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CHIEF BULLY-CUMMINGS ANNOUNCES HER RETIREMENT FROM DPD PRAISED FOR 31 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

DETROIT – Detroit Police Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings announced her retirement to Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick earlier this week. Appointed to the position of Chief of Police on November 3, 2003, Chief Bully-Cummings has proudly served the city of Detroit and its citizens for more than 30 years since joining the Detroit Police Department on July 18, 1977, at the age of 19.

Despite the great number of fiscal and institutional challenges that she faced during her tenure as Chief of Police, the Detroit Police Department accomplished many milestones under Chief Bully-Cummings' leadership.

- In 2004, the Detroit Police Department realized the greatest reduction in major crimes in 41 years, and a record reduction of 15.2% in violent crimes.
- In 2005, Chief Bully-Cummings reduced the number of police lawsuits filed involving police chases by 25%—by changing the Department's vehicular pursuit policy and also reduced the number of on-duty police accidents by 24%.
- In 2006, Chief Bully-Cummings was responsible for coordinating public safety for one of the largest event attractions in the world, Super Bowl XL. The National Football League has repeatedly stated that Super Bowl XL was one its best ever.

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- In 2007, the number of non-fatal shootings were reduced by 18% (269 fewer shooting victims) compared to the previous year. Overall crime was down by 11%.
- In 2008, the Detroit Police Department fulfilled a major component of the Federal Consent Decree and became one of the few major law enforcement agencies to establish a Management Awareness System (MAS). MAS is designed to reduce liability to the Department and ensure supervisory accountability by identifying potentially problematic behaviors early, thus resulting in a reduction in lawsuits.

Chief Bully-Cummings' retirement is effective immediately. She has agreed to assist her successor to help stabilize the transition of leadership within the Detroit Police Department if she is requested to do so.

The men and women of the Detroit Police Department would like to thank Chief Bully-Cummings for her years of dedicated service to the Department as well as her guidance and wish her well in all future endeavors.

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