

Community Board 12, Manhattan
530 West 166th Street – New York, NY 10032
Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 6th, 2017 –Held Offsite
33rd Precinct – 2207 Amsterdam Avenue – Muster Room
New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present (6): Richard Lewis (Chair), Domingo Estevez (Asst. Chair), Derek Peralta, Natalie Espino, Rud Morales, and Katherine Diaz.

Committee Member Absent (1): Mary O’Shaughessy (Excused).

Board Member (1): Mary Anderson.

Public Sign-ins (26): **Capt Richard Brea** (CO – 33rd Precinct), Danny Guzman (Community Affairs - 33rd Precinct), Lt. Carlos Peralta (34 Precinct), Saveright Miller(Superintendent - Edgemcombe Correctional Facility), Allan Sebastian Valerio (Manhattan District Attorney Office), Carlton Fickin (Project Renewal), Elliot Samuels (Project Renewal), Bernadette Nation (Executive Director, Intergovernmental and Emergency Response Services -- NYC Small Business Systems), Abel Lopez (Emergency Response Analyst – NYC Small Business Systems), Robert Mosden (Battalion Chief- FDNY), Clement James, Jr. (Assistant Director, Community Affairs – FDNY), Jonathan Iona (Reporter –TimeWarnerCable Noticias – NY1), Joshua Goldberg, Liz Evans (Executive Director- Washington Heights Corner Project), Adriana Pericchi (Director of Harm Reduction Services), Auxiliary Inspector Dago Suarez (Auxiliary Police - 33rd Precinct), Erica Strang (Community Engagement Manager - CUCS), Kyle Stefano (CUCS), Emily Winkelstein, MSW (Community Engagement Manager -Bureau of Alcohol & Drug Use Prevention, Care & Treatment –NYCDOH), Lara Maldjian (NYCDOH), José Ruano(Manhattan Borough President’s Office), and Stephen Feldheim (President- 34th Precinct Council).

Other Agencies Reps Invited: (1): Transit District 3 (absent).

Staff: Paola Garcia.

Welcome, Opening Remarks and the Agenda. Richard Lewis, Public Safety Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Arrangements were made to record the meeting to a digital audio file on an OLYMPUS© handheld device. Board members introduced themselves as did members of city agencies and CBO’s present. A quorum was established for the meeting. Topics for the evening’s agenda were outlined. The Chair made several announcements:

Press in attendance with video setup from NY1. Reviewed the Handouts listed below that were prepared for this meeting by the chair. There was reference made to the fact that as we approach the end of the year 2017 will marked the lowest number of homicides reported since the 50’s – Some 263 murders. (Chicago is known for having the highest number of homicides in the United States, and it's living up to that reputation by already topping 400 killings for 2017). Finally, attention was called to handouts on holiday scams, the opiate epidemic, and the proposed concealed carry reciprocity act. The aftermath of the fire at 10 Nagel Avenue and the loss of seven businesses will be discussed.

Source Documents Released at the Meeting.

The following source documents were distributed or made available at the meeting.

- **Four Tips for Preventing Commercial Kitchen Fires**
<http://www.facilitiesnet.com/firesafety/tip/Four-Tips-for-Preventing-Commercial-Kitchen-Fires--40257>
- **5 Scams To Watch Out For In NYC This Holiday Season**
<https://patch.com/new-york/fortgreene/s/gau78/5-scams-to-watch-out-for-in-nyc-this-holiday-season>
- **Department of Consumer Affairs Issues Holiday Shopping Tips**
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/media/pr111717.page>
- **Major Crime In NYC Hits Lowest Rate Since 1950s, NYPD Says**
<https://patch.com/new-york/fortgreene/s/gavgb/major-crime-in-nyc-hits-lowest-rate-since-1950s-nypd-says>
- **NYC DAS GO TO WASHINGTON TO OPPOSE CONCEALED CARRY BILL**
<http://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2017/11/29/local-das-head-to-washington-to-oppose-concealed-carry-reciprocity>
- **GUEST HANDOUT: DANY - Be careful of scams!**
- **GUEST HANDOUT: PRESS RELEASE – DANY – DA VANCE, FIRST DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER BENJAMIN TUCKER, BRONX DA CLARK, NASSAU COUNTY DA SINGAS JOIN ADVOCATES IN TIMES SQUARE TO URGE CONGRESS TO DENOUNCE CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROACITY ACT**
<http://manhattanda.org/press-release/da-vance-first-deputy-police-commissioner-benjamin-tucker-bronx-da-clark-nassau-county>

- CUCS: CB112, M Homeless Street Outreach Team’s Report. Includes Canvassing efforts, Joint Operations, Caseload Breakdown, and Significant Information on areas of concern and findings (See Talking Points Request in Appendix A and CB12, office copy).
- SBS HANDOUT: Flyer on M/WBE Certification for local contracting opportunities.
- SBS HANDOUT: Flyer on Help for Food Service Business.
- SBS HANDOUT: Flyer on Violations Guide – Learn now o avoid common small business fines.
- SBS HANDOUT: Flyer on Reduce Small Business Loss in an Emergency (Help after an emergency).
- SBS HANDOUT: Flyer on Free Business Services Information.
- *Note: All SBS Flyers available in the Community Board 12, M Office upon sufficient notice.*
- Increase in overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone linked to increase in supply of Fentanyl in PBSS states <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pbss/PBSS-Report-072017.pdf>
- DON’T FALL FOR SCAMMERS PRETENDING TO BE CON EDISON (English or Spanish) <https://www.coned.com/en/safety/safety/beware-of-scammers>
- How to stop the deadliest drug overdose crisis in American history <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2017/8/1/15746780/opioid-epidemic-end>
- DOH Flyer: Health Alert – Fentanyl © is Killing New Yorkers – Safety tips. Call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/health/naloxone
- WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CORNER PROJECT Flyer: Want a free Naloxone training? – Want to refer a community member? – See a syringe? Come to our corner for HIV, HCV, and STI testing; case management, educational groups, condoms & harm reduction supplies, drop-in and more! Warm hand-offs for Hospitals. www.cornerproject.org
- FDNY Palm Card: Christmas Tree Fire Safety - Available in the Community Board 12, M Office upon sufficient notice.
- Various FDNY Fire Safety Handouts - Available in the Community Board 12, M Office upon sufficient notice.

Discussion on the Fire Aftermath at 150 Nagle Avenue.

Summary: “A four-alarm destroyed a row of seven stores Sunday morning, November 12th on Nagle Avenue at Thayer Street in the Inwood section adjacent to Dyckman Street. The initial call came in to the FDNY shortly after 10 a.m. Within three minutes FDNY units arrived on the scene where a heavy fire was in progress. Eventually it became a four alarm fire. Nearly 140 firefighters and 33 units responded. . Five firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling the fire. The fire was placed under control at 12:42 p.m. It is believed that the fire may have initially started at 150 Nagle Avenue and spread to the adjoining properties through the common cockloft space they share. The stores were unoccupied at the time. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.”

Discussion from the FDNY – Battalion Chief Robert Mosden and Clement James, Jr. Community Affairs

The exact cause of this fire or its exact original in not known at Nagle Avenue and Thayer Street is still under investigation, despite rumors since no official FDNY Incident report has been issued. Overall things went well at extinguishing the fire. There was no loss of life, but fire prevention and fire safety is always the key concern in these matters. Seven businesses were directly affected. Hazmat is contracted out by the business owner. The stores affected no longer exist and have been taken down and debris removed quickly. Once the fire marshal completes the investigation the FDNY will release this information to the community board.

Manhattan Performance Indicators
11/01/17 - 11/30/17

Manhattan Fire Incidents						
	Structural Fires	Non-Structural	Non-Fire Emergencies	Medical Emergencies	Malicious False Alarms	
Number of Incidents	551	248	5,629	6,176	337	
Avg Resp Time mm:ss	04:26	04:50	05:38	05:11	05:03	
Serious Incidents						
	All Hands	2nd Alarm	3rd Alarm	4th Alarm	5th Alarm or Greater	Total
Number of incidents	28	1	2	1	1	33

Fire Service Response Time includes both dispatch time and travel time. It begins when the Fire dispatcher receives the call and ends when the unit signals its arrival on the scene. The number of incidents used to calculate the response time may be lower than the total incidents due to omitted or incorrect unit arrival signals.

Structural Fires - fires that occur in structures.
Non-Structural Fires - examples are brush, rubbish or automobile fires.
Non-Fire Emergencies - utility emergencies, and other emergencies that are not fire or medical related.
Medical Emergencies - are selected life-threatening emergencies that engine companies respond to as first responders.
Malicious False Alarms - are calls that units respond to where there was no one who reported an emergency.
Serious Fires - those fires that imply severity, from "All Hands", which is a fire or incident where a minimum of four fire units are fully engaged, to "5th Alarm" and higher.

Source: <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/about/citywide-stat-2017-11.pdf>

Great News! He reported that the number of Structural fire is down 46 per month from 417 to 369 YTD and the number of Non-Fire Emergencies was also down. What was up were the Medical Emergencies 170 per month from 5,007 to 5, 177. The difference in the Manhattan Fire Incidents table above from the FDNY website and his testimony was not given, but this table does not reflect YTD. There was no information available at the meeting

regarding EMS Response Time for the West 172nd Street Sub Station and they will send that information to the committee.

On the hazards of live Holiday Trees he referred to a FDNY Palm Card on the subject but mentioned it was important to keep these trees wet or hydrated and away from heat sources. Also be careful of holiday decorations of all kinds should also be handled with care as well as heaters. Mulching trees and coordinated efforts with DSNY was discussed and they will provide the information may have. On the matter of fire safety investigations for commercial establishments including restaurants, they claim to have completed their annual inspections for this area, that owners know code violations found and what problems they need to fixed. They will send the board upon requests all store owners violations and their disposition.

Her FDNY runs many outreach services on fire safety, fire prevention workshops, CPR workshops and minority recruitment efforts.

Discussion with the Department of Small Business Services – Bernadette Nation (Executive Director, Intergovernmental and Emergency Response Services) and Abel Lopez (Emergency Response Analyst – NYC Small Business Services).

Their unit responds to businesses impacted by physical disasters. They may need to determine the needs for business recovery. SBS provides pro bono legal advice. They assisted stores adjacent to the fire (KFC and the Dyckman Billiards) to stay open and begin to open with the help of Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture and expedite La Marketta on 156 Nagel Avenue the ability to perform repairs as of December 1st

They provide “government navigation” since most business owner do not know where to go. For demolition purposes they bring together DOB, the property owner and the general contractor. In terms of “financial assistance” the city does not have a ‘bag of money’ to give out. These small business owners are referred to the Upper Manhattan Business Solution Center (located at the Washington Heights BID, but is an independent group) or some other emergency loan company. They can help them package a loan with some thirty eight (38) vendors available. SBSA is waiting for the FDNY “Fire Incidence Report” that will help with the processing of all claims. On the issue of fire insurance – all small business owners in NYC, by law on the day the lease begins must have insurance, but since this is a private matter it’s up to the property own to make sure the policy is maintained. All of the seven business destroyed had fire insurance. All four of the five other businesses had recovery services that will help to keep them open.

As for claims on customer losses they cited Mr. Kim’s Laundromat. It is his obligation to post all contact information on the fence surrounding the property or some other conspicuous location. SBS does not get involved in this process, but customers hold on to their claims ticket.

It is important know to know that no leases exist for these seven properties as their store no longer exists..

Discussion from the 33rd Precinct – Captain Richard Brea and PO Danny Guzman on Community Outreach and COMPStat.

- Captain Brea welcomed everyone to the precinct and reported on the following crime statistics from the seven major crimes reported in the NYPD’s weekly COMPStat List. See charts below or follow this information at <https://compstat.nypdonline.org> Overall Crime is down 44 from 63 total incidents in the monthly period and 620 from 668 YTD totals. There was a murder from six gunshot wounds that occurred on West 175th Street and Broadway. This matter is under investigation. That brings a total of two homicides for the year. In 2016 there were 3 homicides for the year.
- Certain crimes are up: burglaries are slightly up from the same time (28 days) last year 6 incidents to 5 incidents 71 incidents from 47 incidents (20%) compared to last year. For these burglaries six difference patents were found that led to 4 arrests.
- For Grand Larceny Auto the precinct is up with 3 this year vs. 1 last year for the same 28 day period and 29 vs. 27 comparing 2017 to 2016. Some of these thefts were motorbikes. Subjects were apprehended in Connecticut due to GPS tracking in one of the bikes.

- As part of the 33rd Precinct Community outreach several Neighborhood Safety Officers (NCO) meetings in each sector will take place in December and flyers are available as handouts. They also will be e-blasted and posted on the board's Facebook© account as well as by the precinct. <https://www.facebook.com/NYPD33pct/>
- Here are the meeting schedules:
 - Sector 'A' (West 155th Street to West 165th Street – Broadway between Edgecombe Avenue) 12/12
 - Sector 'B' (West 155th Street to West 168th Street – Broadway between Riverside Drive) 12/14
 - Sector 'C' (West 168th Street to West 175th Street – Broadway between Riverside Drive) 12/13
- This year's 'Toys for Tots' will be held at the Precinct on December 20th from 4 to 6pm. Unfortunately, they don't have enough toys so the procedure is to give the invitation out to the schools and let them choose the most neediest children. If you wish to donate a toy- just bring it to the precinct unwrapped and they will wrap it as your gift.
- The annual 33rd Precinct Council Awards will be held at the Armory on December 15th from 6pm to 8pm.

Finally, it was brought to the meetings attention by the chair that there were three robberies at gun point in the West 155th Street IND Subway platform. There has been increased presence of Transit Police for past two weeks since that incident and for 24/7. There is no information on the perp except that a help wanted flyers that could have been posted at the stations has not been done so to date. Transit District representative is absent from his meeting tonight and the chair will follow up on this crime.



COMPStat 2.0 Year to Date Map and Charts. Seven (7) Majors reported.

See <https://compstat.nypdonline.org>

	Week to Date			28 Day			Date	
	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016
Murder	1	0	- %	1	0	- %	2	3
Rape	0	2	-100.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %	9	14
Robbery	1	1	0.0 %	4	7	-42.9 %	100	110
Felony Assault	1	10	-90.0 %	10	22	-54.5 %	172	178
Burglary	2	1	100.0 %	6	5	20.0 %	71	47
Grand Larceny	3	8	-62.5 %	20	26	-23.1 %	245	281
Grand Larceny Auto	0	0	0.0 %	3	1	200.0 %	29	27
Total	8	22	-63.6 %	44	63	-30.2 %	628	660
Patrol	8	21	-61.9 %	43	59	-27.1 %	599	622
Transit	0	0	0.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %	14	21
Housing	0	1	-100.0 %	1	2	-50.0 %	15	17
Shooting Victims	1	0	- %	1	1	0.0 %	7	11
Shooting Incidents	1	0	- %	1	1	0.0 %	7	10
Rape 1	0	2	-100.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %	6	11
Petit Larceny	10	11	-9.1 %	48	60	-20.0 %	673	706
Misd. Assault	4	6	-33.3 %	14	29	-51.7 %	339	375
Misd. Sex Crimes	0	0	0.0 %	1	2	-50.0 %	24	24

Discussion from the 34th Precinct – Lt. Carlos Peralta on Community Outreach and COMPStat.

