

MIT Police

The MIT Police continue to make new strides to better partner with the other MIT departments to meet the needs of the community. The department continues to base its policing style on a problem-solving method to make sure that its resources are returning maximum value to the community. While last year the department opened a community police office in the Stata Center complex, this school year there are plans for a new office to be opened in the Student Center. This office will be more centrally located for the convenience of students who are scheduling events on campus.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division policy of high visibility has continued to make the community safer and more secure. The constant presence of foot, bike, and motorcycle patrols continues to help reduce crimes and deliver a sense of security to the remote areas of the campus.

Professional Standards Division

The intelligence role of this division continues to be critical in the ever-changing nature of domestic threats caused by world events. The MIT Police receive timely data on all aspects of this danger that might specifically affect the MIT community.

Community Policing

This year the division designed and ran many programs for both the undergraduate and graduate students. The division continues to supply the Patrol Division with statistics to better direct patrol activity and crime bulletins to alert the community of any criminal events in or adjacent to the MIT campus.

Criminal Activity

During 2004, crimes against persons decreased in comparison to 2003. The total number of crimes against persons was 24. Computer and computer components continue to be the most frequently stolen of Institute property. The total number of thefts reported was 535, representing a 22 percent decrease from a total of 682 in 2003.

Wallets, laptops, and other electronic devices were the most frequently stolen personal items. Reported thefts from Residence Halls totaled 108, resulting in a 7 percent increase from 2003. These thefts included bicycles and electronic devices. There were 10 motor vehicles reported stolen from campus during 2003, resulting in no change from the previous year.

Department Activity

The MIT Police Department continues to partner with the MIT Housing Department's Night Watch program to best serve the needs of resident students. The police and night watch officers coordinate efforts on various incidents, including fire alarms and medical service calls. These coordinated efforts result in faster response and more resources in place to better address these types of incidents.

This year the MIT Police Department trained patrol officers in verbal communication skills to better interact with the MIT community. The MIT Police Department is one of the few departments to undertake this type of training.

The MIT Police Department's criminal sketch artist continued to be in demand by outside agencies and was helpful in many MIT cases as well.

The MIT Honor Guard continues to participate in local parades and ceremonies. This year the Honor Guard was included at Commencement and at the inauguration ceremonies.

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More information about MIT Police can be found online at <http://web.mit.edu/cp/www/>.