

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

February 21, 2023

An in-person meeting of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 21, at 2:31 p.m. at Eckstein Hall, Room 355 at the Marquette University Law School. 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; Chris Bartolone, Assistant Director for Facilities Services; Amyah Brooks, Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) representative; and Lindsey St. Arnold Bell, Associate Director for the Near West Side Partners. Non-Board Members attending the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant Chief of MUPD; Ruth Peterson, MUPD Captain; James Hensley, MUPD Lieutenant; Kevin Conway, Associate Director of University Communication; and Jeff Kipfmueller, Deputy General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

**Consideration of Minutes of the November 29, 2022 Meeting.** Such minutes were approved unanimously.

**Updates on Departmental Activities, Initiatives and Crime Statistics.**

1. **Safety Task Force:** Chief Hudson and her team provided updates on some of the initiatives made by the Safety Task Force:
  - a. **Portable Lighting/Camera Systems:** Two of these units have been delivered to MUPD and they will be placed in areas of higher crime activity. MUPD is currently experimenting with them and working through some connectivity issues.
  - b. **Eagle Express:** This new student transportation system went live in January. There were some glitches in the mapping/routing but those are being addressed. One complaint has been that the new system does not allow drivers to pick up students who flag down the limos. MUPD experimented with adding another van just for this purpose, but there was very little usage. Since launch, the average wait time has been reduced from nine minutes to five minutes. Ridership is down from 1,000 passengers to around 700 to 800 passengers. The service operates from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Ridership is comprised almost entirely of students, although it is available to faculty/staff, as well.
  - c. **Behavioral Health Unit (“BHU”):** MUPD’s implementation of this new unit is up and running and is close to 100% operational. MUPD has hired a full-time civilian BHU employee, and that person is already responding to calls. The BHU will start out with providing coverage for the day shift, but we may stagger hours in order to include some nighttime hours, as well. Ideally, this unit will be able to provide some on-call work, too. The goal of the BHU is to assist with appropriate matters including mental illness and homelessness, provide referrals, provide follow-up and assist with long-term solutions.
  - d. **Naloxone:** Naloxone is the generic form of NARCAN, which can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Marquette is proceeding with the placement of approximately 20 free NARCAN boxes at multiple areas on campus, e.g., our residence halls, the Alumni Memorial Union. To date, MUPD has never had to use NARCAN on a student/MU affiliated person, but it is frequently used in Marquette’s extended community.
  - e. **Direct Patrol Missions:** Recent crime spikes have necessitated MUPD activating Direct Patrol Missions in certain areas. This means that MUPD will add visible intensive patrols in certain geographical areas where more crime is occurring, as a way to quickly reduce crime in those areas.
2. **Crime Statistics/Trends:** Assistant Chief Kranz highlighted some crime statistics, comparing 2021 to 2022:

- a. Robberies: 16 in 2021, 18 in 2022 (including 5 reported by the Milwaukee Police Department (“MPD”));
- b. Theft from persons: 2 in 2021, 1 in 2022;
- c. Assault and battery: 99 in 2021, 103 in 2022;
- d. Sexual Assaults: 8 in 2021, 2 in 2022;
- e. Burglaries: 49 in 2021, 22 in 2022;
- f. Thefts: 369 in 2021, 342 in 2022;
- g. Motor Vehicle Thefts: 161 in 2021, 116 in 2022; and
- h. Arson: 1 in 2021, 0 in 2022.

3. Departmental Activities:

- a. Cocoa with a Cop: MUPD partnered with MPD to host an on-campus event outside of the AMU. It was an evening event and MPD brought two horses from its Mounted Patrol Unit. The Brew provided cocoa and cookies. It was a hit, with a huge crowd. Lt. Hensley reported that we will do this again before exams in May. And, apparently Blue, MUPD’s community outreach dog, did not like the horses.
- b. MUPD Hiring: Captain Peterson reported that hiring remains a challenge. MUPD currently has four open police officer positions, three open communication officer positions, two open police aide positions and two open public safety officer positions. The number of students interested in careers in law enforcement continues to decline. MUPD will be attending upcoming recruiting events at MATC and MSOE.
- c. Blue’s Birthday Party: Event will be held on March 7 at the AMU. MUPD is soliciting donations for the Backpack Program and the Bridge to the Future Fund. Blue’s birthday is on 2/22/2022.

4. Miscellaneous Topics

- a. Dr. Stroshine asked about the recent announcement by Kia/Hyundai about software updates relating to vehicle thefts. This should improve the problem, and it’s a free fix, but the update can only be performed at Kia/Hyundai dealers.
- b. Ms. St. Arnold Bell asked about catalytic converter thefts on campus. MUPD indicated this is happening in Milwaukee, but not in the Marquette area.
- c. MUPD reported that there is a new crime trend in the area – smashing vehicle windows and looking for firearms (e.g., at events at the Fiserv Forum). Last year, citywide, there were thousands of guns stolen from parked cars.
- d. Mr. Conway asked for an update on bodycams and Chief Hudson indicated that MUPD is still on target for a soft launch in late April.

5. Public Comments: None

6. Other Business: None

7. Next Meeting Date: tentatively April 25, 2023 at 2:30 pm. Location TBD.

8. Adjournment: The Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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