Highlights of the latest COMPSTAT report:

- COMPSTAT: The total crime incidents are up 3.5%. (89 incidents this year compared to 86 incidents for the 28 day period last year. See charts below or follow this information at <https://compstat.nypdonline.org>
- Two arrests were made regarding credit card cloning (one male and one female). Bank employees recognized them so when they returned with the same act the police were called and they were arrested.
- There have been 35 applications sent to the NYSLA for establishments wanting to stay open for extended hours for the New Years Celebration. They don't yet know how many will be accepted or denied.
- On the matter of youth fights outside of the George Washington High School Campus. There was an incident involving a large group of students engaged in a fight with other students outside the school and where there were no safety officers present. A meeting was later held by the precinct without the present of the schools' four principals, Catholic Charities and other counseling services. It was pointed out by a school staff member

that the issue of perimeter patrols should be expanded as well. It was pointed out that the problems do not happen in the morning hours as students are coming to school. In response to what is being done Lt Peralta indicated that the school patrols units will be covering Amsterdam, Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenues from West 190th Street to West 193rd Street. As well as outside the West 191st Street Subway entrance from 1pm to 6pm on schools days.

- On the issue of traffic enforcement at West 185th Street involving cars illegally parking and blocking a bus stop in front of a Medical Office he will refer this mater to traffic enforcement.
- The precinct received six new officers in November where two each will be assigned to a platoon. The precinct has a total of 204 assigned officers of which the number of those available changes each day.
- Contrary to information given in the PSC Meeting in September there are no ShotSpotters in the 34th Precinct.
- The next 34th Precinct Council meeting takes place on December 13th.



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	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016
Murder	0	1	-100.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %	3	4
Rape	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	12	8
Robbery	3	1	200.0 %	15	17	-11.8 %	184	209
Felony Assault	3	0	- %	17	14	21.4 %	286	286
Burglary	3	1	200.0 %	7	11	-36.4 %	156	129
Grand Larceny	18	11	63.6 %	46	36	27.8 %	594	523
Grand Larceny Auto	1	1	0.0 %	4	6	-33.3 %	64	64
Total	28	15	86.7 %	89	86	3.5 %	1,279	1,223
Patrol	25	15	66.7 %	81	82	-1.2 %	1,225	1,168
Transit	2	0	- %	4	2	100.0 %	26	28
Housing	1	0	- %	4	2	100.0 %	28	27
Shooting Victims	0	1	-100.0 %	1	3	-66.7 %	10	14
Shooting Incidents	0	1	-100.0 %	1	2	-50.0 %	9	12
Rape 1	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	10	6
Petit Larceny	14	16	-12.5 %	63	82	-23.2 %	854	760
Misd. Assault	6	8	-25.0 %	29	35	-17.1 %	465	529
Misd. Sex Crimes	0	0	0.0 %	3	2	50.0 %	27	28

Discussion from the Office of the District Attorney – Allan S. Valerio

- Allan S. Valerio appeared and discussed the recent passage by the House of Representatives of a bill that would authorize a Concealed Reciprocity Gun Carry Law. Essentially, this would mean that each state’s law on this matter would have to be respected in another jurisdiction. Since NY has one of the strictest gun laws in the nation any state with minimum or no standards in their laws would have to be respected. This poses a serious problem for NYC and NYS where we have been a target to terrorists, a heavy destination city for tourists, and our high population density. He distributed a press release from DA Cyrus Vance and others denouncing this effort and appealing to the US Senate not to approve it as a piece of legislation. See **PRESS RELEASE – DANY – DA VANCE, FIRST DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER BENJAMIN TUCKER, BRONX DA CLARK, NASSAU COUNTY DA SINGAS JOIN ADVOCATES IN TIMES SQUARE TO URGE CONGRESS TO DENOUNCE CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT** <http://manhattanda.org/press-release/da-vance-first-deputy-police-commissioner-benjamin-tucker-bronx-da-clark-nassau-county> On a question related to what effect this legislation would have on illegal ‘straw buyers’ of guns, Mr. Valerio stated that would nullify it.

Discussion on Homelessness Outreach in the District- Erica Strang (Community Engagement Manager - CUCS), Kyle Stefano (CUCS).

The Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) operates canvassing and outreach services. Their outreach teams “are now a constant presence on the streets of northern Manhattan, from 110th Street to the tip of island, river to river. There, they are engaging homeless men and women, working with them to move off the streets and into their own apartments.” More than 1,000 people have moved off the streets because of this work. They have expanded their services due to a recent contract with the city. They encourage street homeless individuals to go inside and receive medical treatment or other kinds of help. There are several hotspots in our community district: Highbridge Park, under the West 181st Street Bridge, formerly Duarte Square Green Street, and the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. Responding to a potential list of sites submitted by the chair for canvassing in our district they presented a report at this meeting. The report and its results are available in the community board’s office. Sites are listed in the Appednix attached to these minutes.

They are working on transitioning some 36 individuals who are considered street homeless. They do not work on homeless individuals who are in the city’s shelter system - just those who are street homeless and found with “bedding materials”. 9 of those 36 individuals are still street homeless; 19 have transitioned to housing; with the help of the Washington Heights Corner Project; 5 are in the YMCA and 3 are now in permanent housing.

So if you see someone who is a street homeless person just call 311. CUCS must respond in one hour as per their city contract. For more information they have issued palm and business cards. They will send a supply to the community board. Finally, we are contracted to work with homeless individuals above ground and another agency BRC (Bowery Resident Coalition) – a full service non profit is contracted to work with homeless individuals below ground (e.g., the subways, passageways and tunnels). **Contact Information: CUCS – 198 E. 121st Street - New York, NY 10035 - Phone: (212) 801-3300 –http: www.cucs.org**

Discussion on Harm Reduction Programs – Washington Heights Corner Project - Liz Evans, Executive Director and Adriana Pericchi, Director of Harm Reduction Services.

The Washington Heights Corner Project (WHCP) appeared to explain their innovative programs for individuals who have shunned traditional treatment options. WHCP serves individuals in a wide array of situations however our outreach team is specifically adept at reaching homeless individuals and those who have had negative experiences with the social services system in the past.” WHCP mission is “to improve the quality of life of people who use drugs or engage in sex work.” They offer empowering and stigma-free health promotion support to individuals and their loved ones that reduce risks associated with drug use and/or sex work including HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and overdose.

They provide a space for individuals who do not want to go into treatment or feel lost, want to rest and need food, temporary shelter. The use harm reduction methods and they provide free and syringes or condoms and peer education. Site tours are available and they presented a video of their center at the meeting.

What are opioids?

Generic	Trade	Street
Hydrocodone	Lortab, Vicodin	Hydro, Norco, Vikes, Watsons
Oxycodone	Oxycontin, Percocet	Ox, Oxys, Oxycontin, Kicker, Hillbilly Heroin
Morphine	Kadian, MSContin	M, Miss Emma, Monkey, White Stuff
Codeine	Tylenol #3	Schoolboy, T-3s
Fentanyl	Duragesic	Apache, China Girl, China White, Goodfella, TNT
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid	Dill, Dust, Footballs, D, Big-D, M-2, M-80s, Crazy 8s, Super 8s
Oxymorphone	Opana	Blue Heaven, Octagons, Oranges, Pink, Pink Heaven, Stop Signs
Meperidine	Demerol	Dilles, D, Juice
Methadone	Dolophine, Methadose	Meth, Junk, Fizzies, Dolls, Jungle Juice
Heroin	N/A	Dope, Smack, Big H, Black Tar
Buprenorphine	Bunavail, Suboxone, Subutex, Zubsolv	Sobos, Bupe, Stops, Stop Signs, Oranges

There are certain signs you can look for to tell if someone is really high or overdosing. These include:

Really High	Overdosed
Muscles become relaxed	Pale, clammy skin
Speech is slowed or slurred	Breathing is infrequent or has stopped
Sleepy-looking	Deep snoring or gurgling (death rattle)
Responsive to shouting, ear lobe pinch, or sternal rub	Unresponsive to any stimuli
Normal heart rate and/or pulse	Slow or no heart rate and/or pulse
Normal skin tone	Blue lips and/or fingertips

With that said they provided some highlights of the opioid crisis. Last year Drug overdoses killed roughly **64,000** people in the United States, up from 52,000 deaths in 2015. ,See <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/09/02/upshot/fentanyl-drug-overdose-deaths.html>

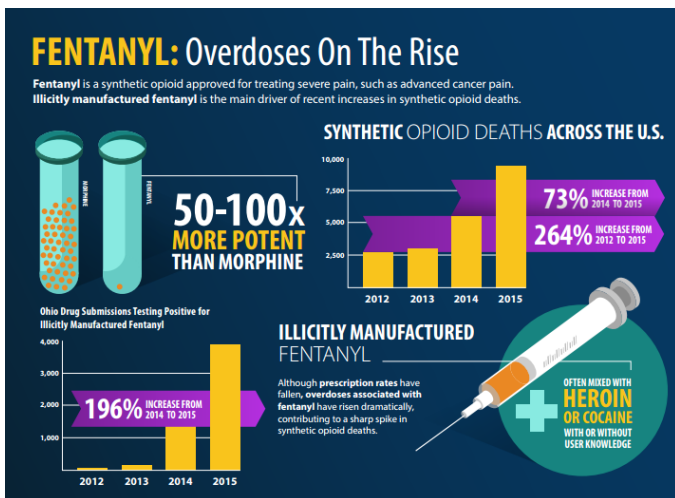
To put this in perspective, there were some **58,220** U.S. military fatal casualties of the Vietnam War. If individuals die; we can't detox them. It is important to keep them alive until they are ready to do into treatment. Many longitudinal studies have shown in many countries that it takes fourteen (14) years before that process to willingly begin with these individuals. So harm reduction methods is one way to keep them alive.

In NYC in 1 out of every 7 hours someone dies from an overdose. 80 % of those deaths are associated with opioids and 50% of that is directly related to the drug **Fentanyl**. This fast-acting synthetic opioid is 100 times more powerful than morphine. , As little as two milligrams of Fentanyl can kill you. Most of the illegal Fentanyl is made in China. See Graphic on the next page.

