

MIT Police Department

The [MIT Police Department](#) is under the leadership of John Diva, chief of police. Assigned directly under the chief are three command staff members, Albert F. Pierce, chief of staff; Craig A. Martin, captain of patrol; and Cheryl Vossmer, administrative captain, who oversee Sergeant Mary Beth Riley (primarily assigned to the Office of the President); Judith A. Freeman, manager of finance and administration; and Janice A. Barca, senior financial assistant.

The primary mission of the MIT Police is to provide a safe and secure environment for all members of the MIT community—students, faculty, staff, and guests of the Institute. In addition, while keeping our main focus on the entire MIT community, department members continue to develop and maintain positive working relationships with other law enforcement agencies and universities through networking and collaboration.

Patrol Division

Captain Craig Martin is the patrol commander of the MIT Patrol Division. This division is responsible for providing quality service and a uniformed presence throughout the Institute on a 24-7 schedule. All of our police personnel are trained to focus on maintaining a safe and secure environment for faculty, students, employees, guests and visitors. The day-to-day presence of cruiser, motorcycle, bicycle, and foot patrols, conveys our effort to work in partnership with MIT community members to foster a positive experience.

This division is responsible for responding to all complaints, institute alarms, medical calls, and reports of crime on campus. In addition, our department assists local law enforcement and the Massachusetts State Police as necessary in areas adjacent to campus. MIT Police participate and assist in public related activities such as to the Fourth of July fireworks, the Cambridge Carnival, and other events. All law enforcement personnel are first responders, and respond to medical emergencies.

The MIT Patrol Division's Honor Guard comprises nine men and women who participate at special institute events, invitational events, and local parades.

Detail Office

The assigned detail officer, under the supervision of the aide to the patrol commander, is responsible for reviewing and assigning police details for student gatherings, Institute events, construction projects, and internal needs. This office works with Campus Activities to ensure the safety and security needs for all scheduled events. In addition, this officer also works closely with MIT Facilities by assigning police details to construction sites for the safety of the public.

Special Services Division

The Special Services Division is staffed by three detectives and one captain. An on-call detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist the Patrol Division

during major incidents. This unit is responsible for investigating any crimes within the MIT community as well as Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties. This unit investigates all part one crimes, which include, but are not limited to, rape, domestic violence, suicide, robbery, arson, drug offenses, and assault and battery. All detectives are certified to investigate sexual assault crimes. Captain Albert Pierce works with the MIT senior administration during sensitive critical incidents.

In addition, any member of the MIT community needing assistance navigating and moving forward through the court system can contact this unit. Special Services continues to collaborate with numerous outside agencies to include local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as Homeland Security, the United States Secret Service, and the State Department. Networking and communication with these agencies is extremely beneficial. Members of this unit continuously enhance their investigative skills by attending specialized training.

Detective William King is assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force in Boston, MA. Detective King was one of the first to be chosen from a university to be a member of this agency.

Training and Administration

Captain Cheryl Vossmer manages all mandatory Massachusetts State Police training, which includes online in-service exams and firearms qualifications. She continues to monitor all certifications and required licenses, such as license to carry a firearm, Massachusetts State Police Warrants, and driver's licenses. In addition, she schedules and maintains all business renovations and maintenance, as well as coordination and installation of equipment for the emergency command center.

Firearms and Specialized Training

Sergeant Jamie DiGregorio is the department's firearm and training instructor. He oversees the combined training with the Cambridge Police Department for in-service training to include basic first responder and CPR training, legal updates, and active shooter training. The mandatory training regarding the MIT nuclear reactor and blood-borne pathogens is a requirement for all police personnel. This unit also coordinates training in the area of civil disobedience; command training; first line supervisor training; Smith and Wesson armorer; firearms instructor; and police report writing.

Susan Fuller-DeAmato, crime analyst and Clery data administrator is responsible for analysis of crime trends both on and off campus, encompassing the cities of Cambridge and Boston. Timely warnings and updates on our [website](#) and [social media](#) keep the MIT community informed. She is also responsible for accurately updating the [MIT Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#).

Community Policing

The Community Policing Division is staffed by Sergeant Andrew Turco and Officer Donald Miller, who is assigned to the graduate student community. The division has

developed a community policing committee of department members, including Officers Darren Deegan, Yessenia Gomez, and Andrew Avila.

Training and workshops are also offered to heighten awareness, provide several personal safety tips, avoid online scams, and increase bicycle safety. In collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management, the division also offers an active shooter and violent intruder awareness class. The Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups, along with community members meet with Sergeant Turco to promote risk reduction strategies. The community policing committee attends [PartySafePlus Programs](#) to enable police personnel to further engage in alcohol and bystander intervention education for students planning to host social events on campus.

Community Policing Office

Patrol Officer Donald Miller is assigned during the evening shift to a satellite office located in the Sidney-Pacific dormitory. He attends meetings with graduate student life leadership, presents safety workshops at graduate residence halls, and addresses the needs and concerns of the residents of the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation Emergency Service Center. As part of the bike patrol unit, he also patrols the Sidney-Pacific area.

Office of the President

Sergeant Mary Beth Riley is assigned to the Office of the President. Her day-to-day responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing transportation and accompanying President Rafael Reif to all scheduled events to provide safety, security, and protection on and off campus.

Sergeant Riley is the hands-on person in arranging and overseeing dignitary and VIP visits. This includes coordinating all protection-related needs with advance teams, local, state, and federal law enforcement, and agencies including, but not limited to the United States Secret Service, State Department, and cabinet secretary's protection agencies.

In addition, she accompanied President Reif during international travel. While travelling, she coordinated all of his transportation needs, accompanied him throughout the trip for the assurance of his safety, and ensured his complex itinerary was kept on schedule. During these trips, she coordinated and accessed locations with the aid of the local US State Department agents.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Office and Business Continuity unit transferred from being a part of the Facilities Department, to the MIT Police Department. The MIT Emergency Management unit is led by Suzanne Blake, manager, and three direct reports. This unit handles the preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, continuity, and communications—including [MIT Alert](#)—in the context of emergencies and preplanned events.

In addition, MIT Emergency Management leads and coordinates the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team, which activates for complex, long-duration emergencies as well as preplanned events such as commencement, Moving Day, and the OneWorld @ MIT Festival. The EOC is activated to ensure resource coordination, and streamline communications and coordination with local partners such as the Cambridge Fire and Police Departments as well as professional EMTs. The EOC team comprises staff members from several MIT departments to ensure that a variety of expertise is available in an emergency situation. The EOC team meets on a monthly basis and conducts regular exercises.

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