

# FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

## City of Detroit

Mayor's Office ..... 313-224-3400  
 City Council ..... 313-224-3443  
 City Clerk ..... 313-224-3270

**Board of Police Commissioners ..... 313-596-1830**

**Complaints against Police/DPD Staff ... 313-596-2499**

Police/Fire/Health Emergency ..... 911  
 Police Telephone Crime Reporting ..... 313-267-4600  
 • Chief of Police ..... 313-596-1800  
 • Detroit Detention Center ..... 313-596-2242  
 • Prisoner Info Hotline ..... 313-267-4601  
 • Detroit Police Victim Assistance ..... 313-833-1660  
 • Vehicle Tows/impoundments ..... 313-596-8832  
 • Abandoned Vehicles ..... Use **Improve Detroit app**  
**or Report to Precinct**

• Downtown Services ..... 313-237-2850  
 • 2nd Precinct ..... 313-596-5200  
 • 3rd Precinct ..... 313-596-5300  
 • 4th Precinct ..... 313-596-5400  
 • 5th Precinct ..... 313-596-5500  
 • 6th Precinct ..... 313-596-5600  
 • 7th Precinct ..... 313-596-5700  
 • 8th Precinct ..... 313-596-5800  
 • 9th Precinct ..... 313-596-5900  
 • 10th Precinct ..... 313-596-1000  
 • 11th Precinct ..... 313-596-1100  
 • 12th Precinct ..... 313-596-1200

Animal Control ..... 313-922-DOGS (3647)

Board of Ethics ..... 313-224-9521

Buildings, Safety, Engineering & Environmental

• Main ..... 313-224-2733  
 • Business License ..... 313-224-3179  
 • Dangerous Buildings ..... 313-224-3215  
 • Environmental Affairs ..... 313-471-5115  
 D-DOT ..... 313-933-1300 or 313-224-4400

Employment (City Jobs) ..... [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov)

Finance Department

• Citizen Tax Help Center ..... 313-224-3315  
 • Property Tax Division ..... 313-224-3560

Illegal Dumping ..... 313-267-4600

Institute for Population Health ..... 313-309-9350

• COVID/Diseases/HIV ..... 313-876-4000

Inspector General ..... 313-964-TIPS (8477)

Municipal Parking ..... 313-221-2500

Ombudsman Office ..... 313-224-6000

Parks & Recreation ..... 313-224-1100

Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repair ..... 313-224-0033

Street Light Outage/Installation ..... 313-324-8290

Trash Pickup (weekly & bulk)

• Westside ..... 844-233-8764

• Eastside & Southwest ..... 844-464-3587

Tree Removal (Emergency) ..... 313-871-5461

• 24-Hour Line ..... 313-590-3336

Traffic Signal (outage/malfunction) ..... 313-267-4100

Water Main Break ..... 313-267-7401

Water Bill Assistance (WRAP) ..... 313-267-8000

## Community Programs

CrimeStoppers ..... 1 800-Speak UP 800-773-2587

THAW (Heat Assistance) ..... 800-866-8429

United Way of Southeast Michigan ..... 211

Community Help Line ..... 311

Birth/Death Certificates ..... 313-224-0270

Mental Health/Opioid Crisis/Trauma ..... 988

## Civilian Public Safety Training Programs

CERT Community Emergency Response Team

..... 313-596-2590

Citizens Police (DPD) Academy ..... 313-596-2520

## WEBSITE/APPS



**Commissioner Willie E. Bell • District 4**  
**313-316-2378 • [bellw4bopc@detroitmi.gov](mailto:bellw4bopc@detroitmi.gov)**

### BOPC Administration

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### BOPC Office of the Chief Investigator

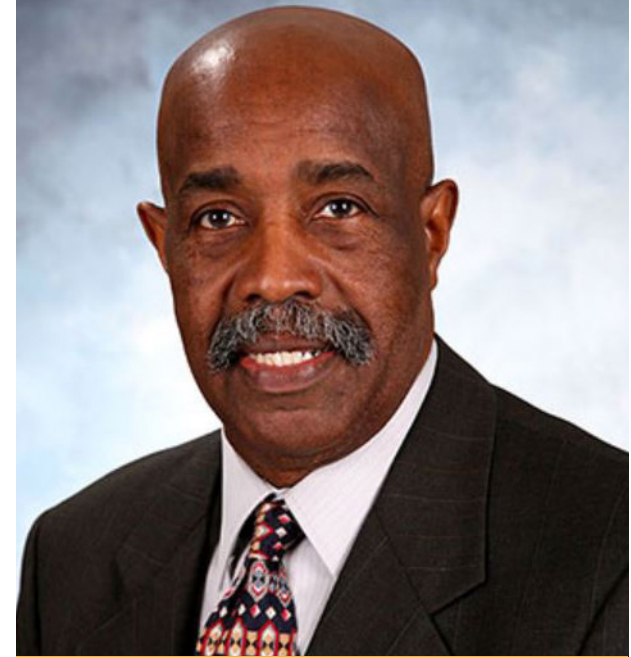
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**POLICE COMMISSIONER**

