Community Board 12, Manhattan Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting September 5th, 2018 – Conference Room 530 West 166th Street – 6th Floor New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present (5): Richard Lewis (Chair); Mary O'Shaughnessy, (Assistant Chair), Francisco Alvarez; Katherine Diaz and Gabriela Rosa.

Committee Members Absent (1): Rud Morales.

Public Sign-ins (17): Deputy Inspector/Capt. Richard Brea, NYPD (33 Precinct Commanding Officer), Capt. Thomas Palmer, NYPD (34 Precinct Executive Officer), Brian Shevitz, NYPD (NCO and Community Affairs, Transit District 3), Det. Chris Stoll, NYPD (33 Precinct Community Affairs), Sgt. Josue Perez, NYPD (33 Precinct NCO), Chris Ritchie, FDNY (Battalion 13 Chief), Jeremy Lafben, Timothy Harrell, CCRB, Adam Lessuck, FDNY (Community Affairs), Melyssa Marcelin, NYPD (Transit District 3), William Batz, NYPD (Transit District 3), Travis Burks, NYPD (Transit District 3), Alvin Hunt, NYPD(Transit District 3), Kaya Fedeson, Christina Keko, Alice Chambers, and Matthew Lattimer.

Staff: Ely Sylvestre.

Welcome, Opening Remarks and the Agenda. Richard Lewis, Public Safety Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. 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.

Source Documents Released for the Meeting.

The following source documents were distributed or made available at the meeting. The chair highlighted several news items including an increase in shooting incidences, assaults in correctional institutions and an arrest made in a potential hate crime for graffiti on FDNY/EMT firehouses and trucks in the 33rd and 34th Precincts.

Some Public Safety News Summaries: July – August 2018

- Man Scrawls 'Nazis Pigs Die' On Uptown Firehouse, Police Say
 https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-scrawls-nazis-pigs-die-uptown-firehouse-police-say
- Antiseualhaæsmertmoticsrequiedatall/VCbusinesses
 https://www.amny.com/news/sexual-harassment-workplace-1.20716267
- Man Opens Fire On Washington Heights Street Corner, Police Say
 https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-opens-fire-washington-heights-street-corner-police-say
- Teenager Shot In Highbridge Park, Police Say https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/teenager-shot-highbridge-park-police-say
- Crew Robbing Deliverymen Strikes In Washington Heights: Police https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/crew-robbing-deliverymen-strikes-washington-heights-police
- Protesters Occupy Inwood Councilman's Office After Controversial Rezoning Moves Forward http://gothamist.com/news
- Nine Arrested During Inwood Rezoning Protest, Police Say = Protesters were arrested Monday night after blocking traffic on Dyckman Street and Broadway.
 - https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/nine-arrested-during-inwood-rezoning-protest-police-say
- Workers' Comp Stats Make COBA's Case: Jails Growing More Dangerous (Free Article) Payouts for Injuries Rose 75% Last
 Year
 - http://thechiefleader.com/news/open_articles/workers-comp-stats-make-coba-s-case-jails-growing-more/article_379cebae-860d-11e8-b8a8-13cdb4b4aa5f.html
- NYPD Ordered to Give Shooting Records To Dead Teen's Family
 http://thechiefleader.com/news/news_of_the_week/nypd-ordered-to-give-shooting-records-to-dead-teen-s/article_99fbf9fc-9cb5-11e8-8ae8-7f9d100a5f99.html
- Rise in Assaults on Train Personnel Has TWU, MTA Pushing for Action (Free Article)
 http://thechiefleader.com/news/open_articles/rise-in-assaults-on-train-personnel-has-twu-mta-pushing/article_4ba0d60e-a22a-11e8-a38f-530dad608227.html
- Warning-Card Expansion Has Union on Red Alert
 http://thechiefleader.com/news/news_of_the_week/warning-card-expansion-has-union-on-red-alert/article_16e5bae2-a22a-11e8-9e94-f72da76f9680.html

