



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2009

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Church of Christ located at 5151 Oakman Blvd. in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

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

Lt. Brain Mounsey
Lt. Monique Patterson
Sgt. Allan Quinn
Sgt. Eren Stephens-Bell
Sgt. Vanessa Wyatt
P.O. Dwight Featherstone

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Herbert Moreland
DC Leo Powers
2nd DC Rodney Liggons
Cmdr. Lewis Bray
Cmdr. Shereece Fleming-Freeman
Cmdr. John Serda
Cmdr. Debra Fair
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Dwayne Love
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Insp. Stephen Carlin
Lt. Kevin Robinson
Lt. Herbert Myles
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Daran Carey
P.O. Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel Bureau
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephen Weber
Mary Lacy
Louvenia Triplett
Shelia Wright
Otis Holmes
Arthur Divers
Deborah Holson
Julie Salo
Lynn Williams
Amanda Senom
Herman Riley
Ruby Smith
Maria Ramirez
Yolanda McCants
Temore Williams
Marnett Wilson-Eaton
Peter Holden
David Nathan
Tijuanna Morris
Shaneka Frazier
Sheila Wright

Ron Scott
Osie Burroughs
Viola Scuiler
Elder Stanley Daniel
Gloria Holmes
Mildred White
Virginia Mann
Richard Henry
Dorothy Farmer
Rita Crook
Gladys Riley
Geraldine Hurt
Keith Benford
Frederick McCants
Michelle Sryna
William Wingate
Kerry Sanders
Bernice Washington

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

He stated that the Board is pleased to be here and asked Elder Stanley Daniels of the Northwest Church of Christ to bring greetings.

Elder Daniels stated it is wonderful to host this meeting and that everyone is welcomed back.

Comm. Rivera read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for June 11, 2009 was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

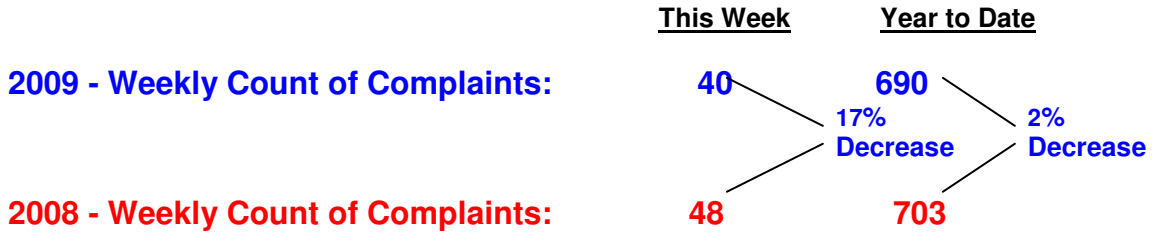
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for June 4, 2009 was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

- 1. CHAIRPERSON**
- 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,261** active investigations of which **527** of those are for 2009. A total of **707** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 06/04/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	10TH PRECINCT			1						1	2
3	12TH PRECINCT			2		1		2		1	6
3	CENTRAL			3				1			4
5	COMMUNICATIONS			3						2	5
6	EASTERN			2	2			2		1	7
1	INVESTIGATIVE OPS			1							1
5	NARCOTICS	1		2	1	1		1	1		7
2	NORTHEASTERN			2				1			3
2	NORTHWESTERN			1		1		1			3
1	SEX CRIME							1			1
1	SOUTHWESTERN									1	1
2	TACTICAL SERVICES							2			2
8	UNKNOWN COMMAND			2	2			6	1	2	13
40		1		19	5	3		17	2	8	55

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 June 3, 2009, officers of the 12th Precinct responded to the 16000 block of Snowden on an “Assault.” As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with Felonious Assault and Habitual 4th.”

Special Points of Interest:

• **Next meeting:**

Thursday, June 18, 2009
 @ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
 1300 Beaubien St. Suite 328-A
 Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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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 June 4, 2009, while on patrol in the 15000 block of Kentucky, officers of the Twelfth Precinct investigated a subject for loitering at a vacant dwelling. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A handgun was recovered.



Northeastern District

On June 4, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 19000 block of Yonka on a "Shooting." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault With Intent to Murder, Assault With Intent To Do Great Bodily Harm, Felonious Assault and Felony Firearm." A handgun was recovered.



Central District

On June 5, 2009, officers of the Central District responded to the 500 block of Josephine on a "Felonious Assault of Shots Fired" run. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felonious Assault, Felon in Possession, Felony Firearm 2nd, and Habitual 3rd." A handgun was recovered.



Eastern District

On June 1, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 9000 block of Somerset on a "Home Invasion" in progress. As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 1st and Robbery Armed."

AC Fleming stated there are two (2) presentations today; one from the Southwestern District and the other from Narcotics. He introduced Cmdr. Serda who gave an overview of the Southwestern District initiatives.

Cmdr. Serda spoke about the District's various task forces, SW Weed & Seed, LISC Grant, and the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative, known as CAGI.

SEE ATTACHMENTS

Chairperson Holley asked why are the Weed & Seed statistics broken out from the other district's statistics.

Cmdr. Serda stated for accountability, because it deals with grant funds.

Chairperson Holley asked which one has a higher break-in, residential or businesses.

Cmdr. Serda stated the residential exceeds the businesses. Residential break-ins occur when people are at work and business break-in happen when they are closed.

Chairperson Holley asked are both working collectively to combat this problem.

AC Fleming stated there are neighborhood watches and the department community relations officers that meet with the community groups. The department also offers the citizens an eight-week academy to help them learn the inner workings of the police department.

Chairperson Holley asked is there a relationship between the businesses and the community.

Cmdr. Serda stated yes, this is always stressed at their community relations meetings.

Cmdr. Fair stated they are continuing to give the citizens of the district the best service they can provide.

Chairperson Holley stated this was a very comprehensive report and it was well put together.

Cmdr. Serda stated the report is a reflection on the excellent staff of the district.

Chairperson Holley stated the concern that he had with the department securing the Department of Transportation (DOT) Buses is that he was not aware of the arbitration.

AC Fleming stated the Detroit Police Officer's Association (DPOA) won a court order that the Detroit Police Department will provide security for the buses.

Chairperson Holley asked if the department has the personnel.

AC Fleming stated yes and they will provide plain clothes and uniformed officers to ride the buses, and a press conference will be forthcoming.

Chairperson Holley stated this Board didn't know that this was going through arbitration.

AC Fleming stated for 2nd DC Liggins to inform the Board of the date and time of the press conference.

Chairperson Holley stated he was caught off guard with the arbitration part and would like to know what the process is going forward.

AC Fleming stated it is in the beginning process and they will keep this Board informed.

Comm. Rivera asked what happened to "Bluebird".

AC Fleming stated they are bringing it back by securing the buses; it was lost when the former Chief gave the deal to Wayne County.

Comm. Rivera stated the name Bluebird came from a bus and that's how the title was created. This was a division within the department that rode the buses in the past.

NARCOTICS

Lt. Mounsey and Lt. Robinson gave an overview on the functions of Narcotics.

Chairperson Holley asked how is the information pertaining to the dope hotline given to the community.

Lt. Mounsey stated it was published through different mechanisms and they received over 6,000 calls last year.

Chairperson Holley asked how the drugs are getting into the State.

Lt. Robinson stated it comes in by land and by sea from the southern states and Canada.

Chairperson Holley stated that Narcotics isn't appreciated enough for the work they do. He asked is there a certain targeted area that receives most of the manpower.

Lt. Robinson stated everyday they try to find ways to get the most from their manpower.

Chairperson Holley asked what effect the layoffs of State Troopers and the economy have on the transporting of drugs to Michigan.

Lt. Robinson stated although there may be fewer troopers, their collaborations with other agencies will help them combat this problem.

Chairperson Holley stated by hearing Lt. Robinson mention the relationship with other agencies, it is difficult when there are mixed signals such as the statement in the newspaper from the prosecutor's office.

Lt. Robinson stated there are several initiatives they are doing with other law enforcement agencies.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Ms. Sheila Crowell has been a resident of the Southwestern District for more than seven years. She has also been an active member in the Central District for twenty-four years and an active member in the area communities for ten years; and

WHEREAS Ms. Crowell is the President of the Friends of Dingeman Park and is committed to helping the community and maintaining stability while working in the Southwestern District; and

WHEREAS Ms. Crowell was instrumental in gathering 300 citizens in 2007 for the Motor City Kick Off in Dingeman Park. Through this initiative, the park was cleaned and painted and repairs were made to existing park benches, tables, and play areas; and

WHEREAS Ms. Crowell is committed to taking a united stand against crime. In 2007, her leadership inspired more than 300 plus residents to form an anti-crime walk for their community. This was the largest anti-crime walk within Southwestern District's history. She most recently sponsored the first Play-town Educational Community Fair which was held on June 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS Ms. Crowell has implemented several viable youth programs. From May 14 through May 21, 2007, the first Co-ed Junior Football camp was held and supported by the National Football League (NFL), along with members from the Southwestern District. There was also a "Celebration of a New Master Plan" which was hosted in April 2009 which entailed a tree planting ceremony for beautification of the parks and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS Through the generous efforts of Ms. Crowell, more than 100 evening gowns were donated to students at Chadsey High School who wanted to attend the Military Ball. Her leadership and energy allowed hundreds of residents to gather at Chadsey High School on April 24, 2009 to participate in the "Save Our Neighborhoods & Schools" and to end area crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners; speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Ms. Sheila Crowell. Her selfless character and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the entire City of Detroit merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Sheila Crowell.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jim Holley
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Toney Stewart
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
June 11, 2009

/s/ Adela Rivera
Commissioner

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

The Resolution was not approved given the lack of a quorum.

AC Fleming presented the Certificate of Recognition and the Spirit of Detroit Award to a representative of the department on behalf of Ms. Crowell.

RECOGNITION AWARD

AC Fleming presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. James Mazzie and Mr. Douglas Pritchard on behalf of the Chief of Police.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COOPERATION

At the risk of your own safety, on May 21, 2009, you prevented a suspect from sexually assaulting a six-year old child. Your extraordinary, selfless, heroic actions not only resulted in the arrest and prosecution of the rape suspect, but possibly saved this child's life.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

J. Salo stated there is an article in the newspaper that states the police department is making fewer arrests.

She also stated that 80% of the homes on her block are vacant and they are being stripped. She asked if a citizen can make an arrest.

AC Fleming stated on the newspaper article Sheriff Evans called and apologized and stated he was misquoted.

As to the second part, if all possible get a license plate number and let the department handle it.

J. Salo stated she has been a resident of this city before the riot in 1967.

B. Love stated she went to the Northeastern District and they wouldn't take her accident report. She asked if the procedure is to go to 1300 Beaubien to get a police report.

AC Fleming stated yes you have to come to Police Headquarters.

Chairperson Holley stated she is referring to making an accident report.

B. Love stated yes, the officer refused to take it.

AC Fleming stated if this happens again for her to get a name and badge number and it will be dealt with.

O. Burroughs stated there are some abandoned cars on her block and she would like some assist in removing them.

AC Fleming stated for Ms. Burroughs to see Cmdr. Serda and for her to call him if the cars aren't removed in a week.

T. Morris asked who is held responsible when there is a task force of several law enforcement agencies and one of the members is in violation.

AC Fleming stated the agency the member(s) work for.

S. Frazier stated her cousin was shot and the officer at the scene wouldn't let the family speak with him and they were rude. Once the ambulance arrived it took them about 30 minutes to take off.

AC Fleming stated during a shooting, the department has to preserve the crime scene to make sure it doesn't get contaminated. He stated most of the time EMS tries to stabilize a person before they pull off.

C. Smith asked to know how the department is going to secure the buses when they are short on personnel.

AC Fleming stated the department has 100 new police officers.

S. Daring asked what steps can a citizen take to help control the break-ins and home invasions because there is police no follow-up.

Chairperson Holley stated as a citizen of this city, he understands because his home was broken into, but you can't give up. He stated to Mr. Daring that he can assist him if he would like to file a complaint and asked him to get involved with his community block club.

AC Fleming asked Mr. Daring to see Cmdr. Love to assist him.

K. Sanders stated he is the President of Barton McFarlane Block Club and would welcome Mr. Daring to become a member. He stated they are looking for to working with the new commanders of the Southwestern District.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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