

Frequently Called #'s

City of Detroit Phone #'s

Mayor's Office _____ 313-224-3400
 City Council _____ 313-224-3443
 City Clerk _____ 313-224-3260
 Board of Police Commissioners _____ 313-596-1830

City Services

Police/Fire/Health Emergency _____ 911
 Police Department
 • 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/Impoundment _____ 313-596-2640
 • Abandoned Vehicles **SeeClickFix 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

Buildings, Safety, Engineering & Environmental
 • Main _____ 313-224-2733
 • Business License _____ 313-224-3178
 • Dangerous Buildings _____ 313-224-3215
 • Environmental Affairs _____ 313-471-5115

Complaints against Police/DPD staff _____ 313-596-2499
 D-DOT _____ 313-933-1300 or 313-224-4400
 Employment (City Jobs) _____ 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
 • Substance Abuse _____ 800-467-2452
 • Dental _____ 313-305-0440
 • 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 _____ 313-267-4100
 Street Light 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

THAW (Heat Assistance) _____ 800-866-8429
 United Way of Southeast Michigan _____ 211
 Birth/Death Certificates _____ 313-224-2117
 Mental Health/Opioid Crisis/Trauma _____ 800-249-4141

Civilian Public Safety Training Programs

CERT Community Emergency Response Team _____ 313-596-2590
 Citizens Police Academy _____ 313-596-2520

Website/Apps to Use



**IMPROVE
DETROIT**

DetroitMI.gov/ImproveDetroit

SeeClickFix

SeeClickFix.com/Detroit

Apps available at **Google Play** and the **Apple App Store**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Commissioner Willie E. Bell, District 4

313-316-2378 | bellw4bopc@detroitmi.gov

BOPC Administration

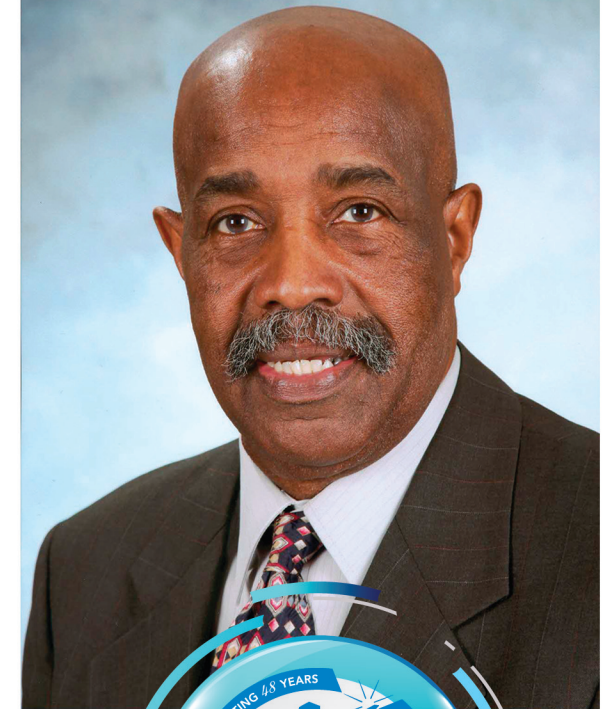
Detroit Public Safety Headquarters
 1301 Third St. Suite 767 • Detroit, MI 48226
 313-596-1830 | bopc@detroitmi.gov

BOPC Office of the Chief Investigator

900 Merrill Plaisance Street • Detroit, MI 48203
 313-596-2499

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Detroit Board of Police Commissioners



**Willie E.
BELL**
**Police Commissioner
DISTRICT 4**

About Police Commissioner Bell and the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

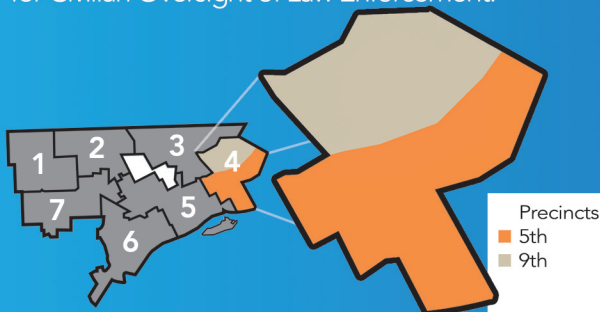
Willie E. Bell A native of Hernando, Mississippi, Willie E. Bell migrated to Detroit at an early age and graduated from Northeastern High School. He joined the United States Army in 1966. He served in the 1st Air Cavalry Division and served in Vietnam during his Army tenure. In 1969, he was honorably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

In August 1971, Commissioner Bell joined the Detroit Police Department and served for 32 years as a sworn officer. He retired in 2003 at the rank of Lieutenant. Commissioner Bell has dedicated his life and career to promoting justice, fairness, and effectiveness in law enforcement, with an emphasis on how policing impacts issues facing the community.

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.

Commissioner Bell holds a BS degree from Central Michigan University and has lived in East English Village for over 40 years. He won election as a Police Commissioner in 2013 and re-election in 2017 and 2021 for District 4, which includes the 5th and 9th precincts.

His BOPC peers have selected Bell four times as Board Chair. As a national leader, Bell served on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.



The Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) is comprised of 11 members. Seven are elected by districts like City Council members, and four are at-large mayoral appointees approved by 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, 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 DPD.

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:

Call:

Office: 313-596-2499 Fax: 313-596-2482

Online:

www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC

By Letter or In Person:

900 Merrill Plaisance, Detroit MI 48203

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meets weekly on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, except for the second Thursday of the month when it holds community meetings at 6:30 p.m. in various locations. For meeting schedules, videos, minutes, Zoom and other information, visit: www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC

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