

ULPD Advisory Board Meeting  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30-12:00  
Online via Teams

In attendance: Gary Becker, John Drees, Steve Green, Kim Hendricks, Veronnie Faye Jones, Sarah Kaiser, Gary Lewis, Keira Martin, Mary Elizabeth Miles, Tisha Pletcher, Kayla Ray, Quanta Taylor, Angela Taylor, Tammi Thomas, Diana Whitlock

Meeting Notes:

- The ULPD is funded for 50 uniformed officers and they currently have seven vacant positions. They hope to be fully staffed by May. There is a sign on bonus for new recruits.
- ULPD is meeting with the Louisville Metro 4<sup>th</sup> division every week to collaborate and communicate as they review crime data, trends, etc. There have been two very recent incidents involving both agencies:
  - UL student involved in mayoral candidate shooting
  - UL student passed from drug overdose
- During the past year, there has been a 35% increase in safety escorts, arrest numbers remain fairly consistent, and a significant (190%) increase in assaults. Most of the assaults have taken place on affiliated properties, often by non-affiliated people. ULPD is increasing their presence at four affiliated properties.
- The meeting was opened for public comment and the following items were discussed:
  - A proposal is going to be sent to ULPD to provide additional mental health help and community counselors following the two recent incidents mentioned above.
  - There was some discussion regarding the student who passed away and how notifications took place. The student had been working with the Dean of Students for months, however, a university-wide statement or notification would not be appropriate.
  - Kognito, <https://louisville.edu/cardspeak/involved>, is being brought back to provide training for faculty/staff on suicide prevention to help identify language and how to help/support students.
  - ULPD is looking to increase and improve their presence on campus. One participant mentioned having officers come into actual buildings and suites so faculty and staff can make connections with officers.
  - The discussion of when officers need to wear full uniform or plain clothes took place. At university events, do officers need to be in full uniform? Or if there are low risk/threat events, can they be “dressed down” (i.e. jacket, polo)? The evolution of policing is changing daily on the national, local, and even campus level.
- Chief Lewis closed the meeting by reiterating that ULPD will increased presence at affiliated properties, providing overtime hours for plainclothes and uniform officers. This will be continued into this semester and will be re-evaluated at commencement. John Drees asked Chief Lewis to be a part of a group looking at communication best practices and that meeting will be taking place in the near future.

Our next meeting will be in April. Please reach out with any additional questions or needs.

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