- Vulcan Leader Skewers Cassano Reinstatement As Undeserved Break
 http://thechiefleader.com/news/news_of_the_week/vulcan-leader-skewers-cassano-reinstatement-as-undeserved-break/article_27188bb0-a22a-11e8-8653-77830a4e89fc.html
- NYPD sergeant gives new trombone to homeless man https://www.ny1.com/nyc/queens/news/2017/12/21/nypd-sergeant-gives-new-trombone-to-homeless-man
- Gang Databases Are the Latest Controversial Policing Tool Police say systems help prevent violence; critics claim they lack oversight and unfairly target minorities

https://www.wsj.com/articles/gang-databases-are-the-latest-controversial-policing-tool-1532597400

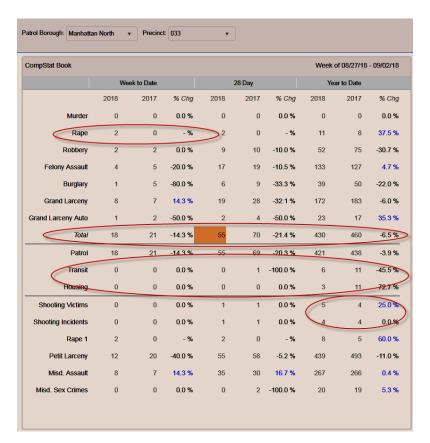
- How Much Does Undermining Public Faith in Police Cost?
 https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#sent/DmwnWrRrlzjtvtdGpLvhBWQbfrNfRmjdRwsxsWggXLhRDTcnQtKxmrXMgGGgjZbVrGGpfXVIPTKQ
- Video: NYPD Detective Allegedly Puts Man In Chokehold After Noise Complaint http://gothamist.com/2018/08/13/video_nypd_detective_chokehold.php
- NYPD Chief Defends Detective Who Used Chokehold on Man https://www.officer.com/command-hq/news/21018890/nypd-chief-defends-detective-who-used-chokehold-on-man
- Union offers \$500 to citizens who help NYPD officers restrain suspects
 https://abc7ny.com/politics/union-offers-\$500-to-citizens-who-help-nypd-restrain-suspects/4030054/
 https://patch.com/new-york/new-york-city/get-500-reward-helping-nyc-cop
- Shooting in Sunken Playground NYPD 33rd Precinct Verified account @NYPD33Pct Aug 15
- Mentally ill man who allegedly terrorized neighbor released without bail https://nypost.com/2018/08/17/mentally-ill-man-who-allegedly-terrorized-neighbor-released-without-bail/
- Teen dad shot to death celebrating friend's birthday in Inwood http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-metro-man-shot-dead-manhattan-street-20180902-story.html#
- Police Hunt Man Wanted For Inwood Murder
 https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/police-hunt-man-wanted-inwood-murder
- Construction accidents soar amid NYC building boom https://nypost.com/2018/09/01/construction-accidents-soar-amid-nyc-building-boom/
- Dousing his burning hatred: FDNY fire marshals grab vandal marring ambulances, firehouse http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-metro-fdny-vandal-nabbed-20180901-story.html
 City of New York Verified account @nycgov Sep 2
- #ThisWeekinNYC: @FDNY Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro today announced the launch of the "Leave Behind" Naloxone Program, a citywide plan to combat the opioid epidemic. Read more: https://on.nyc.gov/2wv8ciS
- FDNY Verified account @FDNY Aug 27
- #FDNY introduces the Department's first-ever nursing pod. Read more: https://on.nyc.gov/2Nn9CIT
- Woman Punches Man On Subway In Washington Heights, Police Say
 https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/woman-punches-man-subway-washington-heights-police-say
- Man Shot On Inwood Street, Police Say. The man walked into an Inwood emergency room Monday night after being shot on the street.
 - https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-shot-inwood-street-police-say
- Phone Calls From New York City Jails Will Soon Be Free https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/06/nyregion/phone-calls-free-nyc-jails.html
- NYC Launches Voter Registration Drive in Jails https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/new-york/articles/2018-08-08/nyc-launches-voter-registration-drive-in-jails
- The elected officials opposing the four new jails to replace Rikers Borough presidents and state lawmakers have raised concerns.

https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/policy/criminal-justice/new-york-city-replace-rikers-new-jails.html

Discussion from the 33rd 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 a pattern of burglary attempts at schools, targeting iPADS, in both the 33rd and 34th precincts.
- There has been a rash of grand larceny scams, in which a perpetrator asks a victim to deposit a check in exchange for some cash; the check later is discovered to be bad.
- There has been a pattern of robberies near the Edgecombe Avenue / West 157th Street stair street.
- Chris Stoll has been promoted to Detective.
- Overall Crime is down.





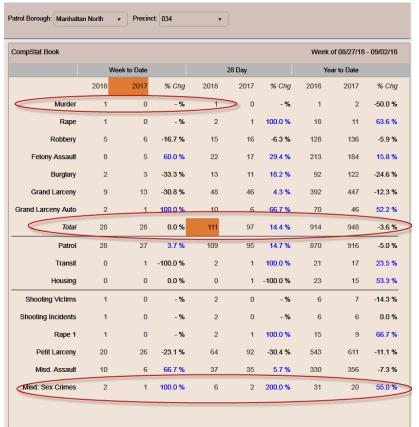
<u>Neighborhood Coordination Officers</u>, or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. Below are the current NCO's for the 33rd Precinct.

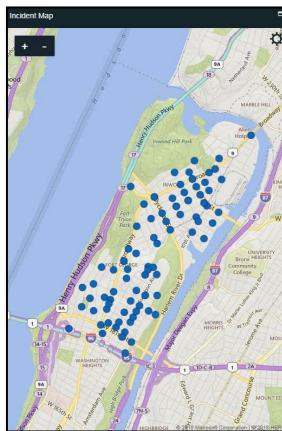
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Sector A	PO Peter Mccarthy	Peter.Mccarthy2@nypd.org
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Sector B	PO Emmanuel Valerio	Emmanuel.Valerio@nypd.org
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Discussion from the 34th Precinct on Community Outreach and COMPStat - Capt. Thomas Palmer.

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
- There has been a pattern of van thefts, in which the vans are used to steal tires and motorcycles. An arrest has been made.
- There was a homicide on Sunday, 9/2; the witness was uncooperative and the incident seems to have been family related.
- Traffic incidents are down and enforcement is up.
- A large scale marijuana sales operation was shut down at West 204th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.





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

See https://compstat.nypdonline.org

Below are the current NCO's for the 34th Precinct.

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Sector B	PO Bryan Polster	Bryan.Polster@nypd.org
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Sector C	PO Calvin Reyes	Calvin.Reyes@nypd.org
Sector D	PO Carlos Delrosario	Carlos.Delrosario@nypd.org
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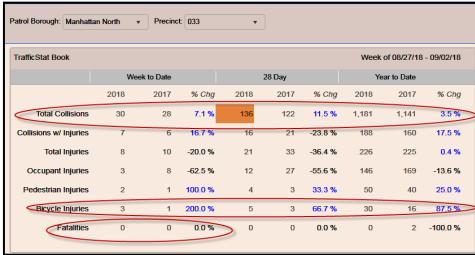
Both Precincts celebrated with residents their Annual National Nightout Against Crime Events on August 7th. The 33rd held the event in Highbridge Park and the 34th held the event at Anne Loftus Playground.

There is now a joint mobile unit with the NYPD and the ASPCA for both animal abuse and animal rescue services. We will try to get them here locally. See https://www.aspca.org/news/nypd-and-aspca-announce-new-mobile-command-post

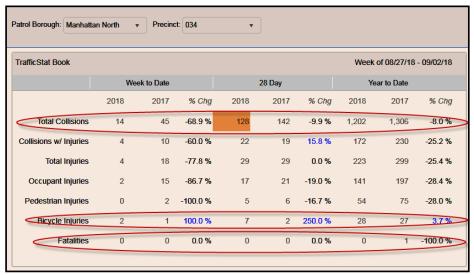
The next 33^{rd} Precinct Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 27 at 6:30PM at the 33^{rd} Precinct – 2207 Amsterdam Avenue and the next 34^{th} Precinct Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 26^{th} (7 PM) at the YM/YWHA – 44 Nagle Avenue (between Broadway and Ellwood Street).

Traffic Stat Data. See https://trafficstat.nypdonline.org/









Discussion on New Policy Changes on Public Use of Marijuana.

In June an agenda item on new policy changes on the public use of Marijuana and the potential of enforcement, summons, arrests and prosecution was tabled. That conversation was renewed with the 33rd and 34 Precincts, the Washington Heights Community Liaison from the Manhattan District Attorney, committee members and other attendees at this meeting.

Concerns were expressed that the public may be unaware given such a confusing and conditional mix of new policies on the issuance of summonses, fines and arrest procedures in different boroughs that marijuana use, sale and distribution is still illegal in New York City as per Section 221 of the State's Penal Code.

In New York City alone, some 17,500 people are arrested each year on marijuana possession charges and it is anticipated with this new policy that 10,000 of those arrests would be eliminated and replaced with criminal summonses. In additional it is a well established fact that these arrests and prosecution of Marijuana possession are disportionally higher among communities of color despite equal rates of use among other ethnic groups.

The resulting incarceration negatively impacts the health of communities and individuals by "destabilizing families, hindering access to education and health care, lowering employment opportunities, increasing poverty and limiting access to housing" according to a recent NYS Department of Health report.

It is important to know in this evolving period of relaxed enforcement and prosecution policies that after August 31, smoking marijuana in public or possessing up to 25 grams <u>may</u> result a court summons and fine, rather than an arrest in New York City, and that people who smoke or use non-prescription marijuana in public <u>can</u> still be arrested if they:

- Have an open warrant, are wanted for another crime or are on parole or probation;
- Have a history of violence or categorized as a violent offender;
- Are a threat to public safety (for example, driving under the influence);
- Fail to show identification or provide the police with false identification;
- May still be taken to the precinct even if eligible for a summons ; or
- Fail to appear in court on the date on the summons and a warrant is issued; and

Allan Valerio of the Manhattan DA's office stated that the DA's office will decline to prosecute if possession is the only charge.

Committee member Gabriel Rosa stressed the importance that the Mayor's Office should have several ongoing outreach programs to target the false message in youth cultures that "it is ok to smoke a joint". She was joined with enthusiastic support from those attending the meeting. There was support for a Public Safety Committee resolution on the key points of the discussion and the need for targeted outreach by all city agencies and community based organizations. There was no discussion at this time on the potential legalization of recreational Marijuana in New York State. The resolution passed 5-0-0, will be reviewed for accuracy as a courtesy by law enforcement and will be submitted at the September board's General Meeting.

Discussion with the FDNY - Battalion 13 Chief Chris Ritchie and Adam Lessuck (Community Affairs).

BC Ritchie stated that fires are down in the district, which includes areas not within Community Board 12, Manhattan. The Chair renewed a request for data on FDNY issued violations and summonses on restaurants and bars as those records may have a bearing on the Licensing Committee's evaluation of applications if they are still open or active. Community Affairs representative Adam Lesser stated that the FDNY has the capacity only to release data based on specific addresses but not by Community Boards. The Chair indicated we will help them in processing this information. The Chair asked why no information was released on the FDNY Narcan Community distribution event to our board? He was also asked to describe whether this event was successful. Mr. Lesser stated that 3,000 Narcan kits have been issued to EMS stations, and EMS responders leave a kit with persons treated with it.

Discussion by the Manhattan DA's Office - Adam Valerio, Community Liaison.

In addition to participating in the discussion on the new polices on public Marijuana use and enforcement Mr. Valerio mentioned an upcoming community event: **The 18th Annual Brides' March against domestic violence.**

On Wednesday, September 26, 2018 for the 18th Annual Brides' March will take place to" help raise awareness for victims of domestic violence and honor the memory of Gladys Ricart." For more information on the Gladys Ricart and Victims of Domestic Violence Memorial Walk/Brides' March please visit the Brides' March website http://www.bridesmarch.com/

For those who know someone who has been affected by family violence, or those who are themselves a victim and want to denounce this antisocial criminal behavior join them 8 am at the Holy Rood Episcopal Church. The March begins at 10:30 am after an earlier opening ceremony. To register for the event visit http://www.bridesmarch.com/registration.html

Special Guest Presentation on NCO expansion – Sgt Brian Shevitz, Transit District 3.

Prior to the presentation, the Chair announced the appointment of a new Commanding Officer Transit District 3. She is Mary King and she replaced Kenneth Perez, who is now stationed in Brooklyn. In addition, presenter Sgt Brian Shevitz will be Transit District 3 representative to the Public Safety Committee replacing PO Dameon Frey.

The Transit NCO Administrator Sgt Brian Shevitz offered an introduction to the NCO program. It is being implemented on the A and 1 lines, from the 168th Street A/1 station to the northern termini of both lines. The program is similar to those already in operation at the 33rd and 34th Precincts. Transit NCO Officers attend the Build a Block meetings for the 33rd and 34th precincts.

Questions were raised about how the transit NCO Program will be marketed to the public so anyone could have direct access to these officers? Related to that issue a member of the community wanted to know how the placement and station location of NCO posters will be determined in the subway system? PO Shevitz replied that they are placed at the MTA's discretion and since they are non-revenue-generating, they are not generally in desirable locations. Another attendee wanted to know where the jurisdiction of a transit police officer began and ended. PO William Batz responded that it starts in the station and it stops at the top of the steps, but if needed they will work with street officers.

The Chair asked about the status of body cams and the response was that the scheduled date is October 15. The officers stated that in the event of an emergency and there is no wireless signal present then they should contact the train's conductor. The Chair also suggested that publicity for this new NCO program could be broadcast through the touch screen kiosks in subway stations. PO William Batz indicated they will bring this suggestion to the NYPD Transit Bureau and the MTA. Finally, the Chair also mentioned that this matter will be brought to the attention to Transit District 3's new Commanding Officer at an upcoming scheduled meeting.



Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) are your local problem-solvers. They spend their entire tours riding on the same subway lines and visiting the same stations in their assigned sectors. Their job is to resolve ongoing crime and quality-of-life issues, and to build relationships with commuters and MTA employees.

Many of the problems encountered by straphangers are matters of public safety. NCOs work hand-in-hand with MTA workers and the people we all serve to address those concerns, one train and one subway station at a time.

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See https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/transit-housing/transit.page

NYC FY'20 Budget Process starting.

The City's capital and expense budgeting process has started. Documents for last year's committee and board's ranking were reviewed and agencies present at the meeting were reminded to submit items for consideration at the Committee's October meeting. We will be ranking those items and then submitting them to the full board for a final ranking along with other board committee's priorities. The final community board ranking will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) where their recommendations will be made on these items in late January 2019. Budget hearings at the City Council for each agency will also take place after that time period. There were no Inwood Rezoning and budget items related to public safety cited in the Points of Agreement for the rezoning final city approval.

Building More Bridges Recess - Chance for Everyone to Meet with the Uniform Services

A brief ten minute recess period was held to allow those assembled to informally meet and briefly discuss other issues. We will continue this type of recess to build more bridges with our public safety partners for all future committee meetings.

Presentation: New Public Safety Online Interactive Mapping Tools for Civic Engagement – Chairman Richard Lewis. Several software applications were presented to the committee in a brief PowerPoint slideshow. These new computer tools allow for greater civic engagement as they are a quick, accurate, easy to use and direct means to visually display city agency data either though maps, graphs, pivot tables or other analysis from data found in the city's open data portal https://opendata.cityofnewyork.us/

For users not comfortable using the city's open data portal these toolkits offers an alternative.

The following applications were discussed:

- TRAFFIC Stat General Weekly, 288 Day and YTD Traffic statistics and maps (General);, https://trafficstat.nypdonline.org/2e5c3f4b-85c1-4635-83c6-22b27fe7c75c/view/89
- CRASHMAPPER: Specific crash mapping and new dangerous intersection charting tools and trends;
 http://crashmapper.org
- BOARDSTAT v.06B A visual mapping and graphical analysis toolkit quantifying historic 311 Service Complaints, locations and Agency Response Times;

https://bit.ly/boardstat_v6a_manhattan

SLA MAPPER (SLAM) – is a tool that aggregates data that community boards often have to gather in order
to review liquor license applications and sidewalk cafe applications. Displaying this information in a unified
view saves community boards considerable time and resources (for example Noise Complaints and Liquor
License Establishments);

https://slam.beta.nyc/

- SIDEWALK CAFÉS All Operating Cafés NYC Department of Consumer Affairs; and https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/SidewalkCafeMap/index.html
- LAMP (The NYS Liquor Authority Mapping Project. http://lamp.sla.ny.gov/nysla/index.htm

With no old or new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mary O'Shaugnessy, Asst. Chair Edited by Richard Lewis, Chair Public Safety Committee Date: September 5th. 2018