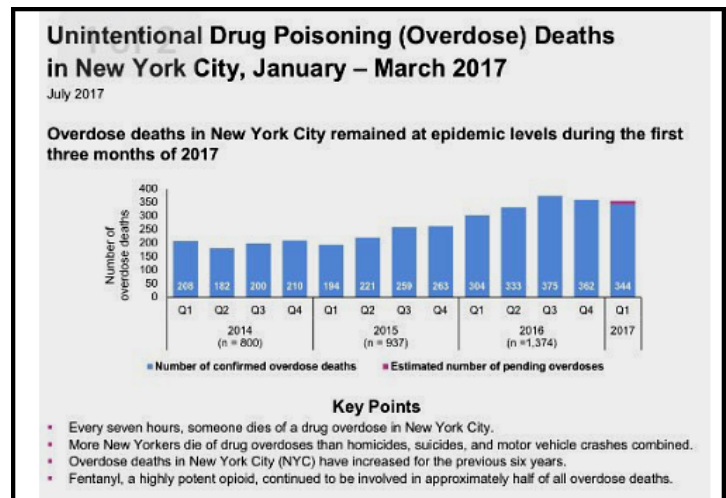
Education on what is happening on the ground zero level is needed. We need to know the bad street batches of illegal Fentanyl that comes out. It is found in Cocaine, Xanax, etc. There are newer derivatives that periodically hit the street. Some of the advice given is to test the stuff with small does and never use it alone.

So the face of the WHCP is that they want to be your partner. They don't want people to hide but to make the community safer for everyone. In answering the question about what parents should do where drug recognition signs are found with their children, they responded as follows: 1 out of 10 individuals today are in some kind of drug treatment program. That means 9 out of 10 are not. So parents need to talk about risk behavior with their kids. For instance, telling their kid not to take drugs with strangers, but with people they know. How many kids die alone in some park or back alley?

Some of their other services involved are needle and syringe cleanups in the city parks and other sites. A word of caution: no one who is not trained should touch or try to pick up a syringe or needle – just call or contact WHCP - 566 West 181st Street | Floor 2, New York, NY 10033 - P: (212) 923-7600 | <http://www.cornerproject.org>



Source: Increase in overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone linked to increase in supply of Fentanyl in PBSS states <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pbss/PBSS-Report-072017.pdf>



Source: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/basas/provisional-overdose-report.pdf>

Discussion of Naloxone Trains for Opioid Overdoses - Department of Health - Emily Winkelstein, MSW | Community Engagement Manager -Bureau of Alcohol & Drug Use Prevention, Care & Treatment and Lara Maldjian

When the discussion begins to focus on drugs used for opioid treatment WHCP was joined by presenters from the Department of Health (DOH). There are three main modalities of drug treatment used:

METHODONE

It's a perfect fit for the brain receptor, activates the receptor and blocks other opioids, acts slowly and is taken once a day.

SUBOXONE (Buprenopine)

It's an imperfect fit for the brain receptor, activates the receptor and blocks other opioids, taken once a day with a milder effect.

VIVITROL

Completely blocks the brain receptor, does not activate the receptor, monthly shot, requires abstinence from opioids from seven to ten days.

There is a concern with Vivitrol as it may increase a risk to overdose since there is no pleasure response in this treatment as compared to the others. Each of these treatment options has its merits and need to be tailored to the individual.

A question was raised about the need for a warm handoff when someone leaves a hospital or recovers from an overdose. This is essential if you to want to build trust and lead individuals to treatment centers where they do not feel guilty, abandoned or stigmatized. Too many times without this approach they just want to run away and continue there addiction. In fact and in most cases it is easier to get drugs than it is to get treatment.

Our society stigmatizes drug use so much that we need to be careful not to judge these individuals but to get help for them. EMT's do a great job and nowadays when an overdose situation occurs and the police have learned to step back and not stand over these individuals as the presence of a uniform tends to intimidate them. Asking for an ID before sending them to the hospital also does not help and they get scared and often refuse to go.

The DOH representative asked how many wanted Naloxone (Narcan) training and began to explain its use. There is no liability associated it as the Good Samaritan law allows its use. The drug comes in several forms- some injectable and others in a nasal spray. It may be purchased from the large pharmacies (Walgreens, Duane Reade or Rite Aide and a few small pharmacies) without a prescription. (no patient prescription). Depending on the type of insurance plan you will pay something. See Getting Naloxone in Pharmacies: What You Need to Know See <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/basas/naloxone-faqs.pdf>

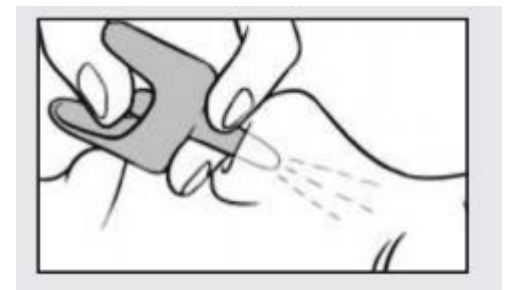
The DOH has distributed some 40,000 Narcan Overdose Kits. They do community training as does WHCP. The kits are free from both groups. Several board members present received training, certification and kits.

Opioids attaching to receptors
The brain has many, many receptors for opioids.
An overdose occurs when too much of an opioid, such as heroin or prescription pills, fits too many receptors causing and then stopping the breathing.

