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Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Time: 10:00am

A G E N D A

NYPD

- Precincts Issues:
 - **10th Precinct:**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 41st/Dyer & W 40th/Dyer**
 - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness**
 - Citywide Pattern 90 – Nightlife Grand Larceny Pattern: **There was a significant breakthrough in this particular case where an individual was arrested. This past past December or January. He was charged with some of the deaths involved in that I think he was in 26 separate attacks, but I I believe he's been charged well. I Don't believe he actually has been charged with a a few of the deaths of those individuals**
 - **Midtown South Precinct:**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 30th/9th; W 33rd/8th W 43rd/8th**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies; Felony Assaults; Grand Larceny**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness; Narcotics; Noise**
 - **We got a new commanding officer that started on Monday. Deputy Inspector Edwards**
 - Citywide Pattern 90 – Nightlife Grand Larceny Pattern
 - Ongoing: New Midtown Business Recovery initiative: **Still ongoing**
 - Ongoing: Crime Reduction Overtime: **Still ongoing**
 - **Midtown North Precinct:**

- Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **9th Avenue (50/49)**
- Top three major crimes: **Robberies; Assaults; Grand Larceny**
- Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness**
- **13th Precinct:**
- Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 19th/6th; W 25th/6th**
- Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny Auto; Felony Assaults; Grand Larceny**
- Top Quality of Life Issues: **Bikes; Homelessness; Noise**

FDNY/EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **structural fires: 36; nonstructural fires: 22; medical emergencies: 696; non-medical emergencies: 489; total incidents: 1,223**

DHS & Homeless Outreach (DHS, Breaking Ground, Goddard, Urban Pathways)

District Report

- DHS Report
 - **Molly Park Acting Commissioner for the Department of Social Services. Continuing to respond to the emergency crisis that we are seeing at each point of our intakes from families with children in the intake location pad at Thirtieth Street, which is our Dell family intake and single adult intake for men and Franklin location for single adult women massive upticks that we see we still see a high volume of asylum seekers coming in. and we're providing emergency capacity wherever we can. Throughout the 5 boroughs. Recently opened up a site I want to say last week in Community Board, 3 district for adult families, which it seems to be the new uptick on what we see first. It was families. Now we are seeing uptick and adult families, so we're continuing to provide emergency capacity in real time.**
- Breaking Ground: **See attachment.**
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report: **13 placements total, about 266 encounters. the migrants are coming in there, so we also have to just be aware, help out where we can. But we have not been dealing with that side that much at all.**

DOT

- On-going: Open Restaurant Enforcement: **Continue to work with the restaurant owners on the outdoor dining. We are continuing with our**

inspections, and we have removed quite a few structures in C before district.

- On-going: Bike Ambassador Program Request for West 47/48 Street: **June 5th**

DSNY

- Update: Containerization Pilot on West 45th Street: **Added a couple of more bins to deal with the volume**
- Ongoing: Dump Outs\Illegal dumping locations: **Left side of 9th Ave from W 40th – W 39th Street; 10th Ave from W 45th St to W 48th St.**
- **Enforcement Report**

DEP/DDC

- **DEP**
 - **If anybody property owners have a water debt, you need to come to a court, you want to clear it out and also save some money. You need to go to our Dep website or call (718) 595-7000. We have the opportunity to forgive and cured interest from your water jet. So whatever bill you owe interest is applied to it just like a credit card. Anything else we're able to forgive that if you come to us and you and you make a payment and you work out a payment plan with us. It's only available until April 13th.**
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Summer 2023: **Installations, and removing their electrical pipes away from our water main but progressing surely for slowly**
 - HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue & 8th Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Tentative – Summer 2023: **Since the last Dsc. Meeting, for c. Before there has not been much to report, the work hours are still Monday night to Friday night 7 Pm. To 3 am. No weekend works.**

Con Edison

- **Current work locations within CD4: There's huge transmission work happening on West 40 s Street, between Tenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue, and we're also working on Tenth Avenue between West 40, s**

and West 40 Third Street. So that work is happening mostly around the clock. But we're limiting any kind of noisy work and excavation work to permitted times, which is between 7 a. M. And 7 Pm. We just have a large presence there. We also have work that recently started on Eleventh Avenue, between West 50, Seventh and West 50 Ninth Street, work is taking place on weekdays from 8 am. To 3 Pm. And also on Saturdays from 8 am. To 6 Pm. And that's going through September. There's gas work happening on West 23 Street, between Tenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue, we should only be doing work on the weekends, which means that we then yes, have plates that get run over every day during the week. and we also have gas work that should be wrapping up this month on West Thirtieth Street, between Eleventh Avenue and Twelfth Avenue, and that's happening overnight on weekdays. So that's the majority of our major work. We may have some, you know, small projects that are kind of more, one to 2 day things happening throughout the district as always.

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- Impact of Holland Tunnel Closures in Lincoln Tunnel Operations: On February fifth the Holland tunnel changed direction of work in for their sandy rehab project. Previously they were working in the south Tube, which is eastbound. On night of February fifth they changed and the North tube is now the their hours of work are Sunday night through Thursday, 11 Pm. To 5 am. and Friday night 1159 pm. To, I think, 9 9 am. In the in the morning. The Lincoln has taken in conjuncture with working with our partners in traffic. Engineering has taken some and go. Core has taken steps to mitigate the some of the traffic volume that's being diverted up to here on Friday on Monday night. I'm sorry Sun Sunday night into Monday, which is normally our first night of work. We've delayed a closure of all tubes on until 1201 am. So after midnight we've also pushed all of instituted for west. So with that at that time, from 11 to 12, all we have all 4. We have the North Tube and the center. That that's all that's going westbound in order to accommodate the additional traffic from the Holland on Friday night the other night that that we had a concern about. We've delayed a closure of or of any tube at all until one am. And from 11 Pm. To one am. We have 4 lanes going westbound to handle the additional traffic volume. We've asked for an support and receive a lot of support from Nypd, from the use of traffic agents. We've been evaluating their impact on it. and we're looking at. We've started to reduce some of them down, and we're looking at. Just take it, eliminating them for a week just to see what the impacts are. We also have been in discussion with our partners in New York City, DOT over this one other item that that I have on Monday, that the twentieth will be doing a an inspection of the exterior of our building at 491 Eleventh Avenue. It's a engineering evaluation and inspection of the exterior of the building.

- Other Facility\Operation Updates: New York City emergency management and the National Guard continue their operations to assist migrants in the North wing. We Haven't received in the in the past month we Haven't received any new buses from Texas, but their operation is still there.

Midtown Community Court

- Offers programming outside of court operation. So we have a homeless outreach program in the Times Square area called community. First, we have diversion programming for young adults who or rather teenagers, who are, who have a gun possession case in family court. We run project reset, which is a pre arrangement diversion program. We have community engagement programming. So we're there 5 days a week running programs. The courtroom itself has been open for the past year on Fridays, and we've been seeing a misdemeanor, mental health calendar. So people who have misdemeanor charges and one of the core parties downtown is identified that mental health concerns played a role in their coming to court. So they have the opportunity to come up to Midtown and participate in our programming and the exciting news is that, starting tomorrow, we are also reopening on Thursdays to see emerging adults, so that's 18 to 25 year olds borough wide, who receive what's called a desk appearance ticket instead of being arrested on the spot, those tickets will be returned to Midtown Community Court. So all 18 to 25 year olds who are arrested with a desk. Appearance to get on a misdemeanor charge will come to Midtown Community core, and we'll have an opportunity to work with those folks and find options for their mandates through our wide array of programming. So that's exciting news on our end, and we're hoping that that momentum towards reopening the court more fully. We'll just continue. we are open 5 days a week running an array of programming

NYCCHR

- There was an anti-semitic incident earlier this month at a Broadway, theatre outside the parade. I believe that's technically in Cb: 5 but just kind of across the street on a 40 fifth there, but we've been working with the theater, the theater organization, Schubert, as well as our sister Agency mom to respond to that incident.

DANY

- We sent over 400 letters to a cannabis shop landlords basically saying that they're required to commence eviction proceedings against their attendants or anyone else on their property that is engaging in the illegal sale or business of cannabis. So obviously eviction proceedings take a long time. But it's something that we're we're basically we identified as something we can do to use our resources to address this issue.

- We also announced the creation of our first worker protection unit, which will basically be investigating and prosecuting things like wage theft and on the forms of worker harassment and exploitation across the borough, and it's many diverse industries, and it's going to allow us to pursue criminal charges against individuals and corporations that are jeopardizing their workers safety and their wages.

NYC Aging

- NYC Aging and Nyc public schools have launched an anti-agent educational pilot program for students designed to help them recognize ages and and prevent age based discrimination. It's entitled Intergenerational Connections To Fight ages in the Pilot, will be implemented at 13 schools in South Brooklyn this spring semester, and will include a resource guide to help teachers develop classrooms, lessons, activities, and the discussions about the effect agency has on all the adults

HRPT

- New York State Department of Transportation is resurfaced in the bike way between Warren Street and 50 Ninth Street. This was supposed to start this Monday, the thirteenth, but it's been postponed until Monday. The twentieth is coming Monday, and it should run through June thirtieth. They're going to be stripping up the As for repaving it, we striping it. and most of that work is going to take place between 9 at night and 5 in the morning. They'll be doing the entire area, except for the area between Gans of what Peninsula and just north of Chelsea peers, because that was one of it. Chelsea Piers area where it's Red dial. I guess not so many years back again to what will be Redone when we finish the project. this is a New York State Department of transportation project. It's not hrpt. We have nothing to do with it. We're trying to pass along all information we can. The public notice Notice this isn't getting out there the way we like

Additional Reports, including updates on any policy or personal changes

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, April 19th, at 10am

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM and will last approximately an hour and quarter. As always, it is important for everyone to attend so that productive multi-agency dialogues may occur. Please contact the Board Office regarding questions about the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report
Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan
March 15, 2023, Update

Catchment Area

Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan's catchment area extends from the north side of 23 St to the south side of 59 St, East River to Hudson River.

Neighborhood Homeless Outreach Efforts

BG S2HM conducts street outreach to homeless individuals in the Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods daily visiting encampments, hotspots, and chronic clients with the goal of linking street homeless individuals to housing and other vital services.

Joint Operations

S2HM outreach teams conduct weekly joint outreach operations with Times Square Alliance and New York City Relief. S2HM also conducts joint outreach operations with street medicine teams and other outreach providers on an as-needed basis. Last month S2HM Outreach extended collaboration with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to meet with individuals who are interested in placements. We also revived relationships with the Woodstock network including the Coffee House to speak with individuals who are interested in placements. There have been no recent joint outreach operations with NYPD.

Current Areas of Concern

BG S2HM continues to provide homeless outreach services at all the areas of concern identified in recent months. Highlights for the four weeks ended Monday 03/06 include:

Columbus Circle

Outreach teams report that this area has been mostly free of homeless activity for the last several months. On occasion unknown individuals are encountered bedded down overnight and early morning. Increasing cold weather and heavy police presence has discouraged panhandlers as of late.

58th St and 59th St under West Side Hwy

Previously, outreach teams, case managers, and supervisors had a daily presence here for many months due to the proliferation of complex encampments. More recently, this area has been largely free of homeless activity, with only a single individual returning regularly. Fencing was placed shortly after which continued to deter influx of homeless activity. The area will continue to be monitored for activity. The one remaining frequent visitor to this area is in regular contact with outreach.

59th St and 9th Ave

A large encampment has developed this area, which has repeatedly been moved by the inhabitant between 58th Street and 60th Street on this avenue. Breaking Ground outreach staff are making frequent contact with this individual as well as collaborating with Uptown Goddard to coordinate efforts to assist this client in preparing to accept placement.

57th St and 9th Ave

This location has been frequented by numerous homeless individuals; however, after several recent 2 placements by outreach, activity has been greatly reduced.

DeWitt Clinton Park

Outreach has been canvassing and reporting on this location frequently. A few clients are regularly observed passing through, as well as an individual who is a frequent visitor to this park. Rapport will continue to be built with these individuals around accepting placement services.

52nd St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

This location, which was formerly home to a large encampment, has been cleared of homeless material. Only transient homeless activity has been observed.

51st St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

This location used to be a hot spot but currently one homeless individual continues to bed down at this location on a somewhat regular basis. Outreach teams visit this location regularly to engage and build rapport

8th Ave bet 42nd St and 59th St

Outreach teams canvass this long stretch of 8th Ave daily and offer services to the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered. Overnight staff typically engages clients bedded down at night between 42nd St and 45th St as well as between 47th St and 48th St. Many individuals engaged on this stretch come and go which makes rapport building quite difficult. Caseload clients, less frequently engaged in the area, tend to be connected to transitional housing services or in the referral process.

42nd St bet 7th Ave and 9th Ave

Outreach has continued to engage the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered on this block. The population here is highly transient, and outreach engagements are often with unknown clients.

8th Ave bet 39th St and 42nd St (PABT)

S2HM visits this area regularly and reports steady homeless activity across morning, day, and evening shifts. A caseload client of concern maintains in an encampment here and routinely declines outreach services. Over the last several months, overnight staff have encountered relatively few clients bedded down, mostly unknown individuals.

8th Ave bet 33rd St and 35th St

Outreach teams frequently canvass these two blocks of 8th Ave, which have historically been very active with panhandling and drug-related activity. Outreach teams continue to note significant presence around the nearby Duane Reade (34th St and 8th Ave) and McDonald's (8th Ave between 34th St and 35th St).

8th Ave bet 31st St and 33rd St (General Post Office)

Outreach teams visit this location often and encounter a varied number of homeless individuals. Many of them are well-known to outreach staff and are engaged in the housing process or are working with other service providers. During the day, numerous individuals rest on the post office stairs. Recently, this section of 8th Ave has been less active at night.

8th Ave bet 36th St and 37th St (Chain Theatre area)

This area was recently cleaned by DHS and DSNY efforts. There are a few individuals that have since then been placed into safe haven and stabilization sites. Outreach teams continue to canvas this location as there are still concerns regarding encampments and speaking with individuals who may attend the Housing Works program nearby to offer housing services.

Chelsea Park

Outreach teams visit this mainstay of homeless activity multiple times throughout the day every day. During the day, there is a steady flow of transient homeless activity and at night handful of highly entrenched homeless individuals bed down regularly. To address a variety of obstacles toward housing, S2HM coordinates with several other social agencies to provide services to the homeless

11th Ave and 48th St.

An encampment exists at this location that is occupied by an individual who has been highly entrenched on the street. Our outreach teams have been working with them toward accepting services over a long period of time and have been frequently monitoring their safety in the meantime

34th St. bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

Although homeless activity has decreased in comparison to the past, homeless individuals continue to be encountered, especially near the corner of 34th St and 8th Ave.

41st St bet 10th Ave and Dyer Ave

Homeless activity at this location fluctuated but has since decreased dramatically. Following increased S2HM outreach efforts and collaboration with community stakeholders, the location remains clear of encampments.

39th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Outreach teams visit this area weekly and are working to connect the individuals randomly observed bedded down here to housing and other services.

39th St bet 10th Ave and 11th Ave

Activity has greatly reduced in this once highly active encampment site. Outreach teams and case managers visited this location weekly and have reported a decline in homeless activity.

38th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

This once prominent encampment location has since been removed and a welcome location to unknown homeless individuals who are resistant to transitional housing services. Outreach teams are working to build rapport with these individuals to explore housing options available to them.

Dyer Ave bet 34th St and 36th St

Outreach teams visit this active panhandling location often due to fluctuating homeless activity. More recently, a couple of clients bed down here overnight have received placement. Outreach teams regularly find placement for individuals who frequent this area and are working to locate appropriate placement for other individuals although drug use has remained a barrier in them accepting housing.

31st St and 32nd St bet 6th Ave and 7th Ave

While these blocks have historically been a popular homeless location due to their proximity to the St Francis Church complex, the population bedded down here is significant. Overnight teams visit this location nightly and are working to connect clients to caseload services and transitional housing opportunities.

30th St bet 9th and Dyer

Staff are continuing to work to connect the few individuals observed infrequently bedded down here to housing and other services.

23rd St bet 7th Ave and 8th Ave

Outreach teams visits this encampment multiple times daily. While staff and supervisors have been working on housing with the entrenched clients bedded down at this location, S2HM management has joined with DHS and community leaders in exploring collaborative solutions.

6th Ave bet 23rd St and 29th St

S2HM remains vigilant around the persistent illegal vending and the homeless population attracted to this area, particularly between 23rd St and 24th St. Several individuals who regularly frequent this location have been working closely with outreach teams to overcome barriers to housing.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements for the four weeks ended Tuesday 03/07:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Client's Street Location</i>	<i>Placement Facility Type</i>	<i>Borough</i>
02/10	32 nd and Lexington Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
02/13	34 th and 7 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
02/15	26 th bet. 5 th Ave and Madison Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
02/15	55 th bet. 3 rd and Lexington	Safe Haven	Manhattan
02/16	53 rd bet. 9 th and 10 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
02/27	31 st bet. 6 th and 7 th Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
02/28	43 rd bet. 6 th and 7 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
03/02	55 th and 5 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
03/03	Broadway bet. 45 th and 46 th	Safe Haven	Queens
03/07	43 rd bet. 6 th Ave and Broadway	Safe Haven	Manhattan