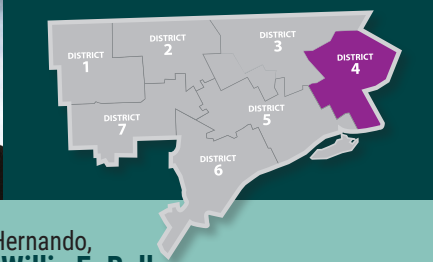
**Willie E.  
 BELL**



**BOARD OF  
 Police Commissioners**

ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

POLICE COMMISSIONER  
**Willie E. Bell**



A native of Hernando, Mississippi, **Willie E. Bell**

migrated to Detroit at an early age and graduated from Northeastern High School. He joined the United States Army in 1966. He served in the 1st Air Cavalry Division and served in Vietnam during his Army tenure. He was honorably discharged in 1969 after attaining the rank of Sergeant.

In August 1971, he joined the Detroit Police Department and served the Department and City for 32 years as a sworn officer. He retired in 2003 at the rank of Lieutenant.

As a law enforcement professional and civil rights leader, Bell has been dedicated to justice, fairness, and equity in society and in community policing. He helped form Concerned Police Officers for Equal Justice and served as Midwest and National Chairperson of the National Black Police Officers Association. Before his retirement, he helped oversee community complaints filed about police misconduct. He also has been a board member for the NAACP Detroit Branch.

He won elections in 2013, 2017 and 2021 for District 4, which includes the 5th and 9th Precincts. Since 2013, Police Commissioners have selected him several times as Board Chair and Vice Chair. As a national leader, he also has served on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

Commissioner Bell earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and has lived in East English Village for over 40 years. He contributes his time and talent to youth organizations and civic and community groups, as well. He is married and the father of two daughters and two grandchildren.

# About the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

## The Board of Police Commissioners

(BOPC) is comprised of 11 members. Seven (7) are elected by districts like City Council members, and four (4) are at-large mayoral appointees approved by the Council. All 11 Board members serve without compensation as a vital civilian board to help ensure police powers and practices comply with Constitutional protections and community policing standards.

The 1974 City Charter first established a civilian oversight board. The BOPC derives its current powers and duties from the 2012 Charter, which strengthened independent, citizen oversight.

**Authority:** The Board has supervisory control and oversight of the Police Department.

**Meeting Schedule:** The Board is required to meet at least once each week but may vote to recess during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. All meetings are held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

## Specific Duties:

- Establish policies, rules and regulations in consultation with the Chief of Police, and with the approval of the Mayor
- Review and approve the departmental budget before its submission to the Mayor
- Receive and resolve any complaint concerning the operation of the Police Department except those involving criminality
- Act as final authority in imposing or reviewing discipline of employees of the department
- Make an annual report to the Mayor, the City Council, and the public of the department's activities during the previous year, including the handling of crime and complaints, and of future plans

## Other Board Responsibilities:

**Staff\*:** The Board appoints a Board Secretary and a Chief Investigator, along with other investigators to handle citizen complaints against police/DPD.

**Chief of Police:** Whenever the Chief of Police position becomes vacant, the Board is responsible for conducting a professional search to identify qualified candidates. The Board submits a list of the final candidates to the Mayor, who makes the appointment subject to City Council approval.

**Police Personnel:** The Board appoints a civilian as Director of Police Personnel. The Board also approves all promotions made within the Police Department.

**Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI):** OCI investigates citizen complaints against police and other DPD staff and reports findings to the Board.

Contact OCI to file a complaint against police officers or any other Police Department employee:



**313-596-2499**



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The Board of Police Commissioners meets weekly on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, except for the second Thursday of the month when the BOPC holds community meetings at 6:30 p.m. at various locations. The BOPC may hold committee meetings. For meeting schedules, videos, Zoom ID and other information, visit

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\* All Board appointments are civilian and serve at the pleasure of the Board.