

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

November 20, 2019

A meeting of the Marquette University Police Department (MUPD) Advisory Board was called to order in Eckstein Hall (Law School), Room 255, 1215 W. Michigan St. in Milwaukee, WI on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 3:29 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; and Sara Manjee, President of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG). Board member Jenna Goeb was absent; filling in for her was Carol Trecek, Director of Continuing Education and Alumni Relations, Marquette University Dental School. Non-Board Members present at the meeting included Edith Hudson, MUPD Chief; Jeff Kranz, Assistant MUPD Chief; Katie Berigan, MUPD Captain; Kevin Conway, Associate Director of University Communication; and Jeff Kipfmuller, Senior Associate General Counsel (as legal counsel to the Board).

Consideration of Minutes of the May 3, 2019 Meeting. The minutes for the September 11, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by the Board Members with no changes.

Update on Departmental Activities and Initiatives. The following updates were provided by MUPD personnel:

1. Changes in MUPD structure/promotion/staffing. Chief Hudson indicated that two long-time officers have left MUPD: Jill Weisensel and Carrie Peters.
2. The Nattie Safety Series will begin in 2020. Chief Hudson is currently soliciting ideas for monthly themes.
3. Pedestrian Safety Initiative will be tabled for now but revisited for the next academic year.
4. 2020 Democratic National Convention. There is not much info to share at this time, but there should be much more info to share at the next meeting. We are awaiting the announcement of the security perimeter and whether it will include any parts of Marquette.
5. Active Shooter Trainings. Frequency of trainings has been increased and training is now available through the GROW Program and by request. Additional MUPD staff have been trained to present on this topic.
6. The number of self-defense classes, taught by MUPD, has increased via GROW and by request.
7. Eagle Eye App has now been downloaded more than 3,300 times; 80% of these downloads have been iOS.

8. Operations.
 - a. Recent shooting outside the Milwaukee Public Library. This occurred about a half block from Straz Tower, and it did not involve MU students or personnel. MUPD immediately sent a text message and locked down Straz Tower. MUPD also sent the rest of campus a safety alert. The lockdown was lifted about 15 minutes later, once information was obtained showing where the suspect was heading. It took about five minutes from the time the shots were fired to the lockdown of Straz Tower.
 - b. Missing Graduate Student. This case was publicized on campus. MUPD's initial investigation suggested that this was not a "missing person" and that the student had voluntarily left the area. The Marquette community provided assistance with this case and the student returned home safely.
 - c. Online Threat. A student posted a concerning video online suggesting violence. The student who filmed the video was in custody about five minutes after MUPD learned of this incident. The student who was filmed in the video was in MUPD custody about 15 minutes after MUPD learned of this incident. The potential threat was brought to the attention of an RA, who called MUPD. MUPD also did some messaging to the community after the people were in custody.
 - d. Protest in an academic building. A student entered an event on Marquette's campus wearing a mask; it was later found that he was carrying three knives. MUPD was alerted by people attending the event and put the student in custody quickly. Many people attending the event did not even know this had occurred.
 - e. Stalker Safety Alert. MUPD sent out a safety alert relating to a person who was stalking one of our students. This matter was resolved 2-3 hours after the alert was sent. The Title IX office and MUPD worked well together on this situation. The photo of the alleged stalker was sent out with the alert to minimize racial profiling. One African American male was stopped as a result of this alert and was unhappy with that. Dr. Eric Williams from EOP has offered to host an event in the future to have a conversation about MUPD, law enforcement, and racial profiling.
 - f. Report of Shots Fired. MUPD received a report of possible gunfire. However, there was no muzzle flash, no shell casing, and no evidence that any shots had been fired. Marquette does not have Shot Spotter technology on its campus.
9. Crime Statistics. Robberies: 18 in 2017; 9 in 2018; 12 in 2019. All 12 robberies have been cleared by arrests. Theft from Person: 7 in 2017; 13 in 2018; 8 in 2019. Assault and battery: 26 in 2017; 34 in 2018; 35 in 2019. Burglaries: 34 in 2017; 21 in 2018; 14 in 2019. Thefts: 250 in 2017; 266 in 2018; 287 in 2019. Most of the thefts are retail thefts. Unfortunately, some of these are caused by habitual offenders for whom citations are ineffective. These statistics do not reflect only Marquette-related victims, but also include non-Marquette people. The annual figures are all calendar-year-to-date.
10. Homeless Encampment. The camp is about 90% cleared out. In a very short time period, Bell Ambulance responded to 76 calls for service to the encampment. This included falls, batteries, overdoses, traumatic injuries, giving birth, shooting, and stabbings. This encampment was also associated with increased retail thefts in the area. The Rescue Mission is not a solution because many of the people in the encampment are not willing to following the rules of the Rescue Mission, or any other similar shelter. To a question posed

by Mr. Stanley, Chief Hudson responded that most of the thefts are not being caused by people living in the Rescue Mission.

11. Dr. Stroshine asked about the type of training that MUPD officers receive, in relation to mental illness. Chief Hudson indicated that all officers are CIT-trained. (This refers to “crisis intervention training.”) MUPD will be providing trauma-informed care training to its officers in January 2020.

Public Comments. A guest asked about MUPD handing out cards to students which can help educate them about homeless people. There are “Blue Cards” which can be provided to students, with the idea being that they would give these to homeless people who ask for money. These cards list resources which can be helpful to the homeless population. The Chair indicated that some law students may be willing to help the community prosecutor as volunteers, with appropriate supervision.

Other Business. There was no further business.

Selection of Next Meeting Date. The next Board Meeting will be February 4, 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 4:31 p.m. (motion by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Ms. Mange). Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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