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PATRICK V. MURPHY
Commissioner

July 14, 1970

Mr. Curtis E. Rodgers
Secretary-Director
Commission On Community Relations
150 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

In a letter dated June 4th, 1970, you expressed an interest on behalf of the Commission, in several Department policies. Following is the Department's position on those subjects of interest:

1. Citizens Complaint Bureau Observers - We recognize there is a need for Citizen Complaint Bureau officers to be present at large scale demonstrations or mass disturbances. Accordingly, during and since the 1967 riot, Citizen Complaint Bureau observers are routinely assigned to any situation involving large numbers of people where there is a potential for arrests or conflict.
2. Video Taping Of School Demonstrations - The Police Department does not intervene in demonstrations on Board of Education property unless public property and safety is jeopardized or unless directly requested by the Board of Education. When police intervention is required or requested at these demonstrations, video camera crews are routinely assigned to film the activities of the demonstrators and police officers. All such tapes are subsequently reviewed by the Chief Inspector to evaluate police performance and to provide photographic evidential proof of lawbreaking.
3. Allegations Of Badge Removal At Demonstrations - An officer shall wear his badge on the outer most garment at all times when in uniform. However, before an officer is committed to action at a mass disorder, he may, as a safety precaution, remove certain parts of his uniform which includes his badge. A thorough precinct and Citizen Complaint Bureau investigation failed to substantiate the allegation badges were removed at the Osborne incident.

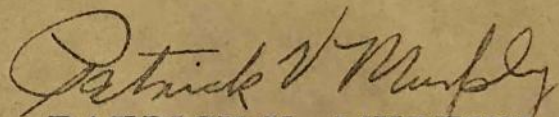
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4. Name Tags - The Department order requiring members to wear name tags was issued in February, 1969. Members of the Detroit Police Officer's Association objected to wearing the tags and subsequently filed a grievance which could not be resolved at the fourth level and was then referred to arbitration (Case #5430-0500-69--Enclosure #1). A hearing has been set for 9-25-70 and the situation is at an impasse until the grievance is resolved.

5. Meetings Of School Principals, School Regional Superintendents And Police Precinct Commanders - Meetings with the Board of Education personnel and Detroit Police Department representatives are held as problems arise. Efforts are being made to establish closer liaison between Police District Inspectors and School Region Superintendents.

Assuring you of our continued cooperation in matters of mutual interest, I remain

Sincerely yours,


PATRICK V. MURPHY
Commissioner

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