

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

March 1, 2019

A meeting of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order in Room 432 of Eckstein Hall on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 9:02 a.m. Due and timely notice of the meeting, and 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; Carol Trecek, Director of Continuing Education and Alumni Relations, Marquette University Dental School; Dr. Meghan Stroshine, Associate Professor in Social & Cultural Sciences, Klingler College of Arts and Sciences; and Meredith Gillespie, President of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG). Non-Board Members present at the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, MUPD Captain; Ruth Peterson, MUPD Captain; Joe Erwin, MUPD Detective Lieutenant; Chris Gatzke, MUPD Sergeant; and Jeff Kipfmueller, Senior Associate General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

**Consideration of Minutes of the October 25, 2018 Meeting.** The minutes for the October 25, 2018 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by the Board Members with one minor change (motion by Ms. Trecek, seconded by Dr. Stroshine).

**Introductions & Farewells.** Tom Hammer, former Chair of the Board, introduced Professor O’Hear as the new Chair of the Board, as appointed by President Lovell. Professor Hammer also welcomed Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief, to the Board. Finally, Professor Hammer thanked his colleagues for their work on the Board over the last three years. Chief Hudson thanked the Board for past and future input and guidance.

**Update on Departmental Activities and Initiatives.** Chief Hudson provided the following updates:

**Agenda for the first six months.** Chief Hudson stated she is performing a needs assessment for MUPD and has identified multiple areas of focus: 1) Officer safety and wellness, 2) Policy and procedure review, with priority being given to use of force, vehicle pursuits and other high risk activities, 3) Employee development, not just training but mentorship, too, 4) Review of campus safety, 5) Messaging of safety tools and tips for the campus community, 6) Pedestrian safety, specifically starting a pedestrian safety initiative, 7) Risk assessment of all campus buildings, 8) Data analysis, not just crime statistics, but also doing more with cameras and access control systems, 9) Equipment and office space (for example, challenges with the vehicle fleet, and office space is a bit restrictive), and 10) Innovation—we can learn much from other departments.

**Discussion.** Pedestrian safety and parking structure safety were mentioned as concerns by Ms. Trecek. Ms. Gillespie stated that 12<sup>th</sup> and Kilbourn is an intersection of concern for pedestrians and that campus LIMO’s are under-resourced. There was conversation about changing/improving traffic signals, and we learned that MUPD is already talking to the Department of Public Works on this topic. The Chair indicated that the Board is willing to write a letter of support and/or to seek support from upper administration for changes involving the City. The Chair also offered Board assistance in reviewing/commenting on proposed policy changes. Captain Kranz indicated that MUPD has recently implemented a Tire Deflation Policy. The Chair asked about body cameras and Captain Kranz indicated that this proposal has changed significantly for

Marquette over time. For example, the body camera company changed its pricing model which may require Marquette to rethink its position on body cameras.

Crime Statistics. Captain Kranz updated the crime statistics for the Board. In 2017, there were 20 robberies; in 2018, there were 11 (seven cleared by arrest; two victims were students, one was faculty, none were armed, two involved weapons). Theft from persons increased from eight to 18, most likely due to a phone snatching increase across the city. Assaults and batteries have increased from 42 in 2017 to 48 in 2018 (37 victims were not MU-related in 2018). MUPD is seeing an increase in calls from the surrounding community (non-MU) and the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) is actively referring calls to MUPD. In 2017, MPD sent 103 calls to MUPD. In 2018, that has increased to 206 calls. At this point, Captain Kranz indicated there was no negative impact on the ability of MUPD to respond to calls due to these referred calls, but we will need to watch this. The Chief indicated that she will not allow MPD to overuse MUPD. Burglaries dropped from 44 in 2017 to 23 in 2018. Thefts dropped from 339 to 215. MUPD has 23 of 24 SSO positions filled. MUPD currently has 28 LIMO drivers, but optimum number is 60. It is tough to fill the late-night shifts.

Technology Update. Sergeant Gatzke discussed the Eagle Eye Safety app, which went live in August 2018. There have been about 1,300 downloads to date. This app provides safety resources, emergency contacts, links to LIMO service, a mobile Blue Light (which can provide police with GPS location), a virtual Friend Walk, LIMO maps, MCTS maps, safety procedures, etc.

Community Outreach. MUPD has seen a significant increase in self-defense class participation since the Office of Marketing and Communication has been involved in promotion. Other programs that MUPD is providing: Coffee with a Cop, Tenant Training (for apartment dwellers), Home Safe Home (residence hall safety), Adopt-A-Hall Program (where two MUPD officers are assigned to each residence hall and the residents get to know these officers), New Employee Orientation, Shop with A Cop, Toy Drive for Christmas (Penfield Children's Center), Run with A Cop, Cop on a Rooftop, Polar Plunge and Read to Us (where officers read to young kids in two different schools). Chief Hudson talked about Active Shooter Training and she is going to send a link to the Board to an online video from Florida State University.

Public Comments. None.

Other Business. None.

Selection of Next Meeting Date. The next Board Meeting will be sent out once a date is determined, likely in late April or early May.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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