

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY BOARD
April 21, 2020

A virtual meeting (Microsoft Teams) of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 3:33 p.m. 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 login information for the Microsoft Teams 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; Keith Stanley, Executive Director of Avenues West and Near West Side Partners; Sara Manjee, President of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG); and Jenna Goeb, Prospect Research Analyst in University Advancement. Non-Board Members present at the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant MUPD Chief; Katie Berigan, MUPD Captain; Christin Berges, MUPD Data Analytics Specialist; Kevin Conway, Associate Director of University Communication; and Jeff Kipfmueller, Senior Associate General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board). Although Dr. Stroshine’s term was set to expire in June 2020, President Lovell has nominated her for an additional three-year term. Also, due to COVID-19, MUSG has moved its elections to September 2020, so Ms. Manjee temporarily remains on the Board until after the fall elections.

Consideration of Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Meeting. The minutes for the February 4, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by the Board Members with no revisions.

Updates on Departmental Activities, Initiatives and Crime Statistics. The following updates were provided by MUPD personnel:

1. **Democratic National Convention:** It has been officially rescheduled to the week of August 17, 2020. At this time, we have no additional details.
2. **Pandemic:** Chief Hudson thanked Assistant Chief Kranz for all of his assistance with pandemic planning and response. Two MUPD officers were diagnosed with COVID and an additional five officers were quarantined, as a result. Both officers have since returned and are healthy. Chief Hudson explained that MUPD has split the shifts (1/2 on the street, 1/2 in the office). Further, the number of in-person meetings have been reduced, when possible. Even roll calls have been changed, and now take place in the parking structure. Squad cars are disinfected. On a daily basis, every MUPD employee gets questioned about symptoms and temperatures are taken. Anyone with 100.4 temperature, or above, is sent home. Chief Hudson shared that MUPD now has a third positive case, but no additional employees need to quarantine. The County Jail is accepting very few arrested individuals at this time. MUPD is now

transporting arrested individuals via a police wagon, versus squad cars—keeping both the prisoners and officers safe. N95 masks are issued to MUPD officers and are being carefully rationed. There is now a decontamination area at MUPD. Dispatchers are kept separate, with physical distancing (separate office areas) to prevent others from being contaminated/quarantined. There is a 4:00 pm check-in every day for all department members; touch base, updates shared, changes in policy, etc. Limos are running, one passenger at a time, at a rate of 25-30 rides per night. Passengers are asked symptom questions, names are taken (for potential contact tracing), and there are one or two limos on the street per night.

- a. Mr. Stanley asked about students who are still living in the neighborhood and if they move out how we will handle items left on the street. MUPD will determine if there are changes to the move-outs.

3. Crime Statistics

- a. Robberies: 3 for 1st quarter. Assaults and batteries: 12. Burglaries are up a bit. Thefts have significantly increased. Due to COVID, there are a number of changes that have occurred—the Milwaukee Rescue Mission has stopped accepting new clients a couple of weeks ago. So, they have 100-130 clients, and they are not allowed to leave. This pushes some homeless population into the neighborhood. Panhandling has reduced, due to no traffic, so there is a spike in thefts. 7-11, Walgreens and Sendik's have all experienced increased thefts. Robbery today was at Walgreens, with one person in custody, seeking two additional suspects. 7/11 and Sendik's have altered their hours, Walgreens has not.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. A homeless encampment behind Sobelman's was removed.
- b. Homeless First is providing vouchers to the Ambassador Inn. There is also a quarantine location in St. Francis to which people with symptoms can be transferred. Many main shelters are not accepting people at this time.
- c. Changes to Annual Safety Report: There was an email sent out on 4/3/2020 noting a discrepancy in the numbers. The change is on page 20 of the ASR. It was a data collection error. Fondling (res halls) went from 3 to 7. Rape total 2018 was 4, correct number is 5. Clery Center will be on campus this summer and will be providing training to all departments.
- d. Student Safety Task Force: we have postponed until some sort of normalcy returns.
- e. Vacancy Report: MUPD is in the process of hiring three new police officers, all scheduled to start the 3rd week of May. And, an offer has been made to a communications officer and to an office administrator. That will complete all hiring and fill all vacancies. Interviews have been via MS Teams. Dr. Stroshine asked about challenges for finding candidates and how we have had success. All three incoming officers have law

enforcement experience. Chief stated how thankful she was with the University supporting hiring efforts. Chair asked about furloughs at MUPD, and the Chief indicated that some MUPD employees were furloughed.

f. Captain Berigan introduced Christin Berges, MUPD's new data analyst, to us. She comes from the Orlando, FL area. It's not static data, but more "intelligence." This includes interfacing and cooperating with other agencies in the area. She started March 3, 2020.

5. Disciplinary Referral Process for Students: If a citation is issued, a report is forwarded to Student Development. Or, MUPD can put minor violations into the student conduct process without a citation. Sometimes Student Conduct is more impactful than receiving a citation. MUPD officers are rarely called to testify at conduct hearings. However, the report is utilized in the hearing. Outcomes vary widely. Incidents range from having a beer in a dorm room or providing alcohol to an underage person. There is progressive discipline which is published on Student Development website. Although there have been increased cases, we do not know the reasons for the increase. Nothing has changed, in terms of enforcement, which would have caused a spike in cases.

6. Public Comments: Chair did include a mechanism by which members of the public could be included in the call, but none did so.

7. Other Business: None

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: Chair suggests that we will confer by email in July to schedule the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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