



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Rev. Ronald L. Griffin **(ABS)**
Mohamed Okdie
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Rev. Jim Holley

Department Personnel Present

Chief Warren Evans
AC Ralph Godbee
2nd DC John Roach
3rd Dc Melvin Turner
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Herbert Myles
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Mark Young
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Dwight Featherstone
PO Sophia Nelms
PO George Chester

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
Faithe Ways, Investigator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Marc Deldin
Fredrick Harold

Edward Moore
Ron Scott

Ashley Washington

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Okdie called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:13 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, August 6, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. **Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, July 30, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. **Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

53
 26% Decrease

Year to Date

939
 8% Decrease

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

72

1021

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,158** active investigations, of which **632** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,055** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 08/06/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	10TH PRECINCT			2				1		1	4
2	12TH PRECINCT			1				1			2
2	CENTRAL							1			1
6	EASTERN							2	1		3
1	D.M.P.A. SECTION			5	1			3		1	10
1	NORTHEASTERN			1				1			2
13	NORTHWESTERN*			4	1	1		9	1	3	19
6	SOUTHWESTERN			2	2			3			7
6	COMMUNICATIONS			5				1		2	8
1	TACTICAL SERVICES				1						1
1	TCRU			1						1	2
13	Unknown Command*			7	1			4		3	15
54	*Multiple Units & Alleg.			28	6	1		26	1	11	74

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On July 31, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 9000 block of Prairie on “Family Trouble ” in progress and arrested a subject. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault), Domestic Violence, and Habitual 3rd.”

Special Points of Interest:

• **Next meeting:**

Thursday, August 13, 2009
 @ 6:30 P.M.
 U.A.W. Chrysler Local 7
 2600 Conner
 Detroit, Michigan 48215

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

Twelfth Precinct

On July 28, 2009, while on routine patrol in the area of Prairie and Outer Drive, officers of the Twelfth Precinct assisted on a "Breaking & Entering of a Business." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Larceny." The stolen items were recovered.

Eastern District

On July 30, 2009, while on patrol in the 13000 block of Algonac, officers of the Eastern District heard an audible alarm coming from a building. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Building."



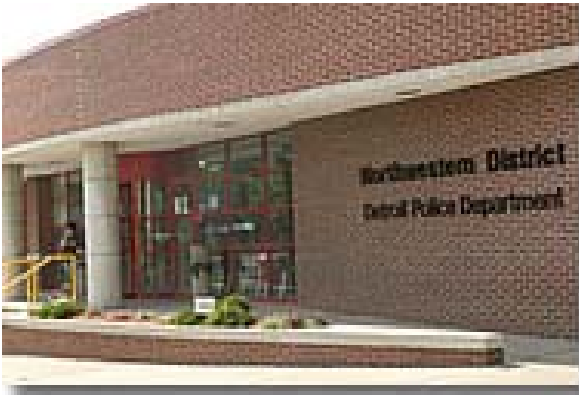
Northeastern District



On July 27, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 2000 block of East 7 Mile on a "Armed Robbery." Officers observed two subjects fitting the description of persons responsible for the robbery. As a result of their investigation, both subjects were arrested and charged with 2 counts of "Robbery Armed."

Northwestern District

On July 30, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 14000 block of Greenview on a "Recorded Burglary Alarm." Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 2nd, Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property, Larceny in a Building." One of the subjects were also charged with "Habitual 2nd." The stolen item was recovered and returned to the owner.



Chief Evans introduced 3rd DC Melvin Turner to the Board because he wasn't available last week during the hiring recommendations.

He stated there was a press conference regarding the Platinum Club where there have been several fatal and non-fatal shootings. The club has been closed do to violations and their business license has been suspended for at least one year. There are several other clubs that fall within the same violations and some are complying with the rules and regulations.

He also stated the department, along with other law enforcement agencies will be starting Project CRUSADERS (Crime Reduction Using Statistical Analysis, Data Evaluation and Response Strategies), to target hotpots within the city to suppress crime.

Comm. Holley asked the Chief if he has given any thought of bringing all of the decision makers together regarding the penalty of a crime and relaying that information to the community.

Chief Evans stated 3rd DC Turner will be bridging that gap between the department and the community. He stated there are two things that are having some affects on crime. One is that there aren't enough police officers, but they do have some federal dollars to hire at least 50 additional officers. The second one is because response time is slow it has a negative affect on the community and therefore the trust isn't there.

Comm. Holley asked will the 10% salary reduction and layoffs effect the police department.

Chief Evans stated he doesn't think it will based on the fact that the numbers of officers are already low.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Rivera congratulated Comm. Okdie for finishing in the top 18 for City Council. She also stated that Sonia Sotomayor has been confirmed for the Supreme Court.

Comm. Okdie stated this goes to show that the world is going in the right direction.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 13, 2009
UAW Chrysler Local 7
2600 Conner
Detroit, MI 48215

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

M. Deldin (attorney for Boulevard & Trumbull Towing) stated he would like to clarify some comments made by Mr. White during the last meeting regarding his vehicle. He stated Mr. White was able to pick up his vehicle with the necessary paperwork. Mr. White tried to claim that the damage to his vehicle was the result of B & T, however, due to the fine details by the police department, all of the prior damages were documented.

E. Moore stated Councilman Kenyetta's office is open and it is there for all of the community to use it.

F. Harold stated that four (4) of the members of this Board should not be on this panel. He also stated that the Office of the Chief Investigator manual states no sworn member should hold the position of Chief Investigator unless he has been removed from the department for 5 years. He stated that department can't be impartial because an ex-police officer is doing the investigations.

He mentioned that the (Detroit Police Officer's Association) DPOA members are ruining this city because they can decide on what is going to happen within the city without having to stay in the city.

Vice-Chairperson Okdie applauded Mr. Harold on his comments and stated that he is an extraordinary individual. He stated his comments will be taken under advisement.

R. Scott asked if this Board has a say into who will be the Monitor of the Consent Decree.

Comm. Holley stated that Chairperson Griffin received a letter from Judge Cook which informed this Board to work with the Mayor's office through Saul Green to choose a Monitor.

R. Scott stated to Chief Evans that he would like to know what kind of data will be used regarding the CRUSADER Project.

Vice-Chairperson Okdie asked Mr. Scott if he would like the Chief to answer that or be given a written response.

R. Scott stated a written response would be sufficient.

He mentioned the recent shooting involving the Special Response Team (SRT) Unit within the department and wanted to know the driving force behind the shooting.

He stated there was a summit held last year held on Belle Isle on de-escalating situations where officers are involved with mentally ill citizens in confrontational situations.

Vice-Chairperson Okdie stated as a board member of the Wayne County Health Agency and Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC), a conference was formed to have discussions on mental illness and what the officers should be looking for based on the Memphis model. There is ongoing training regarding this issue.

Comm. Rivera stated the next summit will be held September 22, 2009 on Belle Isle.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb