

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

February 18, 2022

A virtual meeting (via Microsoft Teams) of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Friday, February 18, 2022, at 3:00 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; Katie Breck, President of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG); and Ms. Cliona Draper, Prospect Research Analyst in University Advancement. Non-Board Members present at the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant MUPD Chief; Kevin Conway, OMC Associate Director; and Jeff Kipfmuller, Deputy General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Consideration of Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Meeting. The minutes for the December 9, 2021 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. **Coffee with a Cop:** Chief Hudson indicated that some of these outreach sessions have had very little attendance; she plans to reach out to OMC for assistance.
2. **Crime Update:** Assistant Chief Kranz reported that through January 2022, as compared to the previous year:
 - a. Robberies increased to two (one last year);
 - b. Theft from person increased to one (zero last year);
 - c. Assaults increased to six (five last year);
 - d. Personal property crimes increased to nine (six last year);
 - e. Burglaries significantly decreased to one (12 last year);
 - f. Thefts decreased to 25 (26 last year); and
 - g. Car thefts increased to 15 (six last year). These are still mostly Hyundai/Kia and MUPD continues to offer “The Club” theft deterrent, for free, to our community.
3. **Recent Events:** There was a MPD Officer who was shot in the MUPD Patrol Zone; there have been multiple reports of shots fired; and a student was shot at during a road rage

incident. These were pass-through issues, which were not specifically targeted at the Marquette community. MUPD has a directed patrol mission (DPM) which brings in four additional officers to patrol at certain times; their duties include crime reduction through being highly visible, to circulate in our neighborhood, to mingle with students and citizens, and to make our campus area less appealing to criminals. This is not an attempt to “lock down” campus, or to pull all drivers over who are passing through campus, for example. Ms. Breck asked about increasing security in our parking structures and Assistant Chief Kranz asked her to provide more details to allow an appropriate response. Ms. Draper asked a question about crossfire when it comes to the Marquette Child Care Center, and its playground. Assistant Chief Kranz stated there is always a concern about where any bullet goes when it is fired in our area. Dr. Stroshine asked for more details about who is perpetrating the assaults. Assistant Chief Kranz indicated that he can provide a more detailed statistical breakdown at the next Board meeting. Dr. Stroshine also asked about how the DPM is being deployed in certain locations; the response was that the primary area is west of 16th Street, as this is where many of the shots fired reports are originating. Ms. Breck asked if MUPD could provide a presentation to students, like a recent dental school presentation, and Chief Hudson indicated she is willing to do this; she also indicated that managing “fear” is also an important part of educating our community.

4. Safety Task Force: There was discussion about the new task force assembled by President Lovell, to create a comprehensive safety plan for campus. Hiring is part of the plan, specifically the hiring of more police officers and more LIMO drivers. There will also be a focus on safety through environmental design (lighting, bushes, landscaping), and a review of the security of, and access to, campus buildings. Students will be invited to voice concerns about locking down residence halls, for example. There will also be meetings with community leaders. President Lovell has already talked to the Chief of MPD and how they can assist us, and vice versa. There will also be conversations with the Acting Mayor, council members, the Sheriff’s Dept., etc. Unfortunately, hiring within law enforcement is extremely challenging right now. We may need to shift from hiring new, younger people to adding older, experienced, people to our workforce (e.g., retired MPD officers). An MUSG voice would be helpful to help MUPD learn what might attract people to consider law enforcement as a career. The first steering committee is this coming Monday, and task force members will be announced shortly. Ms. Draper asked how students can get into buildings if they do not have their ID with them; Chief Hudson indicated there will still be people at the front desks and that we are considering intercoms and other methods, as well.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Other Business: None
7. Next Meeting Date: Will be determined, sometime in April.

8. Adjournment: The Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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