Naloxone reversing an overdose
Naloxone has a stronger affinity to the opioid receptors than opioids, such as heroin or prescription pills. It blocks the opioids off the receptors for a short time (30-90 minutes). This allows the person to breathe again and reverse the overdose.

*** NARCAN (naloxone HCl) NASAL SPRAY 4mg**

Excessive Opioids attachment to brain receptors → Stop breathing → OVERDOSE → DEATH RISK.
NALOXONE® (Narcan) has a stronger affinity to brain receptors → Reversing an OVERDOSE.



Several Sources including Adapt Pharma, Inc.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
by Richard Lewis, Chair
Public Safety Committee
December 6th, 2017

-- APPENDIX A --

TALKING POINTS FOR THE FDNY

To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.

1. Briefly describe or reconstruct the events that caused the fire at 150 Nagle Avenue and how this fire could have been prevented?
2. How many fire units were involved to put out the fire and what are their responsibilities (coordination)?
3. What are the procedures to determine when the site will be handed over to the NYPD or department of Buildings or any other agency?
4. What agency is responsible for waste disposal, what is this debris or unclaimed property sent or handled considering environmental concerns (HAZMAT issues)?
5. Were there any human and nonhuman biological remains found?
6. How many fires have occurred year to date (YTD) in Washington Heights, Inwood and or the boundaries of Battalion District 13? Please give types.
7. How many fires have occurred in the past month in Washington Heights, Inwood and or the boundaries of Battalion District 13? Please give types.
8. How many false alarms – YTD and Monthly?
9. What is the response time YTD for the EMT Unit in Washington Heights and how does that compare to Manhattan or the rest of the city?
10. Please give us the dates for future community outreach for this community board (local firehouses and offsite areas.)
11. How do you carry out inspections of new and old businesses or residents for occupancy or fire safety issues?
12. How many summonses have issues YTD and fines? How many are still pending? How many unsafe establishments or buildings are there in CB 12 and may we have a list?
13. What is the number of gas line leaks in the street, buildings or apartments that the FDNY has responded to in the district (YTD)?
14. What is the number of electrical fires in the street, buildings or apartments that the FDNY response in the district (YTD)?
15. Have there been any fires in parks or playgrounds in the district, if so where and YTD information?
16. What is the administrative code regarding live or living holiday coniferous trees in building lobbies and or apartments?
17. Are these rules or codes ever enforced?
18. On the lighter side has there been any inter uniform services sport competition/challenges in our area (NYPD v FDNY) in basketball, football, track and field, softball, etc.? If not how can we do something about this?
19. When is the next recruitment period for the FDNY and EMT?
20. How many women firefighters or EMT ambulance staffs are assigned to the Battalion District 13?
21. Explain recruitment efforts and current timetables for firefighters and EMT ambulance and support staff.
22. Could you bring some fire safety information for distribution at the meeting?

TALKING POINTS FOR THE NYPD (33rd and 34th Precincts and Transit District 3)

To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.

1. Please highlight salient points of the precinct's latest COMPSTAT Report on the major crime indices. List them Year to Date and well as spikes.
2. Describe what steps you are taking to lower these spikes. Are there any hotspots?
3. How many summonses, arrests, detentions, removals, warnings have your police officers in either the 33rd or 34th Precincts made and year to date (YTD) and this month?
4. Please highlight these summonses for nightlife areas where there are On Premise Liquor licenses. How many have been reported to the SLA? May we have a list for this month and every monthly period?
5. Please give more details for arrests: type, how many are on trial, how many convicted, how many sentenced to jail or prison, how many in alternative programs, how many not found guilty?.
6. Do we have numbers of individuals who are formerly incarcerated and on parole or have completed their time serve and are living in this district?
7. How many nightlife establishments have requested 24 hour operations for New Years in each Precinct and how many has the NYPD objected to in each precinct?
8. What preparations are you making for the holiday seasons (Christmas, Chanukah, and New Years)?
9. What happened last year?
10. To what extent did the 34pct participate as the FDNY was extinguishing the fire that spread from 150 Nagle Avenue (smoke, crowd, subway and traffic control, vehicle removal, potential looting and claims)?
11. Explain the situation of the increase of youth crimes and fights emanating from the George Washington High School Campus and occurring in other areas of the district (city streets and subways) and recent meetings with all school administrators/school safety officers, area patrols at the end and beginning of schooldays, arrests and other counseling efforts being made to prevent this situation from further escalation.[There have also been complaints that the only meetings that have taken place have been with the school safety officers and one Assistant Principal rather than a more inclusive group, e.g. All Campus Principals, Catholic Charities and other CBO's.]
12. Describe what community outreach programs your precinct is sponsored during the past month and the coming month?
13. What is the current 'manpower' in the 33rd and 34th precincts: Assigned and Available officers?

14. How many new officers has each precinct obtained YTD or the monthly period and lost (retired, transferred or other circumstances)?
15. What is happening at the West 155th Street Subway Stop on the 'C' line? There appears to be an increase in patrols (sometime four officers there) in the past ten (10) days?
16. There is some misinformation reported on the locations of the ShotSpotter locations – how far have they been installed in each precinct?

