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Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, February 24, 2015
6:30 PM
Hon. Tamara C. Martin, Chair

Board Members in Attendance: Tamara Martin, Christina Curry, John Lynch, Brandi North and Donna Gill

Guest in Attendance: Hannah Pennington, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence and Joselinne Minaya, New York County District Attorney's Office

Presentations:

Joselinne Minaya from the New York County District Attorney's Office discussed a 394 count indictment against an identity theft ring. Between May and November of 2012, a receptionist in a dental office in Manhattan allegedly copied personal information from more than 250 patients and forwarded that information including: their names, date of birth, address and social security numbers to an employee at Apple who used the information to apply online for Apple instant credit to obtain credit lines ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,000.

Ms. Minaya also discussed the arrest and criminal charges in a widespread bribery scheme involving employees from the Department of Buildings and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. The investigation began in 2013 after the inquiry into the bribery of one Department of Buildings inspector. The indictment included 50 defendants taking approximately \$450,000 in bribes in connection with more than 100 residential and commercial properties in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.

Ms. Minaya also talked about the importance of discussing the topic of teen dating violence in our community and with our children. She also stated that the Manhattan DA's Office is willing to do a presentation on this topic to any organization or group that makes a request to hear more about this issue. This presentation is suitable for ages 12 years old and up.

It is the 27th year for the High School Internship Program at the New York County District Attorney's Office. This program allows students the opportunity to have an insider's view of the criminal justice system. Students must be able to complete the entire program which will run from July 6, 2015 - August 14, 2015, Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. In order to be eligible, the student must live or attend school in Manhattan. The application requirements are: submit an application form, which can be found at: www.manhattanda.org/high-school-internship, a one page resume, an essay no more than 500 words discussing a goal or project that reflects interest in criminal justice and one letter

of recommendation. Please note that there are also flyers available in Spanish, Chinese and French. If you have any questions you can contact Joselinne Minaya at: minayaj@dany.nyc.gov .

Hannah Pennington works for the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, and is the Executive Director of the Manhattan Family Justice Center which is located at 80 Centre Street. The Manhattan location was the fourth center to open, which took place in March of 2014 and has seen almost 2,000 clients.

Since 2005, the law requires a Fatality Review Committee to draft a report every year on the incidents of domestic violence. This is the first year that the report has been publicly announced. The annual 2014 report can be accessed online by going to: nyc.gov/domesticviolence and click on the **Statistics** tab.

The mayor has secured funding to open up two satellite offices, one in East Harlem and one in Bedford Stuyvesant. They are currently working with the Department of Health to secure sites for the offices. There will be approximately 21 community based organizations that will work with the satellite offices.

There is a huge correlation between social-economic factors and gender. Therefore, the office continues to work very closely with the Administration for Children's Services, Department of Homeless Services, District Attorney Offices and NYPD.

The family justice centers has staff that speak approximately thirteen different languages.

There has been a 36% reduction in domestic violence cases in the last ten years. Unfortunately, there were 62 domestic violence homicides in NYC last year.

The top three precincts with the highest (ranked in that order) domestic violence incident reports are: 32nd, 23rd and 34th precincts. The 28th Precinct is 6th highest in the borough, but ranked 13th in the number of clients that visit the Manhattan Family Justice Center. The Brooklyn Family Justice Center has the highest number of client visits followed by the Bronx Family Justice Center.

The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence has implemented the New York City Housing Authority Domestic Violence Response Team (NYCHA DVRT) in order to bring awareness about domestic violence and to provide victims with the necessary services. The domestic violence response teams will conduct outreach in fifteen housing developments including: Polo Grounds, Wagner Houses and St. Nicholas Houses. It is important to note that 40% of felony assaults are domestic violence related, but 80% of those cases are NYCHA related.

Healthy Relationship Training Academy will offer interactive workshops on dating violence for teens, young adults, parents and service providers. The workshops will be offered at after school programs operated at NYCHA community centers.

Discussions:

There was a brief discussion on the recent State Court of Appeals decision to overturn a 2006 Nassau County law that banned sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school stating that only the state had the power to enact such a law. The committee discussed the matter to see how and/or if that local law would have any effect on New York City at some point. Tamara Martin will follow up to see if in fact this case will have any effect on New York City local law and report back to the committee once she has more information.

Announcements:

Donna Gill mentioned that the Health and Human Services Committee will host a CPR training with the Fire Department and needed at least a group of twelve people in order for the class to take place.

Christina Curry announced that NYPD in collaboration with American Sign Language will host a two day workshop on sign language. The workshop will take place on March 21 and 22.

Meeting Adjourned