

BOPC in the Community

In addition to its weekly meetings, the Board participates in various community activities, including a recent open house at the Fourth Precinct where its Community Relations Council President and former Police Commissioner **Erminia “Mini” Ramirez** visited the BOPC table, and a training session with native Detroiter **Dawn Ison**, the new U.S. Attorney for Michigan’s Eastern District (right). Residents can hear more about U.S. Attorney Ison and her plan to punish violent criminals and use federal resources for safer neighborhoods at upcoming community meetings.



(Bottom left to right): Wayne County Community College District Chancellor Curtis Ivery, Police Commissioners and Mayor Duggan at WCCCD- DPD Partnership announcement; PC Banks with Ison; Ramirez shows she’s a “fan” of civilian oversight; WCCCD’s Eastern and other Detroit campuses host BOPC monthly community meetings during COVID shutdowns.



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Board backs two-year contract for Police Chief

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution asking the Mayor and City Council to support a two-year, renewable contract for Chief James White.

The Board took the unusual step because Chief White’s vision for public safety and his immediate effectiveness on crime reduction have attracted interest from other agencies.

“The Board of Police Commissioners believes that Chief White is being fairly compensated and does not request any pay increase,” the resolution states. “Because other communities utilize multi-year contracts in their recruiting efforts, however, the Board of Police Commissioners deems it essential to have a two-year contract with Chief White to guarantee that any city or agency recruiting Chief White would have to pay a significant financial penalty to the City of Detroit.”



Mayor Duggan joined BOPC members and other officials to welcome DPD Chief James White

The Board recently accepted Chief White’s community safety plan, which lays out citywide and precinct strategies to reduce crime and improve police-community relations.

The City Charter gives the Board supervisory oversight of DPD and mandates the Board lead the selection of candidates for police chief, but the Board has no authority over hiring or contracts.

Board makes priority of tackling gun violence

The Board followed up on its 2021 Roundtable on Homicides and Non-Fatal Shootings with a special February presentation to update the community on changes.

In 2021, local law enforcement leaders told the Board how gun violence surged with courts closed, docket and case backlogs, and limited jail space due to the COVID public health emergency. They also shared steps planned, including new criteria to stop the release of violent offenders and to take special measures to restart court action on those arrested for carrying illegal guns.

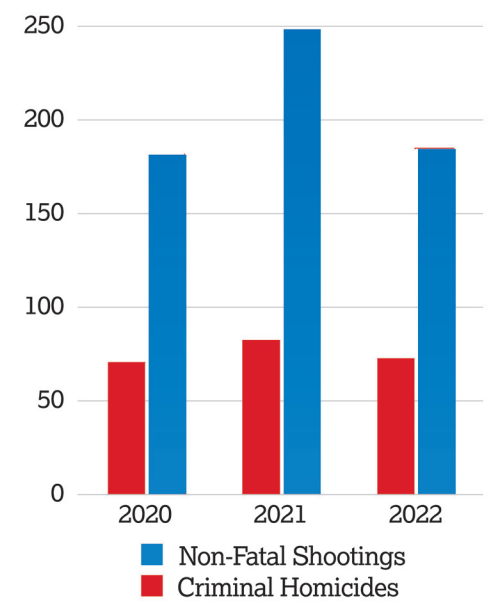
Those steps, along with other new strategies implemented by the Detroit Police Department, appear to be having

an impact as homicides and non-fatal shootings dropped five percent in total for 2021.

This year, the city’s Reduction Backlog Project will help reduce gun violence and other violent crimes even more, Nikhil Patel, senior advisor to Mayor Duggan, shared in a recent report to the Board.

A reminder of the 2018 study that found driving without a license was the offense for most jail inmates, which means most of the jail space was not available for those charged with violent crimes.

Church and community programs remain open to youth who need recreation, mentoring, and other positive engagement during the pandemic.



New committees expands public review, input

Residents and other stakeholders now have a new way to participate in civilian oversight. The Board recently approved new committees for policy, budget, police misconduct complaints, and personnel.

The new committees meet monthly under the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Meeting times are available at detroitmi.gov/bopc and in the City’s events calendar.

The Board also has an ad hoc committee related to the City’s competitive bid for towing services. Due to procurement ordinances, those meetings are not open to the public.

