

Community Board 12's Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Present: Arlene Schulman, Chair; Javier Trejo, Assistant Chair; Richard Lewis; Rasheed Young, Public Member

Excused: Natalie Espino, Rud Morales, Katherine Diaz

Absent: Domingo Estevez

33rd Precinct: Deputy Inspector Aramboles; Captain Donahue; Officer Guzman

34th Precinct: Lt. Marchese

FDNY: Battalion Chief Dudley

DA's Office: Jennifer Araujo

Minutes: Javier Trejo

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

- 1. Patrolman's Benevolent Association, Port Authority, Officers Ryan Ahorn and Danny Rodriguez**
 - a. PBA main focus was to inform community of its available resources and services. The PBA supports local neighborhoods with fundraisers, assists the community with support programs and education around incident prevention.
 - b. PBA website is www.papba.org and local phone access#: 201-871-2100
 - c. Port Authority Officers patrol the bridge vigorously observing unusual patterns; strange behaviors; bridge traffic; monitoring cyclists, and runners. Their main priority is to foster public safety. Port Authority works with Emergency Services and NYPD when bridge emergencies occur.
 - d. Bridge suicide prevention is an important priority for the Port Authority. There is no empirical data and/or gathered analysis that can determine a suicide. Suicides are quite unpredictable and every situation is different. The officers mentioned that the feeling of not being able to save someone from fatal harm to themselves was a devastating blow and that being on the job in uniform, gaining experience coupled with appropriate professional training was key to saving lives. The officers also mentioned that interaction with the public, and general trust building was paramount to incident prevention. To date, the Port Authority has 20 confirmed saves/suicide preventions.
 - e. Statistics are kept on suicides, but are not released with Comp Stat reporting.
 - f. Port Authority has safety signs on all bridges, advanced surveillance systems, landlines and there are professional staff available to provide assistance as needed.
 - g. Bridge Port Authority Command is located in Fort Lee , New Jersey

- 2. 33rd Precinct Report-Inspector Aramboles**
 - a. For the 28 day period 30 versus 41 for a drop of 26.8% in crime.
 - b. Grand larceny in auto 1 and 1 rape.
 - c. For the week to date 16.7% down in crime.
 - d. Year to date up 13.8% in patterns of burglary/robberies. Burglaries happening in basements/stealing in Fort Washington between 170st- 178st. Police able to locate and arrest suspect. Suspects targeting same area in community.
 - e. Robberies have occurred where the suspect beat and took the property of others. The suspect was arrested and crime in area is down 11.9 %.
 - f. 33rd Precinct is planning to engage community in conversation/campaign on awareness and crime prevention. Citizens have be more careful regarding who they let into buildings etc...

- g. Suicide training and support – all officers work with emergency services and follow the appropriate protocol for dealing with an individual in distress.

3. Manhattan District Attorney's Office

- a. DA to give \$58 million in youth and family support to prevent crime. \$45.9 million was awarded to create and construct a five neighborhood base youth opportunity hub. An additional \$12 million was awarded to expand existing family and youth development programs.
- b. High School Internship Program applications due March 15, 2017. Programs invest in youth and reduce crime.
- c. HUB Columbia University division of Child psychology & Northern Manhattan Improvement Association receiving large grants.
- d. Joe Torre's foundation is receiving \$1.33 million.
- e. New York Presbyterian will receive \$1.33 million.
- f. Huge funding opportunities coming into the community. RFPs will be forthcoming and more specific RFP's that fit the profile of local agencies will be available.

4. FDNY, Joe Dudley, Battalion Commander's Report

- a. Building inspections on new units- FDNY is conducting building inspections of new units are finding issues before they happen. In 184th St. and Audubon Avenue there was a fire and a woman died. There was also a fire in the Bronx on March 1st.
- b. Guidelines for space heaters PDFs are online for fire safety. The season for space heaters is over; 311 can be called for questions around space heaters.
- c. District regarding gas leaks- most runs are for elevators and gas leaks. Most of them are due to malfunctioning stoves. Con Edison now gives FDNY an ETA or expected time of arrival and Con Ed emergency management workers are improving their response time.
- d. Special training and equipment- FDNY gets gas meter trainings and has been issued more accurate gas meters we have more accurate gas meters.
- e. Gender Diversity among firefighters- There is one female lieutenant firefighter and three female fire fighters in the battalion, more than in most battalions. Nine female fire fighters just graduated.
- f. Firehouses require capital improvements to accommodate female fire fighters.

5. 34TH Precinct Report , Lieutenant Marchese

- a. The 34th precinct is up 9% on general crimes. Robberies driving crime up. Week to date down 50% on robberies for 28 days.
- b. Commercial burglaries have been an issue. For 28 day period down 23%. Year to date 44%. Police have made three arrest related to burglaries. Suspect had prior record and was arrested eight times.
- c. In grand larcenies, three good arrests were made germane to shoplifting. Credit card fraud is on the rise and a large majority of larceny crimes are occurring while taxes are being filed. Accountants and tax handlers are requesting that the public provide either a state issued ID and or a driver's license as acceptable proof of identification.
- d. NYPD is recommending that electronic equipment: laptops, Ipads and forth be registered with NYPD and assigned a serial number. The serial number is recorded with NYPD, so if the property is stolen and sold at a local pawn shop, it can be retrieved.
- e. Most burglaries have been occurring by Fort Tryon Park and Inwood. The suspect is territorial and is usually one person in the community committing crimes in the same area.
- f. 34th Precinct response to emergencies- officers work with emergency services and rescue squads who are trained to handle traumatic situations. Police have suicide statistics, but don't necessarily report it.

6. Old Business: None

7. **Announcement:** May is a joint meeting with the Committee on Parks and Cultural Affairs.