

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

April 23, 2021

A virtual meeting (via Microsoft Teams) of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 1:01 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; Ruth Peterson, MUPD Captain; Josiah Williams, MUPD Sergeant; Tom Wichgers, MUPD Officer; Carrie Peters, MUPD Data Analytics Specialist; Kevin Conway, OMC Associate Director; and Jeff Kipfmuller, Senior Associate General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Consideration of Minutes of the January 29, 2021 Meeting. The minutes for the January 29, 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. **Tasers:** In light of the recent, tragic police incident in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, Chief Hudson confirmed that certain trained MUPD officers carry Tasers. Assistant Chief Kranz showed the Board a photo of the bright yellow Taser model that is utilized by MUPD. He indicated that MUPD officers carry Tasers on the opposite side of their body (e.g., right-handed officers carry the Taser on their left side, and vice versa). MUPD will review its Taser use policy and determine if there are any things it can do to minimize the risk of using the wrong weapon.
2. **Use of force policy:** Chief Hudson confirmed that MUPD is currently in compliance with the Trump administration directives regarding MUPD’s use of force policy. She also indicated that the MUPD use of force policy has been formally reviewed and approved by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WLEAG), as required. It is a safe assumption that there will be changes required to law enforcement policies, nationwide, in the future.

3. Staffing vacancies: Captain Peterson stated that MUPD has recently hired a lieutenant, a police officer, a data analytics officer, two public safety officers, and a communications officer. She also indicated that MUPD is currently interviewing candidates for oversight of the LIMO/Student Safety program.
4. Campus outreach/initiatives:
 - a. Self-defense: Two self-defense classes were presented by MUPD in April. MUPD is in the process of scheduling a self-defense class for a sorority. Such classes will resume in the fall.
 - b. Marquette Backpack Program: MUPD held an internal food drive and collected 270 items for this program. MUPD will soon be a drop-off location for non-perishable items for the Backpack Program.
5. Crime Statistics: (last year to this year, in the MUPD patrol zone)
 - a. Homicide, 0 to 1. The victim was not a Marquette student, had just graduated from UW Whitewater. He was selling a pair of high-end glasses, and it became a robbery, two suspects in custody. Incident occurred at 22nd and Wisconsin, victim lived in the MUPD patrol zone.
 - b. Robberies, 3 to 2
 - c. Aggravated assaults, 12 to 17
 - d. Sexual assaults, 0 to 1
 - e. Burglaries, 16 to 19
 - f. Thefts, 73 to 54
 - g. Motor Vehicle Thefts, 6 to 13
6. Recent incident: Assistant Chief Kranz referenced the recent arrest of a person who was randomly punching females on campus. MUPD took him into custody multiple times, but he was then released by MPD. MUPD issued a safety alert, and the suspect was taken into custody by MUPD, again. MUPD worked with the community prosecutor in this case and the individual was placed into a mandatory mental health evaluation at Mendota Mental Health Institute, and he is hopefully getting the help he needs. Arresting him repeatedly simply did not solve the problem.
7. Student Interactions: Chief Hudson shared that MUPD has recently reviewed statistics regarding its interaction with students on campus, and whether race played a role. The review analyzed self-initiated activity (activity that officers initiate themselves). In 2020, there were 64 incidents (from calls for service data), with male students stopped; 52 (81%) were white males, 4 were black males, 6 were Asian males and 2 were unknown race males. For 2021, January through March, there were 25 students stopped; 24 (96%) were white males, 0 were black males, 1 was an Asian male. Female students: 2020, 22 total stops of which 21 were white females (95%), 1 black female (5%). 2021: 10 female students stopped, 9 were white females, 1 was an Asian female. The Chair also asked about non-student interactions, and if any were being frisked. Assistant Chief Kranz added that MUPD does not have a “stop and frisk” mandate or policy and there is no reward for finding more guns, for example. Feedback from community is very positive about how we police. Chief Hudson predicts that body-worn cameras will likely be a requirement by the legislature in the near future.

Mr. Stanley added that the neighboring community, residents, and businesses have always been impressed by MUPD's work, and that MUPD goes above and beyond. Ms. Breck asked if this data will be shared with students. Chief Hudson indicated that that is the plan, but the data must first be analyzed further by Marquette academics.

8. Public Comments: None.
9. Other Business: None.
10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: Next meeting date will be determined, likely in August or September 2021.
11. Adjournment: The Chair concluded the meeting and adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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