Community Board 12 M Public Safety Meeting - MINUTES
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Time: Meeting called to order 7:20 pm
Location: CB 12 Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Arlene Schulman, Chair, Isidro Medina, Richard Lewis, Alyce Smith; Javier Trejo; Public Member Rasheed Young
Committee Members Excused: Kathy Diaz
Committee Members Absent: Rud Morales
Board Member Present:
Public Officials:
33rd Precinct: Lt. Freddy Chalen; Police Office Danny Guzman, Community
    Affairs
34th Precinct: Lt. Warren Tom; Police Officer Chris Perez, Community Affairs
Transit Police: Police Officer Dameion Frey, Community Affairs
DA's Office: ADA Molly Brottmiller, Jennifer Araujo, Community Coordinator, NY
    County DA's Office
NYC Department of Probation: Deputy Commissioner Sharun Goodwin; Assistant
    Commissioner Rodney Levy; Director of Press and Communications Candace
    Sandy; Patrick Van Sluytman; Kathy Reyes; Yvette Rivera; Danny Marcus (sic)
Speaker: The Honorable Shari Michels of Bronx Criminal Court
Members of the Public and others: Christopher Burch of HRA/DHA; Christopher
    Soliver; Jim Meniff; Yohaira Alvarez, CCRB; Brian McCullough, CCRB
Media:
Minutes: Alyce Smith
Meeting Topic: *From Arrest to Probation: A Brief Overview of the Criminal Justice System*

Note: An audio recording of the meeting is available. Contact the Board office for more information.

Welcome and Introduction, Arlene Schulman, Committee Chair

Program

The Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) develops and implements intelligence-driven prosecution strategies that address crime issues and target priority offenders in each of the areas.

These Assistant District Attorneys team with investigators, community affairs liaisons, and intelligence analysts to identify opportunities to reduce and prevent crime by improving the timely and accurate sharing of criminal intelligence throughout the District Attorney's Office and among all law enforcement agencies.

The office is using new technology to help ADAs be more effective by deploying an innovative Arrest Alert System managed by CSU, ADAs throughout the Office are notified when a priority defendant has been arrested and can ensure that charging decisions, bail applications, and sentencing recommendations address that defendant's impact on criminal activity in our communities.

The Office has developed a sophisticated mapping capability that enables us to visually depict criminal activity based on various identifiers such as gang affiliation, type of crime or possession of a weapon, and help identify, for example, previously unnoticed patterns or gang activity.

ADA's prosecute felony and misdemeanor cases from arrest to sentencing and investigates long-term criminal enterprises

The criminal defendant appears in court for the first time at the arraignment

Before he appears before the judge defendant brought to central booking Defendant is photographed and fingerprinted, then put into a holding cell, is interviewed by defense counsel while court papers are prepared, given to judge where arraignment occurs.

Judge Michels discussed her role working within the court system from the time someone appears before her until the time they are sentenced. She formerly worked as an ADA. She noted the importance of information shared from other agencies in order to make an informed decision and that she and other judges want the straightforward answers (not always forthcoming) from the defendants in order to render a fair decision, whether it is incarceration or probation. The intricacies of paperwork include timely probation reports and other programs that people are referred to, including diversion programs which help avoid jail time.

Dept. of Probation builds safer communities by supervising people on probation, fostering change in their decision-making and behavior and expanding opportunities for them to move out of the criminal and juvenile justice system through education, employment, health services, family engagement and civic participation.

The department gathers facts regarding client for judge to determine sentence

Pre-Sentence Investigation consists of interviewing the defendant
- Analyze criminal, social, employment and substances abuse histories
- Then provides judge with sentencing recommendation
- Upon sentencing defendant is placed on probation supervision
- One to six years for misdemeanor
- Five to ten years for a felony conviction
- Supervision will include referrals to community-based resources to meet client needs/cases
- Probation clients who are at higher risk of committing another crime receive intensive supervision
- Client is connected to community through Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON)

These are community organizations, government agencies, local businesses and community residents who connect clients to opportunities, resources and services

Resources available include probation services, employment preparation, academic support, technical education, mentoring and healthcare

Goals include early discharge and rehabilitation

Plea bargaining where the defendant agrees to plead guilty to a particular charge in return for some concession from the prosecutor presents a problem as there is not enough judges in the Bronx to handle cases

Pre-Sentence Report investigate the history of clients convicted of a crime before sentencing to determine if there are circumstances which should improve the sentence or a history of criminal behavior to increase the harshness of the sentence.

Interim Probation Supervision is when defendant satisfactorily completes a term of interim probation (now up to 2 years); he or she shall receive credit for the time served toward any probation sentence that is subsequently imposed in that case

Probation has a 70% success rate.

Reports

Transit: Officer Frey discussed recent subway slashings and that the NYPD was adding extra patrols to the subways. Sleeping passengers would be awakened by police to help avoid robberies and assaults.

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Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	6 Year	23 Year
	2016	2015	% Chg	2016	2015	% Chg	2016	2015	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	-100.0
Rape	0	0	***.*	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	***.*	-100.0	-100.0
Robbery	7	7	0.0	19	18	5.6	20	20	0.0	-31.0	-20.0	-86.9
Fel. Assault	4	4	0.0	22	10	120.0	24	11	118.2	242.9	41.2	-58.6
Burglary	3	0	***.*	8	7	14.3	8	8	0.0	-50.0	-68.0	-95.5
Gr. Larceny	3	5	-40.0	33	43	-23.3	36	46	-21.7	-25.0	38.5	-60.4
G.L.A.	2	0	***.*	8	3	166.7	8	3	166.7	300.0	-11.1	-95.6
TOTAL	*19*	*16*	*18.75*	*90*	*82*	*9.76*	*96*	*89*	*7.87*	*-5.88*	*-7.69*	*-85.82*
Transit	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	1	1	0.0	-75.0	-66.7	***.*
Housing	1	0	***.*	3	2	50.0	3	3	0.0	0.0	50.0	***.*
Petit Larceny	17	6	183.3	64	37	73.0	66	39	69.2	-2.9	53.5	***.*
Misd. Assault	3	8	-62.5	44	22	100.0	51	26	96.2	70.0	30.8	***.*
Misd. Sex Crimes	0	2	-100.0	1	3	-66.7	1	3	-66.7	0.0	-66.7	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	***.*	-50.0	-96.2
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	***.*	-50.0	-96.0

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Rape	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	-75.0	0.0	***.*
Robbery	1	4	-75.0	4	13	-69.2	6	15	-60.0	-64.7	-72.7	***.*
Fel. Assault	1	1	0.0	10	14	-28.6	12	16	-25.0	9.1	-25.0	***.*
Burglary	3	2	50.0	4	8	-50.0	4	9	-55.6	-33.3	-60.0	***.*
Gr. Larceny	5	7	-28.6	18	34	-47.1	18	35	-48.6	-35.7	28.6	***.*
G.L.A.	0	0	***.*	3	2	50.0	3	3	0.0	0.0	-40.0	***.*
TOTAL	*11*	*14*	*-21.43*	*40*	*71*	*-43.66*	*44*	*78*	*-43.59*	*-36.23*	*-36.23*	****.**
Transit	1	1	0.0	3	1	200.0	4	1	300.0	100.0	***.*	***.*
Housing	0	0	***.*	3	0	***.*	3	0	***.*	200.0	50.0	***.*
Petit Larceny	11	11	0.0	41	45	-8.9	45	48	-6.2	-4.3	50.0	***.*
Misd. Assault	7	2	250.0	20	26	-23.1	23	28	-17.9	-34.3	-36.1	***.*
Misd. Sex Crimes	1	0	***.*	2	0	***.*	2	0	***.*	***.*	-50.0	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	1	1	0.0	***.*	0.0	***.*
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	1	1	0.0	***.*	0.0	***.*

Historical Perspective

Old Business/New Business: The committee agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Parks Committee in May and to switch the date of the meeting to Tuesday, May 2nd.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 2 with the topic of Domestic Violence. Speakers include the NYPD, ADA's office, and a social workers from NMIC.

Adjournment: 9:20 pm