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Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
6:30 PM
Hon. Tamara C. Martin, Chair

Board Members in Attendance: Tamara Martin, Christina Curry, Brandi North and Donna Gill

Guests in Attendance: Captain Peter Andrea, 32nd Precinct, Detective Collado, 32nd Precinct and Ramona Ponce, South Harlem CERT

Presentations:

Captain Peter Andrea:

NYPD measures crimes every 28 days, which equals a total of a 13 month period. There were a total of 179 crimes this year vs. 166 crimes to this date last year.

For the week of March 9, 2015 – March 15, 2015 – (Week to Date) the crimes stats for the 7 majors are as follows:

- Murder (0) - in 2015 and (0) - in 2014
- Rape (1) - in 2015 and (0) - in 2014
- Robbery (1) - in 2015 and (1) - in 2014
- Fel. Assault (8) - in 2015 and (4) - in 2014
- Burglary (2) - in 2015 and (2) - in 2014
- Gr. Larceny (4) - in 2015 and (8) - in 2014
- G.L.A (0) - in 2015 and (0) - in 2014

There were two shootings incidents on two separate days that occurred within one block from each other, but were unrelated. The first shooting took place on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at approximately 3:47 PM in front of 588 Lenox Avenue near 139th Street. The victim a 54 year old man suffered a gunshot wounds to the knee and calf. The victim was taken to Harlem Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The suspect in this case was arrested by the 32nd Detective Squad and charged with attempted murder and felonious assault. The second shooting took place on Monday, March 16, 2015 at approximately 6:30 PM at the corner of 140th Street and Lenox Avenue. There were two shooting victims, one was a 51 year old man suffered gunshot wounds to the groin area and legs. The second victim, a 76 year old woman was shot in the neck. Both victims were taken to Harlem Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The perpetrator was

identified as Malcom Smith and the 32nd Precinct Detective Squad is looking for him and believe they will make an arrest soon.

Captain Andrea has implemented a plan to address the recent shootings in that area by placing foot posts from 139th – 144th Streets from Frederick Douglass Blvd. to Lenox Avenue. There are also fixture posts from 139th -140th Streets on Lenox Avenue.

He announced that on June 11, 2015 there will be a Children and Cops event with Rev. Williams from Perfect Peace Ministries Youth Outreach.

Board member, Christina Curry wanted Captain Andrea to be aware of the fact that gang members were using sign language as a way of communicating with each other and that they were also recruiting Deaf children to join the gang. She also expressed her concern on how the police would handle incidents involving a deaf individual who possibly did not understand the officer's command to "stop". Captain Andrea stated that all officers should be respectful and he wasn't aware of any incidents of that nature.

Ramona Ponce:

- Community Emergency Response Team made up of approximately 36 members of which 24-30 are active at any given time. The team is made up of local people from the community.
- South Harlem CERT covers 110th Street – South side of 127th Street from St. Nicholas Avenue to 5th Avenue. There are several members who are in the confines of 26th Precinct which borders Morningside Avenue.
- Their purpose is to help rebuild after disasters and to also assist NYPD, Red Cross, Medical Reserve Corp and others as needed. They also work very closely with NYC Emergency Management.
- Community Disaster List – send out regular updates to let people know about any pending emergencies, etc.
- They also have presentations available for teens and seniors.
- "My Emergency Plan" – the basic planning guide is available online at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/myemergencyplan_guide.shtml this guide is available in 13 languages and in English audio format. In the Emergency Plan Guide, you will also find the necessary information on what to put in a "Go Bag", such as ID, passport, birth certificate, first aid kit, water, money, flashlight, etc. There is also a teaching video version available by NYC Emergency Management. The general link for all the Ready New York Publications can be found at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/ready_guides.shtml.

Board member, Christina Curry asked if they had done any presentations for the Deaf community. Ramona stated that she would look in to the matter to see what was being done regarding presentations for the Deaf community.

Announcements:

The Chair, Tamara Martin mentioned that she was waiting to hear back from the FBI regarding doing a forum for the Central Harlem on Terrorism in Africa and the Middle East and how African Criminal Enterprises are operating in areas of NYC such as: Harlem, the Bronx and Queens.

Meeting Adjourned**Special Message from the Chair:**

The recent gas leak explosion and building collapse that took place in the East Village on March 31, 2015, was a terrible tragedy that took the lives of two people and left twenty-five people injured. As Chair of Public Safety, I am asking everyone in the community to go to the website for the Con Edison Gas Leak Map at:

www.coned.com/customercentral/gasleakmap.asp and put in your zip code and scroll over the map to the exact location of where you live in order to determine if there have been any leaks reported, repaired and/or monitored. **Please note that according to Con Edison the blue dots on the map mean: priority repair - immediately inspected and made safe. The green dots mean: poses no safety threat, crews monitor to keep safe.** If you smell gas or notice anything that might cause any type of immediate danger please do not hesitate to call 911 or Con Edison at 1-800-75-CONED.

After a brief search in several Central Harlem zip codes, this were the results:

- 10026 – Approximately (6) green dots
- 10027 – Approximately (2) green dots
- 10029 – Approximately (8) green dots
- 10030 – Approximately (2) green dots
- 10037 – Approximately (1) blue dot and (1) green dot
- 10039 – Approximately (2) blue dots and (1) green dots

I have brought this issue to the attention of the Chair, Henrietta Lyle and we will continue to look into this matter.