

CB12 Public Safety Meeting Minutes

February 2017 – Topic: Crime Prevention

Present: Arlene Schulman, Chair; Javier Trejo, Assistant Chair; Katherine Diaz, Natalie Espino, Richard Lewis, Domingo Estevez

Absent: Rud Morales, Public Member Rasheed Young

34th Precincts: Lieutenants Marchese and Peralta

33rd Precinct: Captain Donahue, Officer Guzman

Transit District 3: Out on assignment

FDNY: Battalion Chief Dudley

Manhattan DA's office: Joselinne Minaya

Minutes: Katherine Diaz

The Chair, Arlene Schulman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Manhattan DA's office

Ms. Minaya noted that seniors are the most vulnerable population. The DA's office offers fraud prevention services and noted a scam where people are called by the IRS. Many seniors believe that the scams are true. She noted that the Trespass Affidavit program began under DA Robert Morgenthau and that issues in buildings are nowhere where they used to be. The DA's office continues to serve a large immigrant and youth population and noted internships possibilities for teens. Flyers are attached.

34th Precinct

Crime is down. Two arrests were made following a robbery pattern on the bridge connecting Manhattan and the Bronx on 181st Street and Amsterdam Ave. A major problem right now is burglaries and the precinct is being pro-active in terms of outreach with safety reminders. Burglars are coming in through unlocked windows next to fire escapes. A reminder to lock both locks on apartment doors, don't let anyone into the building you don't know, and the precinct offers crime prevention surveys. Securing windows on top of the air conditioner is critical as burglars can enter this way. Call 911. A New York City ferry gate for apartment windows is the only authorized means of securing a window. It does not have a key or lock and the latch slides up and down to open and close.

Domingo Estevez, Committee member, inquired about an incident that affected his school in terms of police activity in the neighborhood. Lieutenant Peralta from the 34th Precinct explained that there was a dispute between youth with others from the Bronx that led to settling issues on 183rd Street. Numerous arrests were made that night. Sectors and other resources were on patrol in case of any residual issues.

33rd Precinct Presentation: PO Chris Stoll

- Series of basement burglaries within the area. Auxiliary and NCOs leafleted flyers and were able to catch the individual while doing prevention of burglaries.
- Presentation on prevention of local trending crimes such as burglaries and scams. Overall, presentation focused on affordable alarm options, locking windows, approved locks for fire escapes, and deception burglaries. PO Stoll reminded on identity thefts, phishing emails, prepaid cards and phone calls.

- Crime Prevention at 33rd Precinct lead residential security surveys that upon completion result in a written report with recommendations. If you're interested in conducting one in your home, email Christopher.stoll@nypd.org
- Attachments included from this presentation

FDNY Report

- FDNY Battalion Chief received a call about a gas leak and left prior to giving report. Report was read out loud by Arlene Schulman, Chair, which included 4,067 total responses; 3,227 non-fire emergencies; 755 fires (structural and non-structural); and 84 all hands or greater. Compared to last year, they were down approximately 200 responses.

33rd Precinct, Captain Donohue

- Average for 28 days, up 8 vs 5 in robberies, 9 vs 3 burglaries, 24 vs 16 grand larcenies
- Beginning of the year tends to be higher and they even out throughout the coming months.
- As stated in presentation, basement burglary individual has been arrested.
- Mailbox fishing is frequent citywide with mice glue traps and string, witness reported to 911 and individuals were apprehended. Reminder to public to call in if there is any activity or bring in directly to the post office.
- 2 break ins at the Planet Fitness gym. Individuals should leave major things at home or put it on your person since cameras aren't allowed in the locker rooms.
- Question from Committee on New Year's Eve. 33rd did not have actual report, but did share there were no major club or house party related incidents. There were 2 calls on domestic violence.
- Richard Lewis, Committee Member, also shared concerns of 157-158th Street and Broadway and crowd congregating. 33rd Precinct said they would look into it.

Old/New Business

Arlene Schulman, Chair, welcomed Domingo Estevez, who was appointed to the Public Safety Committee. She offered a reminder that any issues about how the 33rd and 34th Precinct Community Councils operate should be brought to their respective organizations. Any confidential information should be shared with precinct representatives privately. She reminded members of the committee, elected officials, and the public that, in order to keep the meeting moving, Robert's Rules of Orders would be followed. The next meeting which is on March 1st is expected to feature two Port Authority Police Officers who patrol the George Washington Bridge. The Chair advised all that NYPD and FDNY presence at meetings was subject to change without notice, due to last minute assignments and events around the city.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm



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IN RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE SEEN A RISE IN RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, THEREFORE WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. WE ASK THAT YOU PROPERLY LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AND HAVE FDNY APPROVED WINDOW GATES INSTALLED NEAR ANY WINDOWS NEAR FIRE ESCAPES. WE SUGGEST LEAVING AT LEAST ONE LIGHT ON WHEN NOT HOME TO HELP DETER WOULD BE THIEVES. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU DRAW YOUR BLINDS AND CURTAINS SO ANY VALUABLES ARE NOT VISIBLE THROUGH THE WINDOWS.

FOR A FREE SECURITY SURVEY CONTACT THE 34
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212-927-9301



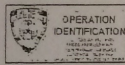
34th Precinct CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS



In a continuing effort to reduce theft in the confines of the 34th Precinct, the following Crime Prevention Programs are offered. These programs are all **FREE** and you can join all or just one.

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY

A Crime Prevention Specialist from the precinct can visit your apartment and conduct a home security survey. All security devices, locks, windows and doors are examined to determine their effectiveness. A written confidential report, which includes recommendations to improve security of the premises, is provided by the police officer after the survey is complete.



OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

The Precinct will make available an electric etching tool to mark valuable property in your home with the owner's unique number which can help deter theft and aid in identifying property. The tool is loaned for a three-day period. This program provides decals for posting on doors and windows.

GLASS VIN ETCHING

Glass etching is a chemical process that permanently etches the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) onto all glass windows of your auto. Some of the advantages of this program are: *It helps to deter auto crime by reducing the value of the car to a thief; it helps identify stolen parts in salvage yards and many insurance companies offer discounts for this program when completed by the Police Department.*



C.A.T. PROGRAM (COMBAT AUTO THEFT PROGRAM)

In this decal program, the owner signs an authorization form which allows the Police Department to stop your auto during the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. which is the time most vehicles are stolen. You will receive two (2) decals to attach to your auto. If you are stopped during this time, you just need to show proper identification.

COMMUTER C.A.T. PROGRAM

This program is set specifically for day. This is the same as the C.A.T. Program (see above) except the hours that your vehicle may be stopped are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



those residents who commute and leave their auto parked for the



H.E.A.T. (HELP END AUTO THEFT PROGRAM)

When you register in this program, two (2) decals are placed on your vehicle. The decals inform the police that anyone driving the vehicle under the age of 25 is doing so without the owner's consent. It authorizes the police to stop and check your vehicle. To qualify, the owner must be over 40 years old. H.E.A.T. is in effect 24 hours a day.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION

A Police Officer will etch a file at the Precinct. This help identify your bicycle



serial number onto the frame of your bicycle. This number will be kept on information and decal provided will help deter theft of your bicycle and if it is recovered or stolen.



T.R.I.P. (TAXI/LIVERY ROBBERY INSPECTION PROGRAM)

This program is designed for the safety of the taxi/livery driver and their passengers. By enrolling in this program, the driver allows the NYPD to stop and visually inspect the vehicle to ensure driver and passenger safety.

For more information or to enroll in any of these **FREE** programs, please call the 34th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer at (212) 927-9301 or stop by the 34th Precinct, 4295 Broadway, West 183 Street and Broadway, New York, 10033.

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