

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

February 4, 2020

A meeting of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order in Eckstein Hall (Law School), Room 432, 1215 W. Michigan St. in Milwaukee, WI on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 3:30 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.

Roll Call. Board members present in person at 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; Ruth Peterson, MUPD Captain; Kevin Conway, Associate Director of University Communication; and Jeff Kipfmueller, Senior Associate General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Consideration of Minutes of the November 20, 2019 Meeting. The minutes for the November 20, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by the Board Members with two minor revisions (a misspelled name was corrected, and an abbreviated department name was spelled out in full).

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

1. **Homeless encampment(s):** At this time, there are currently no tents set up under the freeway. So far, various agencies have been able to find temporary housing for all individuals. MUPD continues to patrol the area and will assist the State in its efforts to locate alternative housing. This property is controlled by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, so multiple law enforcement agencies patrol this area (Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Department, the Milwaukee Police Department and MUPD).
2. **President’s Task Force on Student Safety:** The Chief announced that a new task force will be kicked off in a few weeks. The charge for this task force is to bring campus stakeholders together to talk about safety, perception of safety, and consider recommendations to improve student safety.
3. **MUPD Staffing:** There will be a new night shift commander for the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift: Wade Grubich is a former MPD officer who supervised the MPD night shift for the last 18 years. MUPD is currently interviewing for a vacant sergeant position. Other vacancies include an administrative assistant position, a data analytics position and two police officer

positions. A conversation about the lack of diverse police officer candidates ensued. Unfortunately, police agencies all over Wisconsin are reporting low numbers of diverse applicants and MUPD is finding this, as well.

4. Officer Wellness: MUPD is working with Dr. Marla Guerrero in the Counseling Center to provide training in trauma and informed care. If there is trauma, there are steps and resources to help heal the members of the MUPD team. MUPD is looking for collaborative opportunities with MPD and the Sheriff's Department in the area of trauma-informed care.
5. Emergency Operations and Crisis Management Plan: Assistant Chief Kranz has been working on a crisis plan; OMC has been working on a crisis communication plan. The plan has been rolled out at the University Leadership Committee. There will be a crisis management committee established and tabletop exercises will be coming in March and June. The plan is based on information from FEMA and will be tested annually.
6. Democratic National Convention: Our campus will be very busy, as many of our residence halls will be utilized. Straz Tower and some of our property may be in the security perimeter. MUPD will set up an emergency operations center for the DNC. Straz Tower will not be closed, however all of our buildings will be locked and require swipe access.
7. Crime Statistics: Robberies: 20 in 2017, 10 in 2018, and 16 in 2019. Of these 16, 15 were cleared by MUPD. Crimes against persons: 8 in 2017, 6 in 2018, and 9 in 2019. Assaults and batteries: 40 in 2018, and 42 in 2019. Burglaries: 40 in 2017, down to 24 in 2019. Thefts: 299 in 2017, 321 in 2018, and 354 in 2019. This year, we have had one battery, and nine burglaries. A MU student saw a suspicious person with a backpack and MUPD responded and picked him up. He confessed to 13 burglaries and one theft. MUPD is utilizing concentrated patrols.
8. Traffic Concerns: Mr. Stanley asked a question about traffic issues on Wisconsin Avenue. MUPD does have some funding from the state to help us with us. For example, MUPD has posted additional officers to help with traffic concerns. We are also concerned with very fast traffic on both 16th and 17th Streets. Chief Hudson recently spoke with Alderman Baumann regarding traffic in and around campus.
9. Milwaukee Marathon: Mr. Stanley also mentioned the Milwaukee Marathon, scheduled for Saturday, April 11. Apparently, part of the route will be on the Marquette campus.
10. Community Outreach: There will be a Coffee with Natty this Friday. Other programs include a suicide prevention program and Give Marquette Day. Self-defense classes and active shooter trainings are ongoing. People are still downloading the Eagle Eye App.

Semiannual Report on Citizen Complaints: In 2019, MUPD had zero citizen complaints. The Chair asked whether a person could make a citizen complaint on the Eagle Eye App; that is not possible at this time.

Public Comments: No comments.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Selection of Next Meeting Date: The next Board Meeting was set for April 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Eckstein Hall, Room 432.

Adjournment : There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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