

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

February 16, 2024

An in-person meeting of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 1:05 p.m. at Eckstein Hall, Room 304 at the Marquette University Law School. Due and timely notice of the meeting, including an agenda, 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 information about the 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; and Lindsey St. Arnold Bell, Executive Director of Near West Side Partners. Absent were Chris Bartolone, Assistant Director for Facilities Services, and Abbie Moravec, Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) President. Non-Board Members attending the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant Chief of MUPD; James Hensley, MUPD Lieutenant; Kevin Conway, Associate Director of University Communication; and Jeff Kipfmueller, Deputy General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Minutes. Minutes from the Board’s meeting of November 13, 2023, were approved unanimously.

Updates on Departmental Activities, Initiatives and Crime Statistics.

1. **Crime Statistics/Trends:** Assistant Chief Kranz reported on the crime statistics appended at the end of these minutes. Crime seems to be trending down overall, in both the city and the MUPD patrol zone. Assistant Chief Kranz described two different incidents in which MUPD officer were hurt while apprehending suspects.
2. **Community Engagement:**
 - **Coffee with a Cop** continues to grow in popularity and has been expanded. Frequency has increased from once to three time per month, with locations now including the Dental School and the Law School. “Juice with a Cop” will debut soon at the Child Care Center.
 - **Blue:** In May, he’ll have his second anniversary. He has had one million social media impressions. Students react very positively to him. Upon request, he is being made available for appearances at exams to calm students down.
3. **Body Cams** have been successfully implemented. However, it is very time-consuming to respond to requests for footage from the media or members of the public because of all of the redacting that must be done, e.g., for privacy purposes. Some footage is used for MUPD training purposes. MUPD command staff can turn on bodycams remotely and view them from MUPD headquarters. Command staff can also see where all the bodycams are in the patrol zone (like an overhead map).
4. **Tasers:** We have ten new tasers, funded with a grant. All officers have been trained to use them., out in the field right now.
5. **Servant Leadership:** MUPD has trained entire Department (command staff, all sworn officers, and civilian staff). Lieutenant Hensley has also been training Milwaukee Police Department officers in servant leadership at the request of the MPD chief.

6. Peer Support Team and Chaplaincy Program: Peer support program connects officers with other officers who may need some extra support and an opportunity to talk with someone who has experienced similar difficulties. MUPD is also brings in a Jesuit chaplaincy.
7. Crisis Management: MUPD recently completed a critical incident tabletop exercise involving the evacuation of a large venue. MUPD supervisors and Athletics staff joined in this two-hour exercise.
8. Republican National Convention: MUPD provided the Board with updates on RNC planning. More details will be provided as we get closer. Most campus guests will start arriving on July 10. Most, if not all, available rooms have been booked.
9. Staffing: Shortages have been alleviated. There is one police officer vacancy, and three public safety officer vacancies, will work with HR to fill these. Two new communications officers have been hired. There is an additional vacancy for a second police aide.
10. Patrol Zone Changes will become effective June 1, 2024.

Next Meeting. The Board's next meeting will be on Friday, April 19, at 1:00 at the MUPD's offices.

Adjournment. The Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Hear
Chair, MUPD Advisory Board

Marquette University Police Department January 1 through January 31, 2022/2023/2024						
Crimes Reported:	2022		2023		2024	
	MPD	MUPD	MPD	MUPD	MPD	MUPD
<i>Personal Crimes</i>						
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	0	4	1	0	0
Theft from Person	0	1	0	0	0	0
Assault/Battery	3	3	2	9	0	8
Sexual Assault/Rape	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total:	5	4	6	10	0	11
	9		16		11	
<i>Property Crimes</i>						
Burglary	0	1	0	9	1	1
Thefts (inc. retail)	0	25	0	21	0	13
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	13	1	4	1	2
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	3	39	1	34	2	16
	42		35		18	