TALKING POINTS FOR THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.

1. What outreach programs will the Manhattan DA's Office be conducting this month and coming months?
2. Explain the National Concealed Weapons Bill pending in Congress, what are the potential consequences to NYC and what is the DA Vance's position?
3. Is there a counter proposal to have a harder line or threshold as the national standard?
4. May we have some documents on this matter?
5. Can you give us some information on holiday scams (counterfeit sales and advertising, dangerous toys, etc)?

TALKING POINTS FOR SBS and OEM

To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.

1. What is Small Business Systems (SBS) now doing for all the seven businesses lost in the fire at 150 Nagle areas?
2. If there is no lease as a result of there being no longer physical buildings present – what are the alternatives: insurance, paying bills, records, mail, and customer contact and relocation efforts?
3. Are there any lawsuits filed or pending?
4. Is there a document or flyer available that explains what SBS does in fires, loss of property, or disaster recovery efforts?
5. When is jurisdiction transferred to Department of Buildings and who is responsible for clearing and leveling the entire lot.
6. Who contacts these contractors and now are they paid?

TALKING POINTS FOR DHS AND HOMELESS OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS: CUCS and WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CORNER PROJECT

To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.

1. What is the total number of homeless individuals in NYC?
2. What is the number of homeless families in this total number?
3. What are some of the known cause of homelessness?
4. What is being done to reduce the homeless crisis?
5. Explain the difference between compassion, rehabilitation, and criminality in handling homelessness in our city?
6. How are encampments handled?
7. How are various situations involving homeless individuals handled in city parks and playgrounds? What is deemed inappropriate or unlawful?
8. Could you supply Information/data from your outreach teams on their possible canvassing activities in 2017 in these twelve (12) areas?

- Duarte Square Park (a green street at West 170th Street between Broadway and St. Nicholas Avenue),
- The Broadway corridor from West 168th Street to West 170th Street,
- The St. Nicholas Avenue corridor from West 168th to West 170th Street,
- The Audubon Playground on Audubon Avenue and West 170th Street and adjacent areas,
- Mitchell Square Park a (between Broadway and St. Nicholas Avenue - West 166th Street to West 167th Street),
- "Needle Park" in the Fort Washington Park (near the Hudson River pathways from the George Washington Bridge Little Red Lighthouse and along pathways south over the AMTRAK Bridge going east to West 170 Street Hudson River Parkways),
- The perimeter of the West 168th Street Ft. Washington Armory and the Hospital from Broadway to Fort Washington Avenue and West 169th Street,
- the Jumel Historic District (from St. Nicholas Avenue to Edgecombe Avenue at West 160 to West 162nd Streets)
- the Green Streets between Amsterdam Avenue and St. Nicholas Avenue (West 161st Street and West 162nd Street).
- The subway stop at West 168th Street (the A, C, and #1 train stations - inside and outside).
- The George Washington Bus Terminal at West 177th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue.
- Any other areas of encampments (highway underpasses, other CB12, M parklands or playground, buildings, streets, etc.).

Please list the ones you have visited these areas, dates, the number of individual contacts made if any, type of contact (direct or observational) and the outcomes. You may want to put this information in a spreadsheet or table (Areas of contact (12 areas above) vs. Outcomes or rows vs. columns setup).

9. Explain the Needle Exchange and Needle Disposal Programs.
10. Explain lawful and unlawful use of needles and substance abuse.
11. More than 64,000 died of drug overdoses last year in the U.S., most from opioids. Explain "warm handoffs" and 21st Century Cures Act, and other programs your organization or agency may be involved with.
12. Explain the so-called 'Opioids' crisis. Explain the street and designer drug use and relationships to homelessness.
13. Explain the success or failures of these programs (outreach and other intervention strategies).

14. What phone numbers or email should one call for homeless person found alone in their building, subway station, train, etc?
15. There are some pocket palm cards available with helpful information from DHS and outreach services to give out to homeless individuals, could we have a supply at this meeting?

TALKING POINTS FOR THE DOH

To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.

1. Explain the Naloxone Drug Overdose Program. (Legal liability vs. citizen obligations), etc
2. Explain opioids additions and the types of drugs (photos, literature, etc.).
3. Explain proper handling and disposal of these drugs?
4. What places supply these Drug Overdose kits and are they free?
5. What is the procedure to obtain a kit and what is the shelf life?
6. Is it harmful if given to a condition that is not a drug overdose for opioids?
- 7 What kind of training is required?
8. What drug addiction programs are run by DOH? Give admission details?
9. Are there any criminal consequences for addicts?
10. Training: how to administer and Naloxone kits distribution?
11. How successful has this program been to date?
12. If the opioid epidemic continues unabated, there is an estimate that 650,000 more people will die from opioids overdoses in the next 10 years. Given that what new strategies are there?
 - *to Prevent new generations from becoming opioid users;*
 - *to make addiction treatment easier to access than opioid painkillers and heroin (It is much easier to get high than it is to get help);*
 - *to make it less dangerous if we can't stop people from doing drugs, by reduced prescription (one example is prescription heroin, a less potent form);*
 - *to address the other problems that lead to addiction (arrest records, broken relationships and mental health problems).*

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