

Community Board 12 M Public Safety Meeting - MINUTES
Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Time: Meeting called to order 7:15 pm

Location: 33rd Precinct

Committee Members Present: Arlene Schulman, Chair; Javier Trejo, Assistant Chair; Natalie Espino, Richard Lewis, Carlos Suero

Committee Members Excused: N/A

Committee Members Absent: Katherine Diaz, Isidro Medina, Rud Morales, Public Member Rasheed Young

Board Member Present: Aging Committee Chair Liliana Saneaux

Public Officials: N/A

33rd Precinct: Lieutenant Vaughn; Detective Sergeant Aranello; Community Affairs Officer Danny Guzman

34th Precinct: Lieutenant Marchese

Transit Police: Police Officer Dameion Frey, Community Affairs; Captain Dominick Fonti

DA's Office: Jennifer Araujo of the Washington Heights office; Assistant District Attorney Molly Brottmiller

FDNY: Battalion Chief Michael Leanza

Members of the Public and others: Kevin Mannion, FBI Community Affairs Outreach; Former Council Member Robert Jackson; Ramon Caba of Exodus Transitional Community; Paul Hinterstein

Media: N/A

Minutes: Carlos Suero

Meeting Topic: *Gangs*

FDNY Report by Battalion Chief Michael Leanza

The FDNY is reporting an increase in emergency gas reports with callers reporting gas odors. This can be attributed to more education and awareness of gas explosions than previous years. Each time, gas is shut off, the Fire Department notifies Con Edison, and they will make sure there is not a gas leak.

During high-temperature days, more calls are made regarding the water pressure in apartments, particularly from the 6th floor. The fire department has spent a significant amount of money on designing new wrenches to prevent civilians from opening fire hydrants, but people have always found ways to figure out how to open them. Call 311 to report an open hydrant without a sprinkler cap and to request to

have one locked, unlocked, or open. <http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1097/fire-hydrant-request>

For safety reasons, air conditioners should have a dedicated connection, not an extension cord. A special air conditioning cord should be used:
http://gothamist.com/2016/05/31/air_conditioner_power_source.php

During July 4th, the great majorities of calls are related to fireworks, particularly when callers report explosions. Call 911 to report fireworks.

Barbecues in parks are another concern. The NYPD does not have the resources necessary to track all the barbecues in areas without designated barbecue areas. NYPD and the FDNY will not get involved if a barbecue is not putting lives in danger. To report barbecues with open flames, call 911.

34th Precinct Report - Lieutenant Marchese

<https://compstat.nypdonline.org/2e5c3f4b-85c1-4635-83c6-22b27fe7c75c/view/89>

One of the issues concerning the 34th Precinct is car break-ins. To combat these incidents, areas with high car break-in reports are under more surveillance.

All recorded gun incidents took place during midnight. Only three people under the age of 19 were arrested during the past month. Within three weeks (before the end of June), the NYPD will start patrolling specifically looking for fireworks sales and possession.

Transit - Captain Fonti

Most of the crimes on public transportation are grand larcenies. Civilians should most be conscious of where their bags are to prevent from them being easy targets of pickpockets.

The city has assigned a homeless team to visit numerous locations in the subway where homeless people need assistance. This team visits places at midnight. They also log how many homeless they contact every night.

In 168th train station two grand larcenies were reported. Out of all the incidents in the subway stations of our district, two of them involve students from the nearby school.

33rd Precinct - Detective Sergeant Aranello, Lt. Vaughn

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A new plan was created to overcome the spike in crimes: Twelve additional police officers will be joining the precinct. To prevent crimes of opportunity, civilians should pay more attention while they are on their phones. Three police officers will be assigned to high bridge pool. A citywide program called "if you use it, you lose it" will prevent the use of illegal motorbikes on the streets. Two officers have been assigned to identify the use of these motorcycles.

Ramon Caba, Exodus Transitional Community

This organization provides a job readiness program and subsidizes internship payments when a company does not have the resources to pay the student. Exodus offers free GED classes and has four youth programs, working with people from 16 to 25 years old. Exodus has been working with Assemblyman Guillermo Linares to help 60 percent of participants obtain employment. They are looking to open a satellite location in Washington Heights and they are funded mainly by private companies.

Kevin Mannion, F.B.I. Community Outreach

The FBI offers free apps such as Child ID App. Parents keep their children's information on their phone. If they are reported missing, with just one tap, parents can report their children to the authorities. The App is available on iTunes and the Android version is available on Android Apps section of Google Play.

https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/august/child_080511/child-id-app-content

1. FBI-SOS Internet program promotes safe and responsible use of the Internet while engaging children in fun and age-appropriate online games.
2. Parents should keep a close eye on their children while using the Internet to help prevent sex extortion. While chatting, people can obtain photos from minors and put pressure on them by threatening them to let their parents know if they don't send them their parent's credit card information.
3. FBI is now recruiting; only 50 percent of-of FBI employees are FBI agents.
4. The FBI has quite a few programs for the public. Visit https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/partnerships_and_outreach/community_outreach
5. The FBI has a short film and speaker available about the dangers of using opiates. Chair Schulman will discuss with the Inwood Public Library to see if this is appropriate and what interest they may have in showing the film.

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Don't Be a Puppet

Pull Back the Curtain on Violent Extremism



Violent Extremism and American Youth

It's an increasingly serious threat: violent extremists of all kinds attempting to radicalize and mobilize the youth of America and even to lure them overseas.

Now there's a free online tool that aims to protect our teens by giving them the facts.