COMMITTEE	BUDGET	POLICY	PERSONNEL & TRAINING	CITIZEN COMPLAINTS	TOWING SERVICES
Chair	Willie Bell	Linda Bernard	Cedric Banks	Cedric Banks	Bryan Ferguson
Members	Bryan Ferguson Annie Holt	Willie Burton Lisa Carter Annie Holt	Willie Bell Jesus Hernandez	Willie Bell Willie Burton Ricardo Moore	Annie Holt Ricardo Moore
Schedule		Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month			Ad hoc



INSIDE: 2022 District and Precinct Map
Check out www.DetroitMI.gov/BOPC for:

- BOPC Weekly Meeting and Monthly Committee Schedules
- Monthly Zoom with OCI



2020 vs 2021

1,144
Complaints Filed

+14.8%

1,313

Board of Police Commissioners

Year to Year

DDPD COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE

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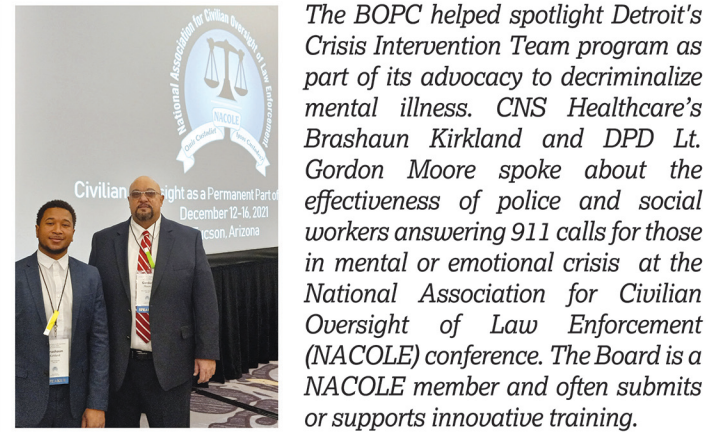
KEY INFORMATION AND TRENDS

Police policy open to public review

The Board routinely reviews and approves numerous proposed new or revised policy directives as part of its civilian oversight mandate under the City Charter.

The Board also makes the proposed policies available to the public for review and comment. You can share your voice on policies that establish rules and procedures for police officers, including search and seizure, misconduct complaints, and more. Visit detroitmi.gov/bopc and select the link for Policy Directives.

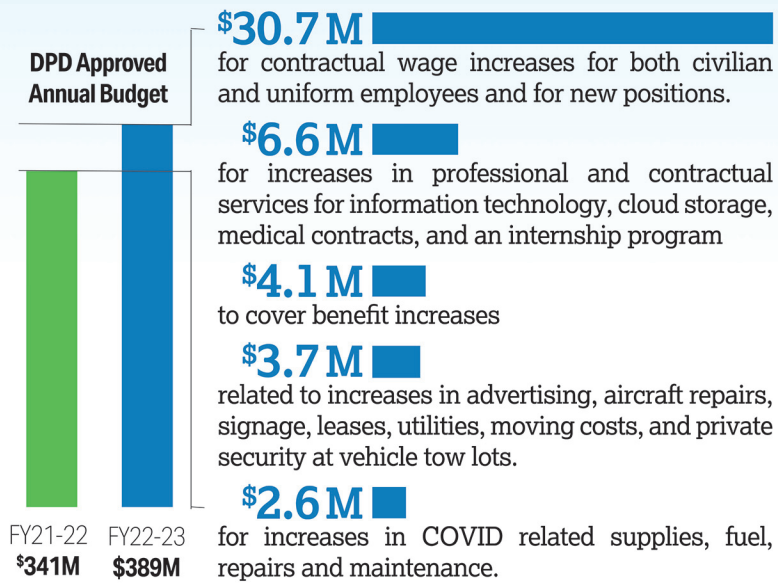
The public can email comments or suggestions to bopc@detroitmi.gov.



