

Community Board 12 M Public Safety Meeting - MINUTES

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Time: Meeting called to order 7:15 pm

Location: Washington Heights office of the Manhattan District Attorney

Committee Members Present: Arlene Schulman, Chair; Javier Trejo, Assistant Chair; Katherine Diaz; Alyce Smith; Public Member Rasheed Young

Committee Members Excused: Richard Lewis

Committee Members Absent: Isidro Medina, Rud Morales

Board Member Present: N/A

Public Officials: N/A

33rd Precinct: Deputy Inspector Wilson Aramboles; Sergeant Abumalough; Police Officer Gomez

34th Precinct: Captain Andrea; Police Officer Chris Perez, Community Affairs

Transit Police: Police Officer Dameion Frey, Community Affairs

DA's Office: Joselinne Minaya, Director of the Washington Heights office; Jennifer Araujo, Community Coordinator

Members of the Public and others: Sarah Crawford Banda, Director of NMIC's Domestic Violence Program (Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation); Nancy Preston Cheryl Miller, Chris O'Sullivan, Joel Yoffie, and one unidentified member of the Public.

Media: N/A

Minutes: Katherine Diaz

Meeting Topic: *Domestic Violence Workshop*

Compstat Link:

<https://compstat.nypdonline.org>

Precinct Reports

33 Precinct Report: Deputy Inspector Wilson Aramboles

- Compstat 2.0 is now accessible by the public; encourages all to view online for up to date data.
- 33rd Precinct is down in the 7 index crimes. Since 2014, they have decreased 41.2%.
- NCO programming has demonstrated a reduction in quality of life calls.
- Significant Events reported:
 - o 3 Shootings, none fatal, for the year: 166 Street and Audubon Avenue (reported location is still debatable), 530 West 174th Street (inside deli), and

575 West 172nd Street (persons had ongoing tension and argument. Shooting cases are closed, except for 166 Street shooting.

- Traffic Fatality occurred between 155th and 156 Street and Broadway Avenue with a pedestrian. Not considered a criminal act and driver received a summons for failure to follow due process. This is a historical collision point location due to traffic congestion and within the last year, precinct has performed community outreach and increased enforcement resulting in an increase in summons.
- 1 Assault reported within the Armory in the last 28 days. Case is still active.

34 Precinct Report

- Precinct has seen a slight increase of 4% in index crimes since January 2016. Burglaries were high and at the moment are being very well addressed.

- NCO program has demonstrated increase in targeted arrests.

- Significant Events reported:

- 1 traffic fatality due to a DWI. Driver was apprehended and processed.
- 1 gun collar occurred in the end of February.
- 1 shooting occurred on Post Avenue with two acquainted individuals. Arrests were performed.
- 17 arrests have been performed this year for DWI.

Transit Report, Officer Damieon Frey

- Manhattan North hasn't experienced any slashings.

-Precincts in area had 3 transit crimes, all related to grand larceny, reported after the fact. No arrests made.

-Team performs prevention work through waking up passengers at night (usually 10pm-6am), as well as distributing flyers. This work has demonstrated a decrease.

Domestic Violence Roundtable

Sergeant Abumalouh, **33rd Precinct Domestic Violence Unit** shared the process starting from incident reporting. Unit performs home visits, referrals, and outreach with DA's office.

Joselinne Minaya, **Director of Northern Manhattan District Attorney's Office**, shared the process of incident reporting, legal rights of victims, defined domestic violence in its depth, and discussed NYC strides in reporting, as well as referrals performed.

Sarah Crawford Banda, Director of Domestic Violence Program, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, shared services on partner violence.

From Sarah Crawford Banda's NMIC report:

“Initiated in 1998, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation’s Domestic Violence Project (DVP) is dedicated to empowering survivors of intimate partner violence by promoting safety, self sufficiency and healing. We accomplish this by providing long term, holistic, community based and client driven services. By recognizing that batterers use a wide range of tactics to exert power and control over their victims, NMIC DVP strives to address clients’ legal, emotional and concrete needs in a safe and confidential environment. We help clients navigate multiple systems to ensure that they live independently and safely in a manner that preserves each family’s dignity.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN BE DEFINED AS A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR IN ANY RELATIONSHIP THAT IS USED TO GAIN OR MAINTAIN POWER AND CONTROL OVER AN INTIMATE PARTNER.

Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together or who are dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.”

Domestic Violence Intersections with Other Vulnerable Populations Served By Other Agencies

Poverty and Domestic Violence: Domestic violence homicides occur more frequently in neighborhoods with 1) high poverty, 2) high unemployment, and 3) low education attainment. These neighborhoods account for 42% of domestic violence homicides, but only 24% of the City's population.

Homelessness and Domestic Violence: In 2014, 30% of shelter entries to the Department of Homeless Services indicated that domestic violence was the cause of their homelessness.

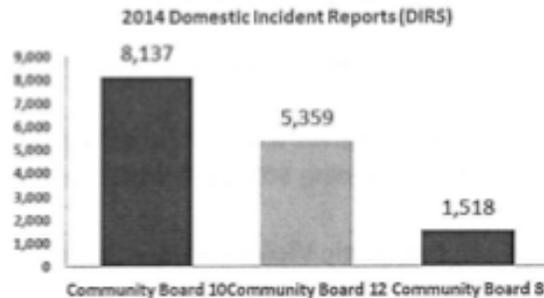
Child Welfare and Domestic Violence: In 2013, there were over 18,700 child abuse investigations in which domestic violence was indicated in reports to the NYS Central Registry – 2 every hour.

- ACS – In 2014, within COMMUNITY BOARD 12 there were 230 child abuse investigations where domestic violence was indicated in the household after investigation.
- DHS – In 2014, within COMMUNITY BOARD 12 there were 143 individuals and families who sought shelter at DHS indicating that DV was the primary reason for their homelessness (41% of all families).

Source: Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

DV Snapshot: Manhattan Community Board 12 – 33rd and 34th Precincts

1. In 2014, there were over **5,359 domestic violence incidents** in Manhattan Community Board 12 – an average of 14 a day.



70% of all DIRS occur above 96th Street in Manhattan (27,696 out of 39,998 in 2013)

Source: [Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence](#)



2015

- 304 clients served (137 new and 167 returning) through holistic services
- 115 clients attended group counseling; 43 two hour sessions held
- Age ranges:
 - 26 and under = 42
 - 27-35 = 125
 - 36-49 = 112
 - 50-59 = 20
 - 60+ = 5
- 73% of clients spoke limited English
- 82% of clients have minor children
- Clients were primarily from Latin America (55% from Mexico, 16% from the Dominican Republic, 9% from Ecuador and 3% from El Salvador among other various countries)
- 57% of clients were simultaneously receiving other services at NMIC
- Our number one source of referrals to the program is from current and former clients.
- External referral sources are: NYPD, ACS, NY Presbyterian hospital and clinics, schools, shelters, FJCs, NYDA, faith based organizations, head start programs and other partners.

Old and New Business

Following the program which ended at 8:45 pm, the Public Safety Committee moved into the CB12 Conference room.

The committee agreed to discuss what information we would like to have reported on from the precincts and the DA's office: less emphasis on statistics since statistical information is available via Compstat. The focus will be more on qualitative information based on questions raised by the committee. Rasheed Young offered to send a link to stats to each member so that we can all be prepared prior to the meeting. This discussion will be continued at the April meeting.

Chair Arlene Schulman noted that she is looking for a detective to speak on the April meeting. UPDATE: Confirmed.

Gun Buyback Program: There was support by officials, precincts, and the Public Safety Committee. However, data in the area was not enough to warrant its approval by the NYPD and the DA's office. A gun buyback program will be taking place within the next 90 days, as per the NYPD, as the 32nd Precinct. CB12's Public Safety Committee will lend its support by publicizing the program.

Ongoing discussion: Juvenile Justice forum in the fall and a hearing or public forum on Domestic Violence for October, which is Domestic Violence month.

April Meeting: Location TBA: Cracking the Case: A Conversation with a Retired 34th Precinct Detective

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm