

**CB 12 Public Safety Committee Meeting – September 2016**

**Date: September 7, 2016, 7 pm**

**Fort Washington Armory, Fort Wash Ave between 167 and 168<sup>th</sup> Streets**

**Public Safety Members present:** Arlene Schulman, Chair; Committee Members: Isidro Medina, Natalie Espino, Richard Lewis, Katherine Diaz, and Public Member: Rasheed Young. **Absent:** Assistant Chair Javier Trejo, Carlos Suero, and Rud Morales

**CB 12 Members Present:** Gerard Dengel

**NYPD:** Captain Donahue and Officer Danny Guzman of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct; Officer Frey and Auxiliary Police Officer Trimpin of Transit District 3; Lieutenant Salvatore Marchese of the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct

**FDNY:** Battalion Chief Bill Carroll

**Representative from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's office:** Lesly Almanzar (replacing Giovanni Puello)

**Public:** Martin Collins

**Minutes:** Katherine Diaz

**7:05pm – Welcome from Chair Arlene Schulman and Committee Business**

**FDNY report: FDNY Battalion Chief Bill Carroll**

Fires in Washington Heights have been extremely low. Very low problems with hydrants. 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion had a smooth summer with few incidents. Prior to and during the meeting, FDNY was responding to a small fire within the subway system on the A line.

**34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Report: Lieutenant Salvatore Marchese**

Overall, crime is slightly up 1.7% for the year. Week to date: 28 crimes versus 32.

Issues with robberies and a few shootings as follows:

- 179 Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Both 33 and 34 responded, 1 arrest occurred and 1 individual is still being sought. There are alerts out.
- 184 Street and Audubon Avenue, shooting into the air. Person has been apprehended.
- 207<sup>th</sup> Street and Sherman Avenue shooting supposedly about a verbal dispute. Squad is still investigating. There is video footage.

Successful for instances: 72-hour plan, officers who are assigned to the sector, especially NCOs, are directed to go to these areas and police areas intensively in sector.

Summer Report backs:

- Dominican Day Parade. No incidents.
- Regarding Dyckman strip and La Marina, there have been no incidents. Officers have managed the flow throughout the summer, including traffic.

Complaint shared on lobby robberies on 186 Street and Cabrini Avenue of delivered packages. 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct is investigating.

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Report: Captain Donahue**

In 28 days, no shootings. Pattern of robberies/assaults in Riverside Park area. 4 people by mostly early 20 males. Robberies of Bikes: 171, 173, 158, 177 and Riverside. Dispatching plainclothes and uniformed, mostly at night. Police cars have limited entrances into the area and difficult to get to robbery points. Prevention and care on being at the park at night and alone. There are no cameras in the area and their lack have made it difficult.

Attempted bank robbery as of day of meeting and person was apprehended at the site.

### **Transit District 3: P.O. Frey**

In 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct area, 4 crimes in 28-day period mostly grand larceny in 168<sup>th</sup> street. 2 arrests occurred. 3 grand larcenies in 34<sup>th</sup> precinct area and arrests occurred. Prevention occurring via dispatching more officers to wake riders on train and leafleting to prevent people standing by the door.

National Night Out took place and was successful. Committee comment on wheelchair accessibility into the park and consideration for follow up events.

Shared comment on homeless persons loitering in south entrance in 168<sup>th</sup> Street and currently addressing complaints shared by Columbia University and

Blood Drive will take place in October. More information to come.

No slashings in the last 6 months within transit. Have subsided citywide.

### **Manhattan DA's office: Joselinne Minaya**

September 25<sup>th</sup> is Gun Violence Awareness Day. Event will take place in Harlem and eventually an event in Washington Heights.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Annual Event, Shine the Light Harlem began 4 years ago and Shine the Light in Washington Heights will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm from Broadway Plaza to Mitchell Square. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Brides March on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will begin 174 Street and Broadway to Riverside Church in Harlem. DA's office will march from Harlem State Building.

Open House will take place and more information will come at following meeting.

### **Resolution in support of body cameras in 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct and throughout the city**

Impetus by pilot project in higher crime areas of which 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> precinct are not participating in.

#### **Discussion on Resolution:**

- Comment on survey regarding body cameras sent out in the beginning of the summer and data will be released in the fall.
- Expand outreach programs in the resolution from CB12 and NYPD Precinct Councils to include youth and schools
- Questions on when they are turned on/off
- Additional information will be circulated on its success in different cities and current legal debates

Resolution discussion will continue.

### **Guest Speaker: Yokarina Duarte of the Office of Emergency Management**

NYC Emergency Management began within NYPD and as of 2012 received Department status. Agency is located in Cadman Plaza, Downtown Brooklyn and has 179 employees. Responders during emergencies are deployed from various departments/agencies such as Department of Building, Department of Finance, NYPD, FDNY, and Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Host a 24/7 Watch Command Center and receives alerts on all activities and emergencies and based on guidelines will play coordinating role. They assign roles and times during emergencies including follow-ups after emergencies, such as Red Cross and placements during building collapses. NYC EM receives alerts on all activities and emergencies and based on guidelines and jurisdiction will play coordinating role.

#### **Other programs include:**

- NotifyNYC is a free program that residents can receive notifications on traffic delays, train issues, weather alerts, and other emergencies.

- ReadyNY: how to guides/ workshops in case of emergencies such as blackouts and water main break.
- CitizenCorp: directed to organizations/spaces of faith towards collaborating during emergencies.
- Serve: 10-week training program including CPR certification and receive uniform and radio and goal is to prepare individuals from the community ready to support for situations.
- Partners and Preparedness: partners, particularly businesses, receive information in how to prep and receive notifications or invites for conference calls

**October meeting – Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – will be a joint meeting with the Aging Committee. The subject is elder abuse and the meeting will be held in the Library of the Isabella Geriatric Center.**