

Community Board 12 - Public Safety Committee Minutes
June 2, 2021
7:00 -8:45 pm

Chair: Curtis D. Young

Committee Members Present

Danielle Jetto, Asst. Chair
Osi Kaminer
Yosef Kalinsky
Gabrielle Estrella

Committee Members Absent

Francisco Alvarez
Mariela Graham (Excused)

Board Members Present

Public Member Present

Graham Ciraulo

Public Member Absent

Yomaris Smith

Lt. Taveras (34th Precinct), Deputy Inspector Bello (33rd Precinct), Superintendent Miller (DOCCS),

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

I. Chair Welcome & Updates

- A. Final meeting of the year but we will be checking emails over the summer. If there are Public Safety concerns community members can also reach out directly to the precinct.

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

A. DOCCS - Edgecomb Facility

- There are possible closersures to be announced by the end of the week as required by law due to the decrease in the number of incarcerated individuals.
- Facility remains a mixed community of men and women returning to the community with a remaining 90 days or less of their sentence.
- Have not had any COVID cases and are now making the vaccine avail for those incarcerated and will be distributing Johnson and Johnson.

- The facility aims to be part of the community and most recently worked with the 33rd Precinct after a lost child was brought to the facility. The child was reunited with parents.
- Question: Is the facility on the list of possible closures.
- Response: All facilities are on the table until an announcement is made.
- Recently had a reaccreditation and were at 100% across the board. They hope to continue as a site.
- Question: Have you done any voter education?
- Response: Yes. They are made aware at orientation and at discharge.

B. 33rd Precinct Report (Deputy Inspector Bello)

- Fireworks - Have identified chronic areas and are taking a different approach towards the issue. They have been able to confiscate throughout the precinct and have also towed vehicles in possession of fireworks (sellers). Had an illegal NJ tag and allowed them to tow the vehicle and confiscate it.
- They've been doing observations from the rooftop and identifying street level fireworks / sells.
- Each Monday they do a 311 / 911 analysis to determine the top locations in order to target efforts. There is a plan for July 4th but awaiting approval of hours, light post request and foot police.
- Dirt Bikes - Have confiscated 31 dirt bikes. Have a joint operation with DOT and Bureau of Transportation within NYPD. They are now patrolling areas to find locations where bikes are parked in hopes of towing. This operation will take place in three consecutive days. Have been doing operations with the Parks Dept. Park Dpt. issues two summons. 34th Precinct Report (Lt. Taveras)
- 3 Shootings: Two arrests were made and a third is currently incarcerated for another crime.
- Question: Can any store sell them on the street or do you need to be a licensed dealership.

- Response: Anyone can sell them. It's not illegal to purchase but it's illegal to operate on streets.
- Question: What are other ways to address dirt bikes you can't pursue.
- Answer: Most would have to come through legislation.
- Question: How can we go about getting a change to street layout?
- Answer: Referred to Traffic and Transportation Committee

III. 34th precinct, Lt. Tavares

- They have been trying to deter drag race by having police cars patrol problematic areas. They continue to have personnel/staffing issues which makes having more cars patrol difficult.
- Main issue has been noise in the month. Have assigned three cars. They have also been conducting checkpoints to deter bikes and for illegal licenses.
- Have been doing conducting joint operations with DEP
- Robberies: 46 % increase (continued citywide pattern - targeting jewelry)
- Felony Assault: 33 % increase
- Burglaries: 72 % decrease
- Grand Larceny: 29% increase
- GLA 26 % increase

IV. **New Business**

- Next meeting will occur September 1, 2021 and is scheduled to be in person.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Minutes by Curtis Young