**Public Safety Overview**

During the period from *April to August, 2011*, there have been 10 robberies reported to DPS compared with 4 over the same period last year. There has been a city-wide increase in personal crimes, including robberies. Marquette’s Department of Public Safety has responded aggressively, in consultation with the Milwaukee Police Department. Within hours of the first reported robbery, on the first weekend students returned to campus, several initiatives were already in place. In addition to the regularly assigned MPD officers in the Marquette area, the District 3 Commander for the Milwaukee Police Department had committed other resources to the area; including a 12-person Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT) which patrolled on-foot, a mounted patrol (3 horses), additional detective/investigative resources, and dedicated squads to the Marquette neighborhood from 7:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. Milwaukee Police are also conducting a “Safe Street Initiative”, which consists of plainclothes officers who are examining offender information of felons who may be living or who have been arrested for robbery (or other personal related crimes) in the Marquette area. The Milwaukee Police response has been responsive, noticeable and aggressive. It is important to note that DPS continues to maintain an superb working relationship with the Milwaukee Police, at all levels.

Marquette’s Department of Public Safety also increased visibility and services, to include; adding sector patrols to increase our footprint in and around “hot spots” on the parameters of our patrol boundary, and forming a new transportation service called the “LIMO Scout Patrol”. The LIMO Scout is one of our current mini vans equipped with a flashing strobe light like the regular LIMO vans. It is tasked with looking for students who may be walking alone, through alleys, or around the perimeter of our patrol zone and asking them if they would like a ride. Since its inception (August 30th), the Scout has transported 730 students (there have been 178 students that have turned down offers for rides in the late/early morning hours). We are spreading the word about this service through News Briefs and social media.

We are also identifying additional locations where cameras can be mounted in off-campus locations and alleys. We have submitted a capital funding request for eight (8) additional camera installations in the off-campus patrol area.

We have asked the Community Prosecutor Unit (District Attorney’s Office) and MPD Crime Prevention unit to investigate and put pressure on known safe houses where suspected felons may be living. MPD and the District Attorney’s Office will then work closely with the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) to further pressure those residential owners who may be harboring criminals by enforcing city code and citing for city ordnance violations. In addition, in early October, the Community Prosecutor Unit (District Attorney’s Office) join with the Office of Student Affairs and Public Safety, to speak with the Student Senate on the issues of alcohol and drug abuse and provided information with regards to fines, the criminal justice process and the disadvantages of having a criminal record. Health and safety concerns were discussed and accentuated and were at the forefront of the conversation.

DPS has extending the DPS patrol zone north to Highland Avenue from 14th to 17th Streets to reach pockets of students who currently choose to reside in this location.

DPS also created marketing opportunities with local merchants to publicize DPS services by designing mapping and table tents that reinforce Public Safety services (i.e. emergency phone numbers and
illuminating the latest patrol boundaries). This information has been distributed to local merchants and throughout the campus community.

One of the most important things we can do to educate our MU community in regards to keeping themselves safe are: not walking alone at night, traveling in well-lit areas, using Student Safety escorts and LIMOs, and being aware of their surroundings. Marquette University’s Student Government has joined Public Safety in getting the word out to their constituents through social networks. The safety of our students is a top priority. We will allocate whatever resources, human or otherwise, to this issue; prevention and education has also been a major focus of our conversations with student government, student media and other campus groups.

In terms of property crimes, during the same period, we experienced a 19% decrease from the year prior.

**Crime Prevention Division**

In addition to the victim/witness services we continue to provide, the Crime Prevention Division continues to work on programming and outreach activities. One of the main focuses of the Crime Prevention Division for 2011 continues to be the Public Safety Awareness campaign. We have worked on innovative ways to promote Public Safety services and programs to students and staff through creative events and activities. We participated in Mania Week, sponsored by MUSG. During the Light the Night event, DPS officers handed out flashlights, T-shirts and safety tips to students, and set up an obstacle course for students to try. This allowed students the opportunity to informally meet officers and obtain information about the department’s programs and services.

In light of the robberies early in the semester, the Crime Prevention Division decided to combine the Home Safe Home program that we conduct in the residence halls with distributing safety information to all students in the residence halls. This allowed us the opportunity to meet students face to face and address any safety concerns they may have. Public Safety is offering several free self-defense classes this semester. The program combines a hands-on approach to learning effective techniques with information about the latest national and local crime trends. Designed for both female and male audiences, the class incorporates simple strategies for escaping potentially dangerous situations.

**Support Services Division**

As of the end of August 2011, 593 cameras are viewable live and controllable through the Command Information Center. Public Safety worked closely with Information Technology Services and Office of the Architect to bring all of the security devices online at Discovery Learning Center and Norris Park. In addition, the Child Care Center cameras, card readers, and panic device are operational and controllable through the Command Information Center.

DPS is exploring the possible use of the Automated License Plate Recognition System (ALPR). This is a mass surveillance method that uses optical character recognition images to read the license plates of vehicles. They are used by various police forces that catalog the movements of traffic or individuals. ALPR can be used to store the images captured by the cameras as well as the text from the license plate. Systems commonly use infrared lighting to allow the camera to take the picture at any time of the day. This system is used by the Milwaukee Police with excellent results. The Department is
also investigating the “Portable Wireless Rapid Deployment camera” which can be deployed in high crime areas and in response to crime trends as an additional virtual surveillance resource.

**Student Safety Programs**

SSP continues to exceed its service to the Marquette community and the last five months is no exception. 86,440 transports were provided which is broken down to 10,298 Express and 75,567 Door to Door transports. Last year, during the same time span, we transported a total of 75,967 members of the MU community – that is an increase of 15%. Not to be outdone, our Safety Patrol escorts and parking lot checks increased 67% and 117% to 576 and 4,195. Throughout the year, SSP also provides special transports to Valley Fields, Amtrak/Mega Bus and around campus for students with medical conditions (primarily on crutches). Between April and August we provided 2,842 such transports. The total counts at the AMU After Hours was 2,140 for only April and the first two weeks of May through the Thursday of Finals Week. Our Early Morning Shuttle, staffed by SSOs provided 1,544 transports between the hours of 3am and 7am. In addition, during the long Labor Day weekend alone the regular LIMO’s transported a record 7,156 students.

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