

**Community Board 12 - Public Safