# Community Board 12, Manhattan Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – Conference Room 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10032

**Committee Members Present (6):** Richard Lewis (Chair); Mary O'Shaughnessy, (Assistant Chair), Francisco Alvarez; Katherine Diaz, Gabriela Estrella and Rud Morales.

**Public Sign-ins (11):** Deputy Inspector/Capt. Richard Brea, NYPD (33 Precinct Commanding Officer), Det. Chris Stoll, NYPD (33 Precinct Community Affairs), Lt. Carmine Semioli (34 Precinct), Joselinne Minaya (Manhattan District Attorney's Office), Vered Bav, Denia Burdie, Tanushri Ganesh, Martiza Guichardo, Father Nicholas Kazarian (Priest, St. Spyridon's Church), Ryan Koehler and Vijay Millaning.

Absent (2): FDNY and Transit District 3 (NYPD)

Staff: Ely Sylvestre.

Welcome, Opening Remarks and the Agenda. Richard Lewis, Public Safety Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. The meeting was recorded to a digital audio file on an OLYMPUS© handheld device. Board members introduced themselves as did members of city agencies and the public. A quorum was established for the meeting. Topics for the evening's agenda were outlined. The following items were removed for absence of a presenter at this time: NYPD Enforcement Data on Tenth Avenue since 2017, FDNY Data on Building/Business Inspections and Updates on the LINKNYC Wi-Fi Kiosks Installed in Our Community.

#### Source Documents Released for the Meeting.

The following source documents were distributed or made available at the meeting.

#### Some Public Safety News Summaries: September-October 2018

- Fire Breaks Out In Washington Heights Bar, Injures 3: FDNY
   https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/fire-breaks-out-washington-heights-bar-3-injured-fdny
- Oppose Secrecy Order -Cops Must Be Open On Stop Data, Lawyers Say
   http://thechiefleader.com/news/news\_of\_the\_week/cops-must-be-open-on-stop-data-lawyers-say/article\_48868d34-b2aa-11e8-baae-334a19e7bd53.html
- Man Abducted, Raped Ex Girlfriend In Uptown Park: Prosecutors The man was sentenced to 20 years to life in state prison for his crimes, prosecutors said.
  - https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-abducted-raped-ex-girlfriend-uptown-park-prosecutors
- Man Shot On Washington Heights Street After Argument, Police Say The victim was shot three times and is expected to survive.
   <a href="https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-shot-washington-heights-street-after-argument-police-say">https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-shot-washington-heights-street-after-argument-police-say</a>
- Man Stabbed To Death In Washington Heights, Police Say The 35-year-old man was found dead near West 176 Street and Haven Avenue.
  - https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-stabbed-death-washington-heights-police-say
- Falling Rocks Smash Cars Near Uptown Subway Station The cars were parked on Bennett Avenue near a natural rock wall in Fort Tryon
   Park
  - https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/falling-rocks-smash-cars-near-inwood-subway-station
- For citizens and clubs to coexist, a councilmember has the solution: Soundproofing <a href="http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2018/9/27/citizens-and-clubs-coexist-councilmember-has-solution-soundproofing">http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2018/9/27/citizens-and-clubs-coexist-councilmember-has-solution-soundproofing</a>
- The cost of silence in NYC? \$8,000 a wall https://www.brickunderground.com/blog/2014/03/soundproofer tips
- Up 6 in August, Bucking Overall Crime Stats 'Safest City Summer,' NYPD Says, If You Don't Count the Murders
   http://thechiefleader.com/news/news of the week/safest-city-summer-nypd-says-if-you-don-t-count/article 43e5663a-b2b7-11e8-8c1b-e3a5719fb642.html
- 3,000 NYC marijuana cases get tossed at prosecutor's request
   <a href="https://www.gazettextra.com/news/nation-world/nyc-marijuana-cases-get-tossed-at-prosecutor-s-request/article-ab8b8b3f-9af1-5130-8841-fc6253e5c6ad.html">https://www.gazettextra.com/news/nation-world/nyc-marijuana-cases-get-tossed-at-prosecutor-s-request/article-ab8b8b3f-9af1-5130-8841-fc6253e5c6ad.html</a>
- Washington Heights Bridge Rapist Arrested, Police Say A Bronx man is accused of attacking two women on the Washington Bridge https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/washington-heights-bridge-rapist-arrested-police-say
- Complaints Quieting, but Inwood's Party Street Still Rattles Residents 311 calls about nightlife noise on Dyckman Street have declined, but locals doubt there's been real change.
   http://theuptowner.org/complaints-quieting-but-inwoods-party-street-still-rattles-residents/

- Reduce recidivism, save money and improve outcomes with data analysis Through the Data-Driven Justice Initiative, officials can compare information on arrests and healthcare to reduce costs and better manage super users of public services
   <a href="https://www.policeone.com/police-products/software/Data-Information-Sharing-Software/articles/472520006-Reduce-recidivism-save-money-and-improve-outcomes-with-data-analysis/">https://www.policeone.com/police-products/software/Data-Information-Sharing-Software/articles/472520006-Reduce-recidivism-save-money-and-improve-outcomes-with-data-analysis/</a>
- NYC prosecutor's plan could wipe out 20,000 pot convictions https://apnews.com/7ad067665eda4d4bad3455ec802a6327
- Former Obama Aide Supports 911 Hate Crime Bill Darren Martin supports designating certain 911 calls as hate crimes because of what happened when his NYC neighbors called the cops on him.
- https://patch.com/new-york/parkslope/s/gi9n8/former-obama-aide-supports-911-hate-crime-bill
- Congress: Hold the Hearing and Address Racial Profiling
   https://www.change.org/p/chuck-grassley-congress-continue-the-conversation-on-racism-hold-the-hearing-now
- Senate GOP reviews New York's parole process https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Senate-GOP-reviews-New-York-s-parole-process-13272775.php
- Video: Senate candidate calls for revoking voting rights <a href="https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Video-Local-lawmaker-sheriffs-oppose-sex-13218689.php">https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Video-Local-lawmaker-sheriffs-oppose-sex-13218689.php</a>
- Handouts: FY2019 Public Safety Committee and Board Rankings and New Worksheet.

# Discussion from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct on Community Outreach and COMPStat – Deputy Inspector Richard Brea.

The following crime statistics from the seven major crimes reported in the NYPD's COMPStat reports were presented. See charts below as well as the Traffic Stat report for the precinct.

- There has been an increase in robberies in the week to date and 28 day periods as well as petite larcenies.
- As a result overall crimes for the week as well as for the 28 day periods increased although for the same period from 2017 to 2018 overall crime is down.

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ompStat Book								We	eek of 10/01/18 - 10/07	7/18
	Wee	ek to Date			28 Day			Year to Date		
	2018	2017	% Chg	2018	2017	% Chg	2018	2017	% Chg	
Murder	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	- %	1	0	- %	
Rape	1	0	- %	1	1	0.0 %	13	9	44.4 %	
Robbery	7	2	250.0 %	22	12	83.3 %	<b>&gt;</b> 78	89	-12.4 %	
Felony Assault	6	4	50.0 %	17	16	6.3 %	155	147	5.4 %	
Burglary	1	3	-66.7 <b>%</b>	3	10	-70.0 %	43	61	-29.5 %	
Grand Larceny	5	6	-16.7 %	21	18	16.7 %	195	206	-5.3 %	
Grand Larceny Auto	0	0	0.0 %	4	3	33.3 %	29	20	45.0 %	
Total	20	15	33.3 %	69	60	15.0 %	514	532	-3.4 %	
Patrol	19	14	35.7 %	64	57	12.3 %	500	506	-1.2 %	
Transit	0	1	-100.0 %	3	1	200.0 %	9	12	-25.0 %	
Housing	1	0	- %	2	2	0.0 %	5	14	-64.3 %	
Shooting Victims	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	5	4	25.0 %	
Shooting Incidents	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	4	4	0.0 %	
Rape 1	1	0	- %	1	1	0.0 %	11	6	83.3 %	
Petit Larceny	19	10	90.0 %	60	47	27.7 %	> 509	556	-8.5 %	
Misd. Assault	8	6	33.3 %	27	29	-6.9 %	301	299	0.7 %	
Misd. Sex Crimes	0	1	-100.0 %	1	2	-50.0 %	22	22	0.0 %	



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COMPStat 2.0 Year to Date Map and Charts. Seven (7) Majors reported.

See https://compstat.nypdonline.org

- There seems to be a pattern of crime on the main thoroughfares relative to side streets: Amsterdam and Fort Washington Avenues as well as Broadway. DI Brea reported a trend in armed robberies, late in the evening around Haven Avenue.
- There is an increase in grand larceny auto is occurring that is related vans that are stolen and then
  using them to steal motorcycles and scooters. If the public sees pairs of people manipulating
  motorcycles or scooters, with a van nearby, they are requested to immediately call 911.
- There is a great need to both repair street lights and add new ones on Edgecombe Avenue from West 155<sup>th</sup> Street to West 167<sup>th</sup> Street.

Two residents who moved from Great Neck complained about excessive noise (car honking) at the corner of West 158<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside Drive. It seems the problem is related more to the need to adjust traffic signals for the multiple exits and entrances at the West 158<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. The committee asked them to write their concerns to the Board's District Manager and or appear before the Board's Traffic and Transportation Committee. CO Brea concurred that the problems was more of an issue with the NYC Department of Transportation rather than the NYPD.

Another resident complained that there was no immediate progress in her requests for an order of protection against a co-worker. Discussion followed about the number of complaints she made to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and her claimed that it did not appear that one officer in the 33 precinct did not appear to take her complaint seriously. A representative from the District Attorney's Office, Joselinne Minaya commented that she tried to call this resident before the meeting with no avail and that they also are investigating the matter and will get back to her She also explained that orders of protection may only be issued after an arrest. CO Brea responded that they are aware of her complaints and that these matters require extensive investigations. He emphasized that all officers in the precinct take all criminal violations actual and alleged seriously, but need to protect everyone's rights.

"A criminal court order of protection (one type available) is issued as a condition of a defendant's release and/or bail in a criminal case. A criminal court order of protection may only be issued against a person who has been charged with a crime. Criminal cases are prosecuted for the State of New York by the district attorney. Although the district attorney may start a criminal case before a person is arrested, a criminal case usually begins with a person's arrest. The person charged with abuse is called a "defendant." The victim of abuse is called the "complaining witness." There does not need to be a relationship between the complaining witness and the defendant.

In a criminal case, the district attorney requests an order of protection for the victim or complaining witness. The judge decides whether to issue the order of protection and what terms and conditions will be included in the order." See more at <a href="https://www.nycourts.gov/fag/orderofprotection.shtml">https://www.nycourts.gov/fag/orderofprotection.shtml</a>

As about what is being done about business complaints of loitering by homeless and substance abusing groups in the closed Duarte Square Park, CO Brea sated that patrols have been assigned to address the program.

Father Nicholas Kazarian of St. Spyridon reported graffiti and a break-in at the church property; the NYPD Hate Crime unit is involved.

Det. Chris Stoll announce the following community events:

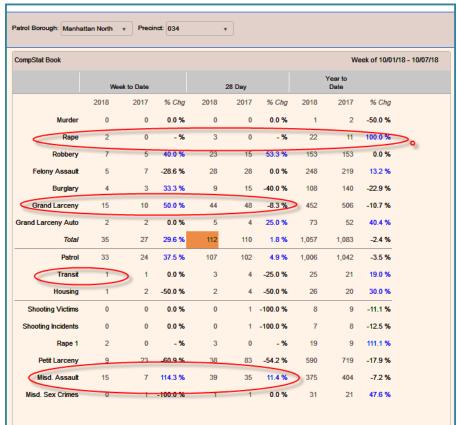
- A local Hispanic Heritage Celebration sponsored by Univision, NYPD, Fidelis, Foodtown and others will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 12 to 5:30pm at West 160<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway;
- Build a Block meetings are scheduled for Sector B on 11/27 at 6pm, at Boricua College, Sector C on 11/29 at 6pm and Sector D at Fort Washington Church on 12/13 at Incarnation Church. Information on Sector A will be sent to the board offices. For more information see:
   <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/33rd-precinct.page">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/33rd-precinct.page</a> or <a href="https://twitter.com/NYPD33Pct?ref">https://twitter.com/NYPD33Pct?ref</a> src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

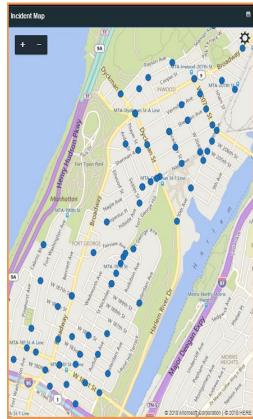
#### Discussion from the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct on Community Outreach and COMPStat – Lt. Carmine Semioli.

The following crime statistics from the seven major crimes reported in the NYPD's weekly COMPStat List were presented. See charts below as well as Traffic stat report for the precinct.

YTD overall crime is down

- Reported rapes are significantly up week to date, 28 Day and doubling YTD.
- There was one transit crime for the week
- Grand Larceny is up 50% for the week contributing to a nearly 30% increase in the seven major COMPSTAT crimes. reported.





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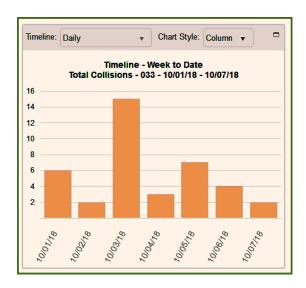
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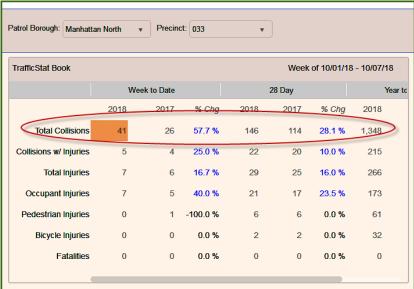
A discussion ensued on the need for more police presence at the 191<sup>st</sup> Street/St. Nicholas Avenue and 193<sup>rd</sup> Street, due to narcotics sales and distribution. There is a need for more NCO's to hold meetings on this issue. Since the district main high school, the George Washington Education Campus is nearby this matter needs to have a priority. The committee also discussed the increase of extortion and racketeering activities by individuals holding public street parking spaces for nonexistent cars (sometimes with cones) and charging \$30 and up to park under the duress that unless payment is forthcoming their cars will be damaged. Locations for such activities cited are: between Nagle and Sherman Avenues on Thayer Street, Cooper Street between Academy Street and also in front of 582 West 183 Street. These matters need to be called into 311 and brought up at NCO and Precinct Council meetings.

A large number of traffic summonses have been issued for this monthly period.

Both precincts said there were no major incidents last Halloween, but added caution for parents who take their kids out and that they should visit known locations. They should monitor what the kids accept. Merchant advice not given.

• October is DV Awareness month; the Brides March on 9/26 was well attended. The NYPD has a DV Awareness patrol car in purple.



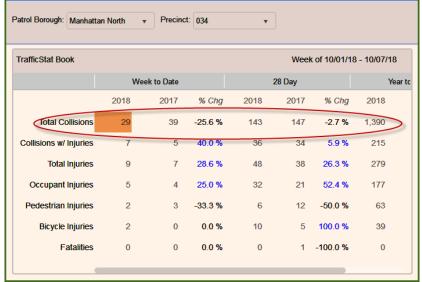




## **NOTES:**

Total Collisions are <u>up</u> Week to Date, 28 Day and YTD in the <u>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.</u>

Total Collisions are <u>down</u> Week to Date, 28 Day and YTD in <u>the **34**<sup>th</sup> Precinct.</u>



#### Discussion by the Manhattan DA's Office - Joselinne Minaya

The Manhattan D A's Office is inviting to two important events:

- "Opioid Forum" Wednesday, October 17 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the National Black Theatre 203 Fifth Ave, New York, N Y 10035
- The Washington Heights & Inwood "Shine the Light Event" on Tuesday, October 23

from 5:30 pm to 7 pm on Broadway and West 175th Street.

Ms. Minaya will temporarily replace Allan Valerios who has been transferred to another location.

# Discussion of the FY'20 Capital and Expense Budget.

The following items below for FY'20 were ranked after a committee discussion.

# Final Public Safety Committee FY 2020 Capital and Expense Budget Rankings

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE <b>EXPENSE</b> RANKINGS- FY 2020							
COMIMITEE RANKING	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION					
1	YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS. More outreach and conditioning programs.	The juvenile justice, youth offenders system and family courts are in constant need of reform regarding any collateral consequences of having a record, incarceration, probation and counseling. Prevention is a better option.					
2	EXPAND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SEXUAL HARRASSMENT PROGRAMS. More multi-agency response needed with NYPD.	With the rise of more sexual harassment allegations and investigations and arrests for rape, assaults and domestic violence there is a need to expand our city's efforts of preventions and due process.					
3	HIRE MORE POLICE OFFICERS. To maintain neighborhood stabilization.	The NCO program is successful, but more patrols are needed.					
4	NEW: MORE FIRE INSPECTORS. With a high number of nightlife establishments and aging buildings there is a need for more inspections and fire prevention.	District has a very high number of turnoff the century buildings and a need to verify correction of violations					
5	HIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS. – Not enough for aging force.	An aging staff of school safety officers, added absenteeism due to health problems and site coverage issues.					
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CAPITAL RANKINGS- FY 2020							
COMMITTEE RANKING	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION					
1	UPGRADE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM. Newversion needed for both 311 and 911 calls received and rapid agency response	There are too many agency closed calls without identification of closer or transparency. Also no record of operator pickup times and the current geospatial mapping software used is too old and needs modern techniques to find the correct locations or de-mapped or new streets.					
1a	NOISE DECIBEL READERS. Need latest scanners in high noise areas. Washington Heights/Inwood has the highest 311 noise complaints in the city.	Residential and Commercial Noise continues to be the number one complaint on calls to the 311 system for CD12, M. This tool will help enforcement and noise reduction efforts for the NYPD and DEP site inspections and fines.					
3	NEW: MORE SKYWATCH UNITS FOR SURVEILLANCE. Street monitoring systems in high crime areas not spying	An established crime fighting tool that augments basic crime prevention. Increase shootings in the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct and heavy increase in m assaults in the 34 Precinct. Defective units have been unsuccessfully deployed					
4	NEW: MORE ATV UNITS FOR NYPD	All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) will allow better response to crime and patrols in our large park system's non asphalt trails.					
5	NEW: TWO STORY PARKING GARAGE FOR THE 34 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT.	There is inadequate parking space for NYPD vehicles, officer's private cars, impounded vehicles (motorcycles- a large haul each year, etc.) more storage pace, etc. This will free up premium parking spots for residents — a community issue.					

With no old or new business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mary O'Shaugnessy, Asst. Chair Edited by Richard Lewis, Chair Public Safety Committee

Date: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018