

**Community Board 12 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** Wednesday April 5, 2017

**Committee Members Present:** Javier Trejo Asst. Chair, Natalie Espino, Richard Lewis, Rud Morales

**Committee Members Absent:** [SEP] Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez

**Community Members Present:** Jim McNiff, Danny Rodriguez

**Guest Presenter:** Inspector Jose Mena United States Postal Inspection Service.

**33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Representative:** PO C. Gomez, Cap. Donahue

[SEP] **34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Representative:** None

**FDNY Representative:** None

**NYC Transit Police Representative:** None

**Manhattan DA Representative:** Jennifer Araujo

Submitted by Natalie Espino [SEP] The meeting was called to order at 7: 12pm

**1. Welcome, Opening Remarks & Announcements – Javier Trejo, Assistant Chair**

- J.T rejo announced the resignation of Committee Chair Arlene Schulman from the Community Board. The board chair would select a new committee chair soon.
- Also 34<sup>th</sup> PCT selected as one of the pilot programs for the NYPD Body Cams. In January, CB12M passed a resolution out of Public Safety Committee in support of NYPD use of body cams.
- May 3, 2017 will be joint meeting between Public Safety and Parks & Cultural Affairs Committees.

**2. Presentation by United States Postal Inspector Jose Mena:**

USPIS is a body of federal law enforcement agents who investigate crimes related to 200 mail safety laws. Inspector Mena is one of 6 inspectors who cover mail theft specifically in Manhattan. There has been a recent rise in “mail box fishing” –removing mail that has been deposited in blue boxes in an attempt to steal payments and personal information.

PO C. Gomez 33<sup>rd</sup> PCT asked more about what the investigation consisted of.

Inspector Mena: it depends on circumstances but precincts should reach out to USPIS when they get reports of mail theft

To report thefts or suspicious activity call Postal Police 212-330-2400.

NB: theft of mail in building panel boxes should be reported to both postal police as well as building management.

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3. Update from 33<sup>rd</sup> PCT: Capt. Donahue reports

- Crime down 27% in last 28 days.
- Investigating a shooting at 498 west 159<sup>th</sup> St. 2 male suspects arrested
- Investigating underage drinking at Villas 132 Audubon Ave.

R. Morales asked about proposed legislation requiring State Liquor Authority to weigh applicants' encounters with police. Capt. Donahue does not have update on law. Will keep us posted.

4. Update from Jennifer Araujo DANYC.

- New cyber crime hotline 212-335-9600
- Hosted Hate Crime forum with CM Levine on 3/23/2017 130 attended.
- Note that DANYC does NOT have bystander training as a matter of policy. Witness safety is a priority.
- The DA has indicted James Jackson on charges of first-degree murder, second degree Hate Crime and an act of terrorism in the death of Timothy Caughman
- REMINDERDANYC has a immigration process fraud unit
- J. Trejo asked about seized funds to be used by community agencies.
  - Youth and Family grants to create 5 "youth opportunity hubs" to be coordinated by CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance
  - Criteria for selecting coordinating organization were ability to sustain program beyond initial funding as well as ability to oversee partner organizations.
  - Questions about those programs can be directed to [CJII@ISLG.CUNY.EDU](mailto:CJII@ISLG.CUNY.EDU)

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:09pm**