Don't Be a Puppet: Pull Back the Curtain on Violent Extremism is an interactive website designed to open the eyes of teens to the devastating reality and deceptive messaging of violent extremism and to strengthen their resistance to radicalization and possible recruitment.

Built by the FBI in consultation with community leaders and other partners, this standalone program can be used as a resource by civic groups, parents, teachers, and others to raise awareness of violent extremism and its growing impact on our country.

Help protect our nation's youth from violent extremism.
Visit <https://cve.fbi.gov>.

A free, Internet-based awareness program for teens

To access the site, scan this QR code with your smartphone app or visit <https://cve.fbi.gov>.




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STOP SEXTORTION

SEXTORTION OF CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet for Parents and Children

devices when they are given access to them. This includes communicating with others online and sending photos. Parents may want to maintain their child's online account access information with the child's understanding that the parent can log in at any time.

Communicate with your children.

Have age-appropriate discussions with your child about the dangers associated with communicating with unknown people online, sending photos, or engaging in other risky behavior online. In an effort to protect children from online predators, it's important to educate them about sextortion and the motivations of those who extort children. Let your children know they can come to you without fear of reprisal, and that you have a genuine interest in their safety and online activities. Those exploited through these crimes are victims, no matter what they did or how they responded to the threat.

Layer security.

Employ basic technology security measures. Use strong passwords and update software regularly. Never open attachments to e-mails unless you are certain of the sender. Use a firewall, anti-malware software, and consider use of encryption for your hard drive. Keep in mind that some malware attacks are targeted, meaning criminals may customize their tools so that more simplistic anti-malware programs do not detect them and victims are more apt to take the bait. Do not assume technology alone will protect you; you must also do your part to protect yourself.

For Children:

- Turn off your computer when you are not using it.
- Cover webcams with a removable sticker or tape when you are not using them.
- Don't open attachments when you're not confident of the sender.
- Never send compromising images of yourself to anyone, no matter who they are or who they say they are.
- If someone you know is being victimized

through sextortion, report it to your parents and encourage the victim to talk to their parents and report it to the FBI.

- If you are receiving sextortion threats, don't be afraid to talk to your parents or to call the FBI.

How do I Report a Suspected Incidence of Sextortion?

Report sextortion to the FBI.

It is important to report all instances to law enforcement. While in some cases the person committing sextortion is also a teenager, it is more likely that the perpetrator is an adult masquerading as a teenager. Law enforcement can make that determination and take steps to help minimize further distribution of sensitive material. A parent's report may result in the rescue of dozens or even hundreds of other children.

To report suspected sextortion crimes or to get help from law enforcement, call your local FBI office or toll-free, at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324).

Resources:

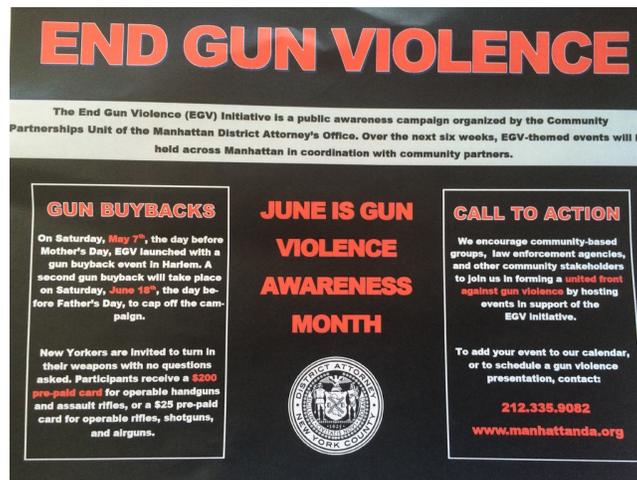
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com)
- FBI Cyber Alerts for Parents and Kids: Be Prudent When Posting Images Online (http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/december/cyber_122211/cyber_122211)
- FBI Cyber Alerts for Parents and Kids: Be Aware of "Sextortion" (http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2012/february/sextortion_021012)

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Jennifer Araujo – Manhattan DA’s Office, Washington Heights

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month. Programs are available in public schools regarding bullying as well as afterschool activities, including Friday Night Lights, a basketball program. Speakers are available upon request.



Molly G. Brottmiller, Assistant District Attorney

ADA Brottmiller reported that it is becoming more difficult for parents to find obvious gang influence on their kids. Gangs also affect young women. More women have been joining gangs. At Riker’s Island, there are fewer gangs than on the streets of NYC. Setting a curfew for older children is a good idea to prevent children from joining a gang. Many kids join gangs when they are in middle school. At times, being in a gang is shown to be glamorous thanks to the propaganda of some successful artist and celebrities.

Committee Business

Compstat stats from both precincts were printed out and copies made by Javier Trejo. Transit stats are factored into each precinct’s report, as noted by Captain Fonti. The FDNY does not have its own version of Compstat available.

Chair Arlene Schulman noted that there have been concerns about the length of the committee meetings and the number of guest speakers. It was agreed that one main speaker is best, since we have so many agencies reporting.

NYC Parks PEP was invited to attend the meeting but representatives from this unit did not respond to emails or telephone messages from Chair Schulman.

September's meeting will feature a speaker from the Office of Emergency Management.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Aging Committee Chair Liliana Saneaux will join forces (pending a conversation with her committee) with Public Safety for a program on Elder Abuse, more specifically relating to family members and home attendants, with less of a focus on scams.

There was a short discussion of how to attract more members of the public to the meeting. The 33rd's Community Council is in a similar situation and Officer Guzman and Chair Schulman agreed to meet to brainstorm ideas. The discussion included having committee members – if they choose – post and tweet news about the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.