

**Community Board 12 - Public Safety Committee Minutes**  
**September 2, 2020**  
**7:00 - 8:55 pm**

**Chair: Curtis D. Young**

Committee Members Present

Danielle Jetoto, Asst. Chair  
Gabrielle Estrella  
Yosef Kalinsky  
Osi Kaminer  
Mariela Graham

Committee Members Absent

Francisco Alvarez

Board Members Present

Public Member Present

Graham Ciraulo

Public Member Absent

Lt. Chung (33rd Precinct), Officer Batz (Transit District 3), Detectives (?) and Officer from the 34th Precinct via Phone

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Called to Order : 7:05 pm

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Crime Stats, Fire Incidents, and Emergency Services Reports and Law Enforcement Initiatives**

**A. 33rd Precinct Updates (Captain Chung)**

- Robberies up slightly. Beginning with shoplifting at Pharmacy. Burglaries are up 138 % (1 person committed 7 burglaries - package thefts and a commercial burglaries)
- GLA (Car theft)- up 9 compared to 2 last year. This is because car keys have been left as residents pick up food from restaurants or bodegas.
- Shooting update on 174th Street: 2 perpetrators were identified using video from the deli and now apprehended.

**311 Complaints**

- On July 5th they entered 513 complaints.
- From 4-12 shift there is an officer dedicated to taking these calls.

**B. 34th Precinct Updates**

**Updates in Compstats for the 28 Day Period.**

- Total of 10 Complaints for Grand Larceny Auto (80% increase from 2019)
- Grand Larceny: 46 in 2019 compared to 33 in 2020 (20 decrease)
- Burglaries: 15 in 2019 compared to 20 in 2020 (33% increase)
- Assaults: 30 in 2019 compared to 13 in 2020 (56% decrease)
- Robberies are down in the 34th: 23 in 2019 compared to 26 in 2020 (11.5% decrease)
- Rapes: 4 in 2019 compared to 2 in 2020 (50% decrease)
- Murders: 100% decrease

**311 Calls Updates (Top Locations)**

- **Question:** What has been the response to 311 Call?  
**Answer:** They try to speak with the individuals on the street to let them know there was a complaint and they need to be respectful of their neighbors. They ask them to lower their radio/sound and if the problem continues they result in issuing summons.
- **Question:** Can you give us information about the animal abuse case?  
**Answer:** Need to look into that further. Not aware of the outcome.
- **Question:** What's the concern with mentioning the specific addresses in the 311 reports?  
Would like to see even more spe  
**Answer: (CY) It's helpful having details about recurring calls.** When people call 311 it's anonymous and listing individual addresses in this report may not be the best approach (The information can be found on Beta NYC). Also, it could lead to unnecessary targeting. It's helpful for the committee but maybe not in the live video stream. Is it possible to get data on recurring calls? The same person etc?

**Question:** Enlighten us with the process of closing out 311 calls. Who takes 311 and who decides and who's accountable for closing out?

**Answer:** They are sent to the precinct desk. The desk officers/switchboard assigns it to the street. Once they get there (to the scene) they know what the issue is. Officers prioritize severe issues such as Assaults over 311 and will come back to the 311 call after that. Once they arrive, and see that the issue has subsided they will mark it off as unfounded. Unfounded doesn't mean the issues was bogus, it just means once they arrived it was "gone on arrival."

We have to document who we gave the 311 call to. Noting the sector it was assigned to and the response from the sector.

**Question:** Could we have that data? Average response time etc?

**Answer:** They don't compile data but can look into that. **(ACTION ITEM)**

**Comment:** We are not seeing or getting an answer on why 311 calls are closed out so quickly. There's a pattern of cases being closed out.

**Question:** (Community Member) Are you under orders to stand done on quality of life issues?

**Answer:** There's not a concerted effort to not take these issues seriously.

### C. Transit Division Updates

- Covers 34th Precinct and over into the Bronx.
- Main issues have been quality of life (168 Station at 169th Side) have received most complaints.
- Narcotics: Haven't received many calls on this issue this period.
- Homeless calls are continuing.
- NCO are out tackling complaints through the portal. Patrol cops are out trying to help with homelessness.

**Question:** Could you elaborate on homeless complaints and linking them to care since stations remain closed.

**Answer:** Officers are at the end stations offering care. BRC is there and they are in a challenging situation because of COVID. They are reaching back out to them for a specific station. They reached out to us recently and are planning to increase outreach over the next few weekends as the weather gets colder.

Lot of Narcotics and panhandling. Sleeping and using drugs is the main issue (around 4/5am). Working to hit the worst hit stations.

**Question:** Schools - Is there a plan around transit safety as the subways reopen and other safety measure (social distancing) etc.

**Answer:** They are contacting schools to get more information. They will have school teams back out once classes resume. Monitoring social distancing, as well. The school team is working on that.

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### III. Community Member Presentation on Police Accountability

*By Katherine Vargas (Student Researcher)*

### IV. Budgeting Allocation Process

Committee was provided with documents from last year to review prior to the October meeting.

Full recording available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dpufVzJlsg>

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