 8 MR. STOKES: Yes, sir. I meet every month with
- 9 Commander Holt and Sergeant Jones.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. Let Holt know that you would like
- 11 me to come to a meeting so they can get it on my
- 12 calendar.
- MR. STOKES: Will do, sir. Thank you very much.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Stokes. I just want
- to commend your leadership over the years. If there's
- 16 anything I could do or this board can do to assist you
- 17 we're willing to support you. I know the chief's going to
- 18 take the lead, I would like to be the second person to be
- 19 supportive of you in terms of bringing us together
- 20 because Citywide is important. I know Commander Ewing
- 21 took the initiative of the whole fifth precinct and they
- 22 agreed to that. So hopefully, we can solve this problem
- 23 going into 2021. I just want to say, I want to thank you
- 24 for your ongoing leadership and hang in there. It's just
- 25 tough sometimes.



- 1 MR. STOKES: I appreciate it. Thank you so much.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Stokes,
- 7 Commissioner Brown, go ahead.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you for coming before us.
- 9 I appreciate your hard work as well, but if there's
- 10 anything that I can help you with to help over there at
- 11 the eighth precinct, you have my number. Don't hesitate
- 12 to call me because I know how important the work is that
- 13 you do to bring these groups together, that we can come
- 14 up with one initiative to really present to the
- department and support the department. So any problems
- 16 you have over there, you make sure you call me so that I
- 17 can reach out to our president over there to find out
- 18 what's going on.
- 19 MR. STOKES: Well, I'd like for all of you all to
- 20 reach out to the presidents of your precincts, to ask
- 21 them to join Citywide on our Zoom meetings, and I'm
- 22 willing to change the date of the meeting to accommodate
- 23 everybody if that's what we have to do, but I would like
- 24 to have everybody at the table.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
- 2 Burch--
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Hold, I think I heard Commissioner
- 5 Burch. You want to speak to the 11th precinct. I know she
- 6 is actively involved, so Commissioner Burch.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to ask you, Mr.
- 8 Stokes, do you come to number 11?
- 9 MR. STOKES: I have been on their Zoom meetings, yes,
- 10 ma'am. Before COVID--
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Have you heard me speak?
- MR. STOKES: Yes, ma'am.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Do you know anything about the
- 14 campaign we have, Love Where You Live?
- MR. STOKES: I don't know anything about the
- 16 campaign.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You should know that because you
- 18 just said Citywide.
- MR. STOKES: Your president hasn't informed me, so we
- 20 need to talk to--
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: See Chief Craig. Wait a minute,
- 22 laugh you all but Chief Craig, this is what I mean about
- 23 communication. This man is over all of us and he doesn't
- 24 know anything about Love Where You Live.



- 1 MR. STOKES: And your president is on the line with
- 2 us every month.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Really?
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: Commissioner Burch.
- 5 MR. STOKES: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: Commissioner Burch, I love you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, go ahead. Thank
- 8 you, Commissioner Burch.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you so much, Mr. Stokes. And
- 10 I thank you again for supporting me when I first became a
- 11 commissioner and really you were sort of trying to show
- 12 me the ins and outs of some of that responsibility. And
- 13 to your response and to Commissioner Brown's response, as
- 14 it relates to the engagement of the eighth precinct. Now
- 15 I have shared the invitation to the Citywide meeting, the
- last one, with, not the president, but some folks that I
- 17 know who are looped up in the eighth precinct, Clarinda
- 18 Well, to be specific is one of those people. So, I
- 19 indicated to her that when I received your email, your
- 20 Zoom email for the next Citywide, that I would
- 21 immediately share it with her. And then on that note,
- 22 perhaps she could share it with, folks who might be able
- 23 to say ricochet the information throughout the eighth
- 24 district, because it's really confusing how it is. We've
- 25 not met up, we in the eight have not met on Zoom. So,



- 1 again, Clarinda Well is looking forward to receiving an
- 2 invite to the next Zoom meeting and thank you.
- 3 MR. STOKES: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 5 MR. STOKES: I have at least one contact in every
- 6 precinct. So everybody gets that email that goes out once
- 7 a month for Citywide and what I asked is if the president
- 8 can't make it, that someone that's representing that
- 9 precinct makes it.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I understand Mr. Stokes. We're
- 11 going to work together and solve that going into 2021.
- 12 MR. STOKES: Thank you, sir.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis. Thank you.
- 14 Commissioner Davis.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Hello there young man. The
- 16 question, is the 10th precinct going to have a meeting in
- 17 a few minutes?
- 18 MR. STOKES: I don't think so because the secretary
- 19 did not send out the email. So for her to send it out
- 20 right now would be rushing, but I'm going to be on with
- 21 number nine tonight.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, okay.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
- 24 Stokes. Thank you. And we're looking forward to our
- 25 interaction in 2021. We can all do better as far as