BOPC approves FY22-23 DPD Budget

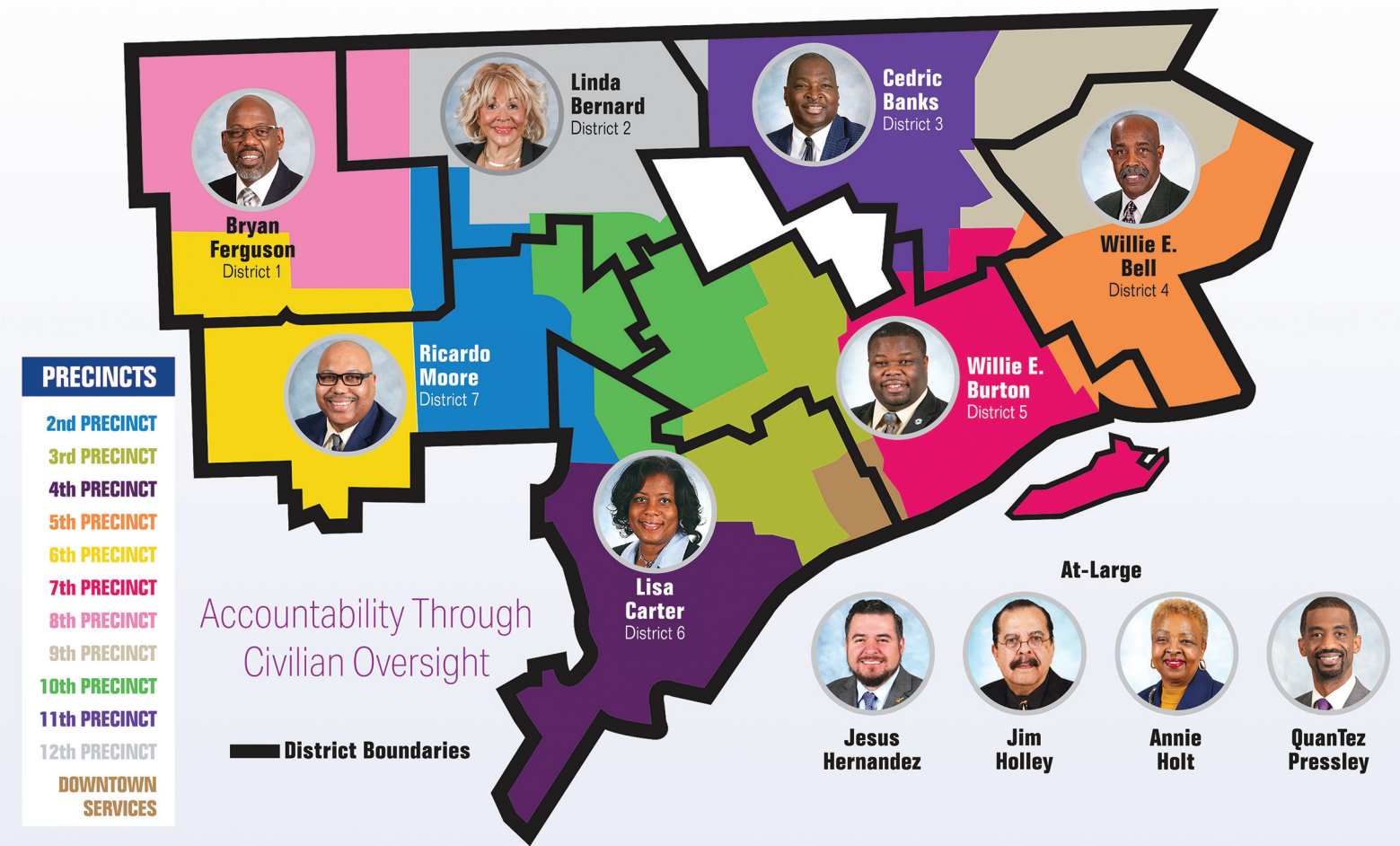
The Board approved a \$389,150,801 budget request for DPD during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, an increase of \$48 million.

The budget request includes 2,686 sworn and 782 civilian positions. Among other things, the increase includes:



The DPD budget is part of the overall City budget for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2022.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS & PRECINCTS

