To: Public Safety Board
From: Chief Kevin Booker
Re: PSB Recommendation Updates – UPDATES IN RED

Below is a summary of the approved Public Safety Board recommendations from 2021:

- The UIC Public Safety Board will be an enduring board. – The Chancellor approved this.

- Public safety advisories no longer will routinely use race, ethnicity, or national origin as a descriptor. – This has been in place since January 2021.

- UIC will establish a behavioral health crisis mobile response team within the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Modeled after Crisis Assistance Helping Out On the Streets and Support Team Assisted Response, this program will provide non-police crisis intervention measures for students and other community members undergoing a behavioral health crisis. – This is an ongoing initiative. This project currently resides with Student Affairs. Conversations are taking place to see how this initiative will work at UIC and how and who will it serve. Also, the Community Emergency Support and Services Act (CESSA), is being developed for each region and due to go live January 2023. We are in region 11.

- UIC Police will engage with the campus community via a series of educational listening sessions and town halls on the following topics: campus vs. city policing, how to report a complaint, police perspectives on abolish/defund the police, police accountability, campus safety resources, police training and mental health. My team and I have participated in several of these sessions and will continue to do so.
UIC Police will create a position to support the promotion and communication of Police Advancing Community Engagement events. Our staffing levels are low, but we will fill these positions in the future.

UIC Police will identify strategic partnerships, such as with the Office of Community Collaborations and community property managers, that PACE and UIC Police can work with to better address community relations and messaging. These meetings are taking place with the management of the businesses on the south campus. We also conduct BEAT meetings on the east and west campuses. The UIC Law School has been provided information as they transition to a new Dean and Security Director.

UIC Police will revise the liaison model so that campus and community stakeholders can meet with their liaison at minimum four times a year. Also, an additional two officers will be added so that community engagement is feasible for each officer and their additional responsibilities. We plan to address this need in the future once we get adequate staffing levels. In the meantime, our current staff is working to engage their current stakeholders in their assigned areas.

The Public Safety Board will work with campus administration to provide transparency as to the budgets related to safety and policing. General budgets should be provided for UIC Police, Campus Security, Student Patrol and UIC Night Ride services. These documents are prepared and ready upon request.

The Public Safety Advisory Board and UIC Police will post updates to the Advancing Racial Equity and UIC Police websites, including any student or faculty demands around policing. The UIC website has been updated to address these issues.