- 1 commissioners from the district and also at large. The
- 2 resolution for Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Holt.
- 3 Ms. White, could you share the plaque before we read the
- 4 resolution, can you show the plaque that Reverend Holley
- 5 worked up? I really appreciate Reverend Holley always
- 6 having an extraordinary plaque. Now, Commissioner Holt.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, okay. Resolution honoring
- 8 Commissioner Evette Griffie. Whereas, Evette Griffie a
- 9 lifelong resident of the city of Detroit was first
- 10 appointed by Mayor Mike Duggan on October 18, 2018, to
- 11 serve on the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners for
- 12 district two, after that elected seat became vacant. And
- 13 whereas, Commissioner Griffie was highly active in her
- 14 community. She seamlessly and immediately embraced her
- 15 responsibility to advocate for residents and to ensure
- 16 public accountability and oversight of the Detroit Police
- 17 Department. Whereas, her engagement helped the board
- 18 address modern challenges. Commissioner Griffie made
- 19 impactful contributions to policies and metrics for
- 20 facial recognition technology and many other police
- 21 directives, procedures, and practices. Out of the public
- 22 suffocation of Mr. George Floyd by Minneapolis Police
- 23 sparked global protests. Commissioner Griffie led the
- 24 board's action for prompt reforms and results. She helped
- 25 to revise or create policies to limit struggle holds and



- 1 other uses of force to require Duty to Intervene and to
- 2 enhance police training. Her leadership helped put
- 3 Detroit at the forefront of the US police reform. And
- 4 whereas, Commissioner Griffie upheld her responsibilities
- 5 with the board while simultaneously maintain her
- 6 professional duties as Chief of Staff Customer Service
- 7 for DTE.
- 8 She also works to inspire and empower youth through
- 9 the Links Incorporated Service Organization and as a
- 10 mentor in the Women of Tomorrow program and its outreach
- 11 with students at the Davis Aerospace Technical High
- 12 School. Whereas, Commissioner Griffie is held as part of
- 13 the city's new generation of leaders. Her recognitions
- 14 include Crain's Detroit "20 in their 20s" and the
- 15 Michigan Chronicles, 40 under 40, and Women of Excellence
- 16 2019. She also received the Michigan Chronicle Legacy in
- 17 Motion Rising Star Award, the Detroit Young Professional
- 18 Vanguard Award, and the Women's Thrive Conference
- 19 Shooting Stars Award. Now, therefore be it resolved that
- 20 the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking on
- 21 behalf of the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police
- 22 Department recognizes and honors the enduring dedication
- 23 of Commissioner Griffie. Her talents and unselfish
- 24 commitments have proven to be invaluable assets to the
- 25 city. And be it further resolved, the police



- 1 commissioners of this board, thank and congratulate you
- 2 on your perseverance and determination to promote the
- 3 mission of the board and the Detroit Police Department,
- 4 during your productive and devoted service to the Board
- 5 of Police Commissioners. We salute and honor you,
- 6 Commissioner Griffie. Through the Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we place this
- 9 resolution in honor of Commissioner Griffie in the
- 10 archives of the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 14 supported. Discussion. Commissioner Burton.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sir, I think this motion is
- 16 preposterous. I think it was highly embellished. So I'm
- 17 not going to entertain this motion.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, thank you.
- 19 Been noted. Any others? Commissioner Davis?
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I would like to say that this is
- 21 a very, very nice plaque presented by Reverend Holly. And
- 22 I think he did an outstanding job on the plague.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. I agree. A hundred
- 24 percent and we want to make sure when whoever presents
- 25 this to Commissioner Griffie get a picture of her



- 1 receiving it. I know COVID but we still want to get that
- 2 picture. I can't say enough about Commissioner Holley
- 3 working on this outstanding plaque. I have never seen
- 4 anything like it and, I witnessed this with Chief Craig
- 5 and his team, the executive team at his church. So I said
- 6 you can do the same for the Board of Police
- 7 Commissioners. He's been in compliance with that. Okay.
- 8 We're going to take a vote. Can we not take a roll call?
- 9 Can all those in favor, aye?
- 10 ALL: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed? Nay. The motion
- 12 carries. Thank you, Commissioner Holt. Motion carried.
- 13 Ms. White, I'm going to ask you to be brief, on your
- 14 report but I want you to cover anything that we need to
- 15 know. A whole lot of times we receive it in writing
- 16 unfortunately sometimes we don't take advantage of that
- 17 written material, but you want to highlight certain
- 18 points also for the public too. Thank you.
- 19 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, through the Chair, the agenda
- 20 is listed on the shared screen and you see the incoming
- 21 correspondence for this week. And also just for your
- 22 information included in the staff reports you received a
- 23 copy of the proposed 2021 meeting calendar for your
- 24 review and consideration so please submit any
- 25 recommendations or feedback with regards to that meeting



- 1 calendar. And it will be on the agenda for your approval
- 2 next week, for your vote of approval next Thursday. And
- 3 the other incoming correspondence items are listed before
- 4 you. If there are any questions I can entertain them at
- 5 this time. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. We have two
- 7 more meetings this year on Thursday, December the 10th,
- 8 and on Thursday, December the 17th before we take a break
- 9 for the year holidays. So we're going to move right into
- 10 oral communication from the audience. Mr. Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,
- 12 honorable board. I have six speakers. I'll call them by
- 13 threes. Lieutenant Mark Young LSA president, Ms. Bernice
- 14 Smith, and Ms. Sharon Pendel.
- 15 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Hello. Can you hear me?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 18 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: So over the last year and a half
- or longer, I've sat through the Board of Police
- 20 Commissioners meetings, and I've dealt with police
- 21 reform. I've heard defunding the police, and I've heard
- 22 other things negatively about the police. And a lot of
- 23 people think that their work is done. Your work is not
- 24 done. Your work has just started. You demanded police
- 25 reform and in some ways you obtained it. Now, you must,



- 1 you must do judicial and prosecutorial reform in fairness
- 2 to those who risk their lives every day, to those who
- 3 lost their lives every day, you must do this. This is not
- 4 the Wile E. Road Runner coyote show, where we arrest
- 5 people and they get out of jail with \$1 bonds, personal
- 6 bonds, go home. Our kids went back to school during the
- 7 COVID-19 while we compassionately released prisoners and
- 8 detainees and gave unforgivable bonds for them to go and
- 9 repeat the same behavior that they did.
- 10 Also, 31 barricaded type gunmen's year to date. I am
- 11 appalled that individuals talk about getting rid of
- 12 tanks, bearcats, and barriers and getting rid of tear
- 13 gas, you would leave us defenseless to criminals, what
- message are we sending to the public when we don't even
- 15 support the police? Barack Obama said it very well the
- 16 other day. Our narrative and our language destroy us from
- 17 within when all the language about defunding the police
- 18 backfired on us. When we talk about not supporting the
- 19 police, yes, hold the police accountable. Yes. Yes. Yes.
- 20 But you should also hold the prosecutorial system
- 21 accountable, the judicial system accountable. If you fail
- 22 to do those things, then you should fail to exist. Thank
- 23 you.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith.



1 MS. B. SMITH: Good afternoon to the commissioners. I got two things to say right quick. Chief, put your hat 2. 3 on. Don't go out there anymore in the cold. You know goodness well you'll catch a cold and Martin get you a 4 5 heating pad, baby. That'll help you with your back. Now, Detroiters are living in dangerous times. Crime is 6 running rapid in Detroit shooting from cars has become 7 common and killing little children with the bullets that 8 are coming out of them and breaking into homes where 9 people are hiding in the attic. Can you imagine? And then 10 11 being shot because you were caught. Don't mention the gas 12 stations. It's too numerous to count how many problems we 13 have at the gas station. And then that crazy S- Well, I'm 14 not going to say it because I'm on the air. Have the 15 nerve to shoot up the police precinct. What is going on? 16 Because he couldn't get along with his girlfriend that's 17 what you're going to do. You're going to turn on the girl and now you got to shoot them. And I'm so sorry because 18 19 that Sunday I come down that street cause I always come from my son's house on the Boulevard and I come down 20 21 Warren coming home to my home on Woodward and I saw what was happening but I kept on going. But anyway, I can't 2.2 believe that this is going on constantly. So crime has 2.3 really erupted here in our city and we don't like it. Not 24



at all. And the fact that we need answers. Now, I'm just

- 1 so nervous about talking. The police have been at crime
- 2 scenes every week. Look at your TV at night, you'll see
- 3 it. They are working overtime. I admire what they're
- 4 doing. Their lives are at stake, but yet still, we don't
- 5 appreciate them. You got commissioners that's on the
- 6 board there that want to stop doing the right thing.
- 7 Always want to object to what's going on. You need to
- 8 quit it. If you don't want to do the right things, get
- 9 off the doggone board. You don't need to be on there.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Ms. Pendel?
- MS. WHITE: You can come back, Mr. Brown.
- MS. PENDEL: Hi. Can you hear me now?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 14 MS. PENDEL: Good evening. I liked the update on the
- 15 little girl's, killing that was laying in her mother's
- 16 lap. I know you arrested one person and you were still
- 17 looking for another one. And I just wanted to know if you
- 18 caught the second person because she died for no reason
- 19 at all. Thank you.

- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers will
- 22 be Minister Eric Blount followed by Ms. Ashley Smith
- 23 followed by Ms. Michelle George. Minister Blount.
- 24 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. Can you hear me, board?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.



- 1 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. I'm Minister Eric Blount from
- 2 Sacred Heart Catholic church where our priest and pastor
- 3 is Father Norman Paul Thomas, and I too am a lifelong
- 4 Detroiter. The comments made by the Chief and the so
- 5 often read story of a victim's only point of view rings
- 6 hollow. When one looks at other issues, not related to
- 7 DPDs insatiable need for massive surveillance. Case in
- 8 point Detroit's own Aiyana Stanley-Jones, who was killed
- 9 in the misuse of a no-knock warrant 10 years ago. And DPD
- 10 is still working on a version of a policy. On the item of
- 11 surveillance systems, ShotSpotter appears to be going
- down the same road as facial recognition technology.
- 13 Policy without monitoring, as destined to have another
- 14 commissioner yelling, I will shut this down, for we know
- 15 that culture eats policy for lunch. Recall Michigan
- 16 voters voted overwhelmingly, 88%, to deny police access
- 17 to citizen's electronic data without a warrant. To Mr.
- 18 Stokes of the city-wide community relations organization,
- 19 the city's decision to counter-sue protestors only
- 20 damages relationships. When you look at the fact that
- 21 this countersuit has been admitted, it will not produce
- 22 any more new information. Mark Young, bail reform. Yes.
- 23 Eliminate cash bail for minor crimes of black men. And
- 24 maybe don't allow bail for those who plot to kill and
- 25 kidnap our governor. I yield my time.



- 1 MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith, Ms. Ashley Smith.
- 2 MS. A. SMITH: Hello?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 4 MS. A. SMITH: Okay, good. I just wanted to say
- 5 congratulations to our district two commissioner. Also, I
- 6 would like to maybe rebuttal something that Chief Craig
- 7 said about the victims. We do care about the victims and
- 8 their families. My heart goes out anytime you hear a
- 9 story like that, where someone just, you know, a family
- 10 is now missing a mother, daughter, sister but you know,
- 11 again, we have also complained as a collective about my
- 12 sister Shelby Smith and we still haven't heard any
- 13 apologies from this board or from, the police officer who
- 14 committed the crime who also has access to guns or, from
- 15 the mayor. So, you know, I absolutely understand what
- 16 he's saying, but fear is fear, and we want right and
- 17 justice for Shelby. And I hope you guys have a Merry
- 18 Christmas but we have to do the right thing by all
- 19 citizens in the city of Detroit. Thank you. I yield my
- 20 time.
- MR. BROWN: Thank you. Ms. Michelle George.
- MS. GEORGE: Yes, sir. Hi, Mr. Brown and to, Chair
- 23 Bell and this honorable board. It's good to hear from you
- 24 Chief Craig. Good to hear from you. I never thanked you
- 25 personally for meeting with me, the time with the



- 1 Assistant Chief Bettison. So thank you for that. But I
- 2 would like to know more about the shot shooter because
- 3 there is a lot of qunfire in the neighborhoods and a lot
- 4 of times when you call the police, my understanding a lot
- of the officers that just got on the force, they're on
- 6 the outside of the perimeter. So I'm thinking maybe if
- 7 the officers come at night because that's when the opioid
- 8 crisis is very high but I'm kind of all for that shot
- 9 shooter because all you hear is gunfire through the
- 10 neighborhood. We have to do something with that. Also,
- 11 Chief Craig, I would like to give kudos to Commander
- 12 Holt. She had her team down at the TCF while we were down
- 13 there when those GOP challengers tried to storm in on us.
- 14 And the Detroit Police Department handled them awesome.
- 15 So I wanted to thank you for that, for that protection,
- 16 because what we were focusing on, people having the right
- 17 to vote. So thank you for that. But I also would like for
- 18 the Detroit officers to get more money. Now, I heard what
- 19 Lieutenant Mark Young stated about the cash bail, a group
- 20 of women we met with Senator Peters about that in DC so
- 21 maybe we can come to an understanding to deal with that
- 22 cash bond because we don't want violent offenders coming
- 23 out. And like Ms. Smith stated I wish Officer Jones can
- just apologize to the family. I don't get why he won't
- even do that. This is not about the union. He needs to



- 1 apologize to that family. So Chief Craig, can you talk to
- 2 Councilman Tate about this marijuana with the black
- 3 market of marijuana? I was on the call and if this is
- 4 increasing homicides, we would like to know that. I
- 5 talked with the honorable J2dge Burnett from DC, who was
- 6 appointed by Ronald Reagan--
- 7 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. That was the last speaker.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Brown, and thank
- 9 you for the comments and thank you, commissioners, and
- 10 thank you, DPP, Chief Craig, and his team. The Chair will
- 11 entertain a motion for adjournment.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And definitely love your city.
- 14 Love your city. Okay.
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you for a great meeting.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Be safe and stay
- 17 healthy. We stand adjourned.
- 18 Meeting Adjourned at 5:03p.m.

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