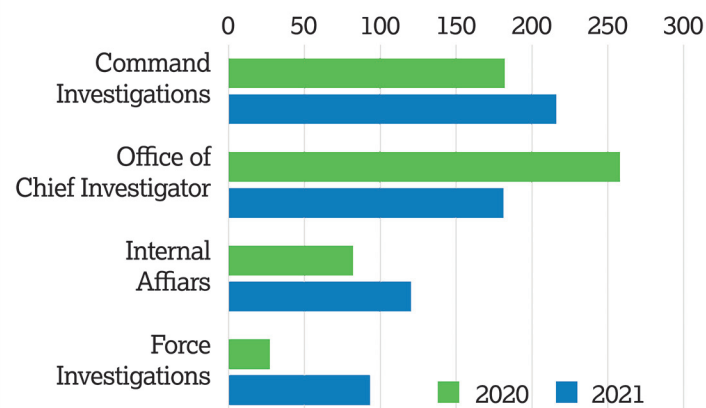


New Risk Management Unit flags problems with officers

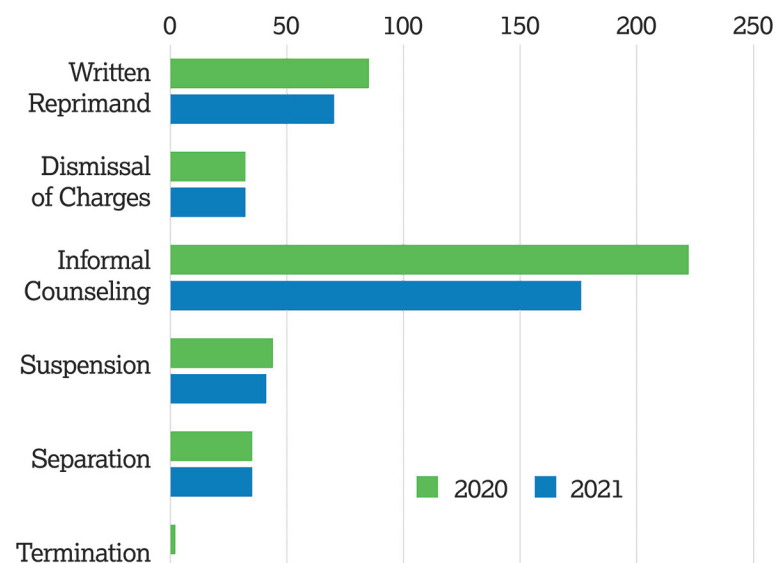
The Board continues to review and monitor information and trends about policing, including use of force, complaints, and discipline. The Board's Office of the Chief Investigator shares regular reports about police officers with citizen complaints. Now, DPD has a new risk management unit. The new risk management process is an additional way for DPD to flag and

address concerns related to actions by police officers, as well as citizen complaints against them. With the new unit operating, the Board expects DPD to draft and submit a risk management policy directive for its review and approval. The public can get regular updates on these and other important items covered by the Board at its weekly meeting.

Misconduct Investigations by Entity*



Types of Discipline*



*See full DPD presentations or BOPC meeting videos at detroitmi.gov/bopc.

DPD's Most Lethal Use of Force ↑24% in 2021*

Category Description	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Change '20-'21	% Change
Category 1	41	51	10	24%
Category 2	406	299	-107	-26%
Category 3	628	697	69	11%
Category 4	12	21	9	75%

Pressley appointed to BOPC vacancy

Rev. QuanTez Pressley, the Lead Pastor of Third New Hope Baptist Church, joined the Board in March following the City Council's confirmation of his appointment by Mayor Mike Duggan.

The 11-member Board had a vacancy due to the December 2021 passing of Detroit 300 and community leader Martin Jones, a Police Commissioner since June 2020 who later served as Vice Chair.



Martin Jones

FOCUS ON Citizen Complaints and Police Accountability

The City Charter empowers the Board to accept and investigate complaints about DPD through its Office of the Chief Investigator.

Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar, whose work with the U.S. Justice Department helped the Board and OCI set best practices for investigating complaints, recently kicked off a series of educational Zoom meetings.

"We want people to know each complaint is given our attention and a full, impartial investigation even during COVID-related shutdowns and changes," he said. "Nothing ever affects our commitment to objective fact-finding for everyone who files a complaint."

OCI meets virtually with people whose complaints remain open after three months and those who have questions about complaint findings. The Board also filled several investigator positions and took other steps to meet OCI goals to investigate and close cases within 90 days and to address any backlog.

Under the Charter, the Board handles only non-criminal complaints through OCI while the police department investigates any complaint alleging criminal acts.

If you have a concern about the performance of any DPD employee, you have the right to file a complaint:

- In-person at the BOPC's Office of the Chief Investigator 900 Merrill Plaisance, Detroit, MI 48203
- At any Detroit Police precinct
- Complaint Hotline: (313) 596-2499
- Online: www.detroitmi.gov/bopc
- Fax: (313) 596-2482
- Complaint Forms available at Detroit Public Libraries and Detroit Police Department precincts.

Three Ways to Get Involved with BOPC

1. Stay Active and Informed



- View meetings, proposals and other information anytime, and subscribe to BOPC news and alerts at: Detroitmi.gov/bopc

2. Share Your Voice



- Attend the weekly meeting each Thursday
- File complaints against police misconduct with BOPC investigators
- Share comments on policies and procedures under BOPC review

3. Enhance Police-Community Relations



- Know your precinct and Police Commissioner (see map above)
- Join your Precinct Police-Community Relations Council or block club
- Host a BOPC meeting at your organization

BOPC Meeting Schedule



The Detroit 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 public still can join all meetings by **zoom**. For a full schedule and list of agenda topics, visit us at: detroitmi.gov/bopc

Coming this Fall: New Youth Advisory Panel