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Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
6:30 PM
Hon. Tamara C. Martin, Chair

Board Members in Attendance: Tamara Martin, John Lynch, Lupe Moreno and Donna Gill

Guests in Attendance: Deputy Inspector Lola Obe, 28th Precinct, JoLinda Ruth Cogen, Central Harlem CERT and Mujahid Farid, Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP)

Presentations:

Deputy Inspector Obe - 28th Precinct

Overall crime was down 2.5% in the 28th Precinct, but shootings were up. In 2014, there were a total of (7) shootings vs. (6) thus far in 2015, (5) of those shootings took place all in one week. The first shooting took place on March 30, 2015 and is believed to be connected to a shooting that took place on May 6, 2015. The 28th Precinct is working closely with the School Safety Division and Frederick Douglass Academy II to solve these connected cases, because the victim attends school there and they believe it involves two youth groups. The police are also looking for the individuals involved in the other shootings as well. Wanted flyers were distributed in regards to a suspect wanted in one of the shootings.

There were a few commercial burglaries as well as a break-in at residential home in the area. The first commercial burglary was at Lido Restaurant located at 2168 Frederick Douglass Blvd. and the second one was at Land Yoga located at 2116 Frederick Douglass Blvd. The break-in occurred along 7th Avenue. There are several wanted flyers for suspects wanted in the commercial burglaries and one flyer for the break-in.

There is also a concern about thefts in the gyms. The police are advising gym patrons to leave all valuables at home, because there are no cameras in the locker rooms and thieves are breaking into lockers and removing property such as credit cards, cash, etc.

There is also an issue along the bus corridor on West 125th Street in the impact zone from 5th – 8th Avenues. Perpetrators are targeting older women between the ages of 50 – 80 years old by removing their valuables such as purses, bags and other valuable items. The 28th and the 25th Precincts have teams of officers working to address this problem.

Project Reset is new initiative that involves NYPD, the Center for Court Innovation (CCI) and the prosecutor's office, started on May 11, 2015. Under this new program 16 and 17 year old offenders that are arrested for certain non-violent offenses will be referred for community service and accountability workshops. Those who successfully complete the program will not have to appear in court and will have their arrest records sealed.

JoLinda Ruth Cogen - Central Harlem CERT

- Community Emergency Response Team made up of approximately 28 members of which 22 are active at any given time. The team is made up of Harlem residents and volunteers from the community.
- Central Harlem CERT covers the North side of 127th Street – 155th Street from 5th Avenue to St. Nicholas and Edgecombe Avenues, which covers the 32nd Precinct and PSA 6.
- Trained by FDNY, NYPD and NYC Department of Emergency Management to assist before, during and after emergency and non-emergency situations.
- Individuals who are interested in joining Central Harlem CERT must take a 10 week training program with the NYC Department of Emergency Management. If you are interested in joining CERT, please contact JoLinda Ruth Cogen at jocogenCERT@gmail.com or call 212- 862- 1549.
- If you are interested in Central Harlem CERT doing an emergency preparedness presentation for your community group, tenant association, organization, etc. Please contact JoLinda Ruth Cogen at jocogenCERT@gmail.com or call 212-862-1549.
- It is important for every member of your family to have a Go Bag, which are a collection of items that you will need to have packed and ready in the event you may have to evacuate your home. The items you should have in your Go Bag include copies of your birth certificate, social security card, photo id, proof of address, insurance information, and etc. all items should be in a waterproof container. Some other items that you will need are: medications, copy of prescriptions, credit cards, cash in small denominations, flashlight, AM/FM battery operated radio, snacks, water, first-aid kit, batteries, hand sanitizer, poncho, etc. If you will shelter in place, you will need more of the above items to last you for several days. For instance, each member of your household will need one gallon of water per day.
- CERT also provides information and assistance to individuals with pets as well.

Mujahid Farid – Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP)

- RAPP was created to advocate for a fair, just and inclusive process for release consideration for elderly people who are currently incarcerated that have served a considerable amount of time on their sentence and are no longer a threat to public safety.
- Recidivism rate goes down significantly after the age of 50.
- Did a survey in the community to see if there was enough support for RAPP and there was, but there was a concern as to what would happen to these individuals once they were released. Met with the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) to discuss this issue. Out of that meeting an Aging Reentry Task Force was formed. Out of that task force

three major documents were created. 1. A model pilot program for community reentry/reintegration for elders upon release. 2. A resource guide for aging people released from prison. 3. An assessment tool for incarcerated elders, to help aid in their transition out of prison.

- RAPP also works with other organizations such as The Fortune Society, the Osborne Association, Be the Evidence Project at Fordham University and the Center for Justice at Columbia University.
- 75% of the state prison population comes from (7) NYC neighborhoods.
- RAPP has also reached out to the Aging Committee at Manhattan Community Board 12 for support as well as Community Board 12 in Queens.
- Mr. Farid was seeking a resolution in support of the work that RAPP is doing in the community.

Committee Action: The committee voted in favor of drafting a letter of support instead a resolution.

Election of committee secretary was put on hold.

The minutes from the previous month's meeting was approved.

District Needs Statement:

Chair Tamara Martin asked committee members to review the current district needs statement and email any comments they might have directly to her. The discussion will continue at the June meeting.

Old Business:

The Juvenile Justice Division of NYPD confirmed they will do the Gang Awareness Presentation on June 23, 2015.

Announcements:

The 28th Precinct Annual Community/Police Fellowship Breakfast will be held on May 28, 2015 beginning at 8:30AM at Canaan Baptist Church located at 132 West 116th Street.

Walk for Life March will be held on June 11, 2015 in partnership with Harlem Mothers Save, Perfect Peace Ministries, Harlem Clergy Community Leaders Coalition, Harlem Week 2015 and many others. The march will start at 2:00PM at 128th Street between Frederick Douglass Blvd. and St. Nicholas Avenue. The march will end in Rucker Park at 155th Street and Frederick Douglass Blvd. where there will be food, games and entertainment.

Meeting Adjourned.