

**MINUTES OF Q4 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (MUPD) ADVISORY BOARD**

January 31, 2025

Eckstein Hall – Room 432

Secretary: Michael T. Flynn – Associate General Counsel

1. **Call to Order:** (2:00PM quorum established)
2. **Roll Call of Advisory Board Members:** (present)
 - Kevin Conway – Associate Director of University Communication
 - Michael T. Flynn – Associate General Counsel
 - Edith Hudson – MUPD Chief of Police
 - Michelle Kasbohm - Associate Director - Career Center / Staff Representative
 - Jeffrey Kranz – MUPD Assistant Chief of Police
 - Michael O’Hear – Professor of Law / Board Chair
 - Carrie Peters – MUPD Data Analytics Specialist
 - Ruth Peterson – MUPD Captain
 - Meghan Stroshine - Chair & Associate Professor of Social and Cultural Sciences / Board Vice Chair
 - Brennan Wills – Student Representative
3. **Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024, Meeting:** (unanimous)
4. **MUPD Updates:**

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a. Crime Trends: Summary of January 1 through December 31, 2024 (Peters)

Marquette University Police Department January 1 through December 31, 2022/2023/2024						
Crimes Reported:	2022		2023		2024	
	MPD	MUPD	MPD	MUPD	MPD	MUPD
Personal Crimes						
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	5	13	8	17	4	10
Theft from Person	0	1	1	2	0	0
Assault/Battery	9	106	8	94	3	137
Sexual Assault/Rape	0	4	1	8	0	9
Total:	15	124	18	121	7	156
	139		139		163	
Property Crimes						
Burglary	1	22	1	52	2	25
Thefts (inc. retail)	1	347	0	310	0	319
Motor Vehicle Thefts	27	115	19	120	2	95
Arson	2	0	0	1	0	3
Total:	31	484	20	483	4	442
	515		503		446	

- 0 Homicides.
- 14 Robberies in 2024. 44% annual decrease from 2023.
- 0 Thefts from Person.
- 140 Assaults/Batteries in 2024. 33% annual increase from 2023.
 - 13 MUPD Officers assaulted/battered
 - Many of the assaults/battery perpetrators have unaddressed mental health needs
 - Increase seems to correlate with opening of Mental Health Emergency Center at 1525 N. 12th Street
- 9 Sexual Assault/Rapes in 2024. Same as 2023
- 27 Burglaries in 2024. 49% annual decrease from 2023.
- 319 Thefts in 2024. 3% annual increase from 2023.
- 97 Motor Vehicle thefts. 31% annual decrease from 2023.
 - Largely attributable to effectiveness of The Club anti-theft device
- 3 Arson incidents. 300% increase over 2023, when there was only 1 incident.
 - Of the 3 arson incidents, 2 were committed by same perpetrator

- b. Near West Side Safety Issues (Krantz): Violence and gun-related crimes are escalating, largely due to transient housing which is poorly managed, spilling over into Marquette campus, which is a challenge for MUPD because Sherriff will not jail suspects accused of violent misdemeanors (other than domestic violence) due to capacity issues.

Examples:

- January 29, 2025, incident involving male suspect aiming rifle out car window at pedestrian mother and daughter. MUPD was forced to book and release misdemeanor suspect (after confiscating rifle).
- January 31, 2025, incident involving male burglary suspect arrested at Alumni Memorial Union but booked and released despite 20 previous MUPD contacts (history of mental health issue). Suspect subsequently burned himself and his apartment in an attempt to disperse evil spirits.

- c. Departmental Activities: (Peterson)

- Shop With A Cop – In conjunction with the following law enforcement organizations, MUPD participated in the following charitable events involving organizational representatives taking local disadvantaged children for Christmas shopping, gift wrapping and pizza lunch:
 - December 6, 2024, with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
 - December 13, 2024, with the West Milwaukee Police Department
- Monthly Coffee With A Cop:
 - The Brew at AMU
 - Starbucks, 1610 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233
- February 24, 2025: Meet & Greet with Blue at Mashuda Hall

- d. New Hires and Vacancies: (Hudson)

- New Hires: Two student interns
 - Behavioral Health Unit
 - Data Analytics
- One opening for Police Officer - two interviews pending

- e. Personnel Issues: (Kranz)

- Officer Isaiah Espino charged by Milwaukee County District Attorney with Felony I Misconduct in Public Office in violation of Wis. Stat. § 946.12(3) due to testimony he delivered at a trial on November 11, 2024, in Milwaukee Municipal Court during which he admitted to intentionally attempting to botch his Incident Report in order to assist the defendant whom

he had arrested for OWI on April 10, 2023. Officer Espino has pled not guilty alleging that, as an MUPD officer, he is not a “public official” under Wis. Stat. § 946.12(3).

- Incident Report was eventually corrected due to managerial oversight according to Milwaukee Police Department’s independent investigation.
- Officer Espino is currently on unpaid administrative leave while MUPD investigates.
- Any open MUPD citations issued by Officer Espino will not be prosecuted because prosecutors will not call him as a witness (i.e., “Brady List”).

f. Citizen Complaints: (Hudson)

- Mother of female undergraduate complained of excessive force regarding brief handcuffing of her daughter in January 2025 on suspicion of shoplifting (released after exonerated).
 - MUPD Officer acted within his discretion (requires balancing various factors including probable cause; suspect cooperation; safety of officer and community)
 - MUPD policy is to treat suspects (both MU-related suspects and community suspects) equally
 - Nevertheless, via peer-to-peer counseling, arresting officer recognized that incident could/should have been avoided
 - Mother’s concerns resolved

g. Upcoming Events: (Hudson)

- Northwestern School of Professional Studies’ School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC) Program - leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions has accepted the following enrollments:
 - Lieutenant Jim Hensley
 - Sergeant Amy Oltendorf
- Mission Week (week of February 9, 2025)
 - 5:45PM on 02.05.2025: Mass of Blessing (Fr. Brendan McManus) at AMU Chapel of Holy Family
- 30x30 Initiative (Policing Project at NYU School of Law):
 - Goal: Increase women’s participation to 30% in law enforcement organizations by 2030
 - Symposium on March 28, 2025, to be hosted by MUPD with Milwaukee and Shorewood Police Departments
- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (week of April 13, 2025)
 - Acknowledgments can be sent to:
 - Captain Edith Hudson: edith.hudson@marquette.edu
 - Assistant Chief Jeff Kranz: jeffrey.kranz@marquette.edu

- MUPD 10th Anniversary (May, 1, 2025) – details TBD
- National Police Week (week of May 11, 2025)
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5. **Public Comments:**

- Automated External Defibrillators (AED) – Student Representative Brennan Wills informed the Board that he has heard concerns expressed as to whether there are sufficient AEDs available on campus. MUPD confirms all its squad units are equipped with AEDs and all Resident Life desks are also equipped with AEDs. Further inquiries into obtaining additional AEDs should be directed to Dennis Daye, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, who has responsibility for funding, purchasing, installing and training as it pertains to AEDs.

6. **Other Business:**

- Next Quarterly Meeting scheduled for 2:00PM on Friday, April 25, 2025, at MUPD offices.

7. **Adjournment: (2:35PM)**