

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY BOARD

September 20, 2022

A meeting of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Eckstein Hall, Room 255. Due and timely notice of the meeting, an agenda and draft minutes from the previous meeting were provided by email to each member of the Board in advance of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was also posted on the MUPD Advisory Board website. The meeting was open to the public and information about the meeting was available to anyone who requested it.

Roll Call. Board members attending the meeting were Michael O’Hear, Chair of the Board and Professor, Marquette University Law School; Dr. Meghan Stroshine, Vice Chair of the Board and Associate Professor in Social & Cultural Sciences, Klingler College of Arts and Sciences; and Christopher Bartolone, Assistant Director for Facilities Services. Non-Board Members attending the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant MUPD Chief; Carrie Peters, MUPD Data Analytics Specialist; James Hensley, MUPD Lieutenant; and Jeff Kipfmuller, Deputy General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Updates on Departmental Activities, Initiatives and Crime Statistics.

1. Lt. Hensley provided an update on community engagement:
 - a. Within MUPD: MUPD has created a health and wellness team which helps staff (sworn and civilian personnel) get to a better place—physically, emotionally and spiritually. Also creating a peer support team. MUPD collaborated with MPD to plan to bring in a retired Texas police chief to discuss servant leadership in modern policing, with emotional intelligence, implementing this and changing culture.
 - b. Community at Large: MUPD members participated in a Cop on a Rooftop event last month. MUPD members teamed up with West Milwaukee PD on Miller Parkway to volunteer and raise money for Special Olympics. MUPD formed a team for next month to support a national organization on mental illness. Also working on a “Faith and Blue” event to build community within law enforcement. Also partnering with faith-based organizations to host a community engagement event—a prayer and unity walk to Norris Park for kickball followed by an ice cream social.
 - c. Within the University:
 - i. MUPD is offering safety classes throughout the semester: 1) personal safety and awareness, 2) self-defense, and 3) active shooter.
 - ii. Also started an “Adopt a Hall” program to build relationships between MUPD officers and hall directors, RAs, and student residents.
 - iii. Coffee with a Cop: once a month outside the Brew in AMU.
 - iv. To increase community engagement in a campus setting, MUPD engaged a retired police chief to visit our campus, review our programs, interview many

stakeholders on campus to see how MUPD is doing, and what we can do better. There will be a final report with recommendations soon.

- v. Blue, MUPD’s community support dog, was introduced at the end of last semester and has become very popular.

2. Safety: Assistant Chief Kranz provided the following updates:

- a. MUPD has seen an increase in mental health issues in our campus community. The City of Milwaukee is exploring new ways to manage mental health issues, including a small triage facility at 12th and Walnut (6 blocks from campus). MUPD is working to get its behavioral health unit online and is in the process of hiring members. Community involvement is needed.
- b. Marquette implemented new security for its residence halls this semester, in which the lobby doors to all res halls were locked, requiring a card swipe for entry. MUPD has seen some issues which include tailgating into the halls. The change has reduced the number of unauthorized people entering the buildings.
- c. MUPD is already preparing for the Republican National Convention which will be in Milwaukee in July 2024.
- d. Over the summer, a campus-wide crisis management drill was held. Many different departments at the university participated.

3. Crime on Campus: there was an increase in crime during the spring semester, but numbers are decreasing. MUPD has not seen the violence seen in the spring semester. Changes made due to the Safety Task Force were helpful. Carrie Peters provided the following crime statistics:

Marquette University Police Department January 1 through August 31, 2020/2021/2022				
Crimes Reported:	2020	2021	2022*	
			MUPD	MPD
<i>Personal Crimes</i>				
Homicide	0	1	0	0
Robbery	11	6	10	4
Theft from Person	4	1	1	0
Assault/Battery	29	55	63	7
Sexual Assault/Rape	1	2	2	0
Total:	45	65	76	11
87				
<i>Property Crimes</i>				
Burglary	31	33	12	1
Thefts (inc. retail)	213	197	218	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	11	102	75	19
Arson	0	0	0	2
Total:	255	332	305	22
327				

- i. It is important to note that MUPD began to incorporate MPD’s crime statistics into the MUPD patrol zone numbers. Prior to that, we just counted those reported to MUPD.

4. Chief Hudson provided an update on the President’s Task Force on Safety. In short, 12 recommendations were approved by the ELT for implementation on campus.
 - a. Staffing and policing strategies: Hiring remains a challenge for MUPD. Chief Hudson is interested in hiring students who might be interested in law enforcement. MUPD has four 4 vacancies right now and two police aide vacancies. We would like to hire police aides shortly after graduating from high school. MUPD also has Dispatcher and Limo driver openings. MUPD continues its partnership with Near West Side Partners; the Task Force recommended Ambassadors to be on MU campus—we currently have one but are hoping for another.
 - b. Environmental Design: MUPD will have a portable lighting system in certain off-campus areas. MUPD has also ordered additional cameras, but supply chain issues remain; delivery is estimated in March 2023. Additional lighting is also being installed at the Dental School. A speed bump has been installed on 16th St. by the pedestrian crossing near MUPD.
 - c. Communications and Outreach: University Relations is updating MUPD web pages and creating signs.
 - d. Discussion: Dr. Stroshine asked about CIT (crisis intervention) training. AC Kranz indicated that all officers are CIT-trained (and all new ones will be, too). A question was also asked about what Task Force recommendations are working: lighting, new positions will be helpful, behavioral health unit will be helpful once staffed.

Public Comments: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting Date: To be determined, likely the week after Thanksgiving.

Adjournment: The Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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