

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

January 29, 2021

A virtual meeting (Microsoft Teams) of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 1:01 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; Evelia Guerrero, President of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG); and Ms. Cliona Draper, Prospect Research Analyst in University Advancement who is taking over Ms. Jenna Goeb’s place on the Board. Non-Board Members present at the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant MUPD Chief; Ruth Peterson, MUPD Captain; Josiah Williams, MUPD Sergeant; Tom Wichgers, MUPD Officer; Kevin Conway, OMC Associate Director; and Jeff Kipfmueller, Senior Associate General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Consideration of Minutes of the November 6, 2020 Meeting. The minutes for the November 6, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved and adopted by voice vote by the Board Members with no revisions.

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

1. **COVID Response:** Assistant Chief Kranz indicated that MUPD has been working on bus tracking, for student transportation, via the Eagle Eye app. Trackers have been in use for the past month or so and they have been a success. To minimize the spread of COVID, there will be increased enforcement of parties and extra patrols now that the students have returned. MUPD also plans to send out a message to students to gain cooperation with mitigation measures. Last semester, MUPD transported students to quarantine/isolation and will do so this semester, as well.
2. **Use of Force:** The Trump Administration required police departments to review their use of force policies. MUPD did make some changes to its policy regarding use of force, including the banning of chokeholds. Chokeholds were never taught in training for use by MUPD officers, but now there is a specific prohibition on the use of chokeholds/vascular restraints. Historically, MUPD has a very low use of force frequency. Chief Hudson stated that MUPD maintains statistics regarding use of force and does share those periodically. Also, MUPD sends all of its staff through Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This also helps officers

deescalate and reduce the need for use of force. Dr. Stroshine pointed out that often use of force is related to mental health and drug/alcohol situations. Chief Hudson stated, “Not everyone needs to go to jail and not everyone needs hands-on.” All Wisconsin law enforcement agencies are now required to report use of force incidents if there is a death, serious bodily harm, an officer’s discharge of a firearm in direction of person or if there is a death of a person in police custody – and all must be reported to the State of Wisconsin, within 30 days.

3. Staffing Changes: MUPD has had two recent resignations from the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). In addition, MUPD’s data analyst, a Captain, and an office manager have left MUPD. The good news is that MUPD was able to recruit internally and hired existing employees for two of three police officer vacancies. These employees will be going through the police academy and will be police officers as of May 21, 2021.
4. Community Engagement and Training: MUPD has an excellent relationship with the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southeast Wisconsin. De-escalation training will be provided to MUPD officers by Waukesha County and thereafter will teach de-escalation in-house. Active Shooter training is ongoing. MUPD has reached out to MUSG to see how students think MUPD can provide better service. Mr. Stanley asked about Nattie, the dog, and whether there are opportunities for something similar in the future, for officers to engage with community. Ms. Guerrero suggested that MUPD could join a MUSG meeting to help gain student input.
5. Diversity Liaison Program. Captain Peterson provided some background on this program, which is comprised of one sergeant and three police officers. It is intended that these officers get to know the community, and vice versa. These individuals are assigned additional duties and are identified as resources to which community members can reach out.
6. Crime Statistics: For a long time, MUPD utilized the “summary method” of reporting crimes. For example, if one incident involved a homicide, a burglary and a motor vehicle theft, that single incident was reported as the highest level – homicide. Now, the federal government has moved to an incident-based system (NIRBRS) which requires that all criminal acts, not just a single summary issue, be reported. Because of this change, there will be a change in our crime statistic numbers, due to the reporting method, not an increase in crime. Chief Hudson stated that MUPD will make a notation about this change, so that people are not alarmed by an apparent increase in numbers.
7. Crime Report: Assistant Chief Kranz reported on crime statistics (comparing 2019 to 2020):
 - a. Crimes against persons remained quite steady (robberies increased from 13 to 19).
 - b. Thefts from persons remained steady at 6.
 - c. Sexual assaults decreased from 6 to 1.
 - d. Property crimes increased significantly; there were 23 burglaries in 2019, 36 in 2020 (MUPD arrested two serial burglars, however, who accounted for 23 of those 36 burglaries).
 - e. Thefts increased from 215 in 2019 to 346 in 2020. People are stealing food and necessities, which likely relates to the current COVID situation.

- f. Motor vehicle thefts increased from 25 to 42. Apparently, there is a significant increase in thefts of Kia and Hyundai vehicles in our area and city-wide. The best prevention is The Club. Kids between the ages of 14-18 are stealing cars, joyriding, committing crimes. The Chair asked about whether the manufacturer could fix this problem, but there has been no fix to date. Mr. Stanley indicated that he would like to partner with MUPD and possibly give out The Club – at nominal cost. Chief Hudson suggested Master Lock as a possible partner. Ms. Draper asked about the decrease in sexual assaults; Assistant Chief Kranz stated that there are fewer students on campus during COVID and that victims have many options, in terms of reporting.
8. Citizen Complaints: Chief Hudson indicated that citizen complaints filed with MUPD are infrequent and she had none to report. She stated there was an internal investigation completed that resulted in a verbal warning for one MUPD police officer. MUPD is updating its citizen complaint policy and will combine the citizen complaint and internal investigations policies into a single policy.
9. Public Comments: None.
10. Other Business: Ms. Guerrero asked about National Marquette Day and whether MUPD is concerned about big parties. Assistant Chief Kranz indicated it is on MUPD’s radar and there will be increased patrols. Mr. Stanley stated that, during a spate of increased motor vehicle thefts, the Near Westside Partners placed cards on car windshields to help publicize increased motor vehicle thefts – and indicated that social media is another method to increase awareness.
11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. is tentative date of the next Board meeting.
12. Adjournment: The Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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