

MIT Police

The MIT Police continue new innovations to better meet the needs of the community. The work of changing from traditional policing methods to an approach that is based more on problem solving is beginning to be realized. This can be seen with the Community Policing Office opened in the Stata complex. This office has helped with the security concerns of opening the new facility. Morale in the department remains high as the contracts with the officer's union have been settled in short negotiating sessions.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division continues to stress high visibility to the community. The presence of foot, bicycle, and motorcycle patrol continues to add a sense of security in parking lots, garages, and other remote areas of the campus.

Professional Standards

The intelligence role of this division came to the forefront this year as planning for the Democratic National Convention required sophisticated planning between all federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. This division kept track of all intelligence that had any relevance to the MIT community.

Community Policing

This year the division was awarded a grant from the Office of Graduate Students. This money will be used to design programs to fit the needs of our graduate student community.

Criminal Activity

During 2003, crimes against persons increased by four in comparison to 2002. The total number of crimes against persons was 28. Thefts of Institute property decreased from 117 in 2002 to 114 in 2003. A total of 117 pieces of Institute property were reported stolen. Computer and computer components continue to be the most frequently stolen Institute property. There was an increase of personal property items stolen at sites other than residence halls. The total number of thefts reported was 452, representing an increase of 14 over the previous year.

Wallets, laptops, backpacks, and other electronic devices were the most frequently stolen items. Residence hall theft totaled 49 reported thefts. This is a 22 percent increase over 2002. These thefts included bicycles and electronic devices. There were six motor vehicles reported stolen from campus this year in comparison to 16 in 2002.

Department Highlights

The Department Honor Guard, formed last year, continues to be a favorite of the MIT community as well as surrounding communities. The group participated in local parades and MIT's Commencement.

Our criminal sketch artist continued to be effective within the MIT community and also has assisted other police departments with serious crimes.

The MIT Police continue to provide 24-hour emergency medical services to members of the MIT community and the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory.

The MIT Police Department is committed to continuing its efforts to become the leader in the campus police field.

John DiFava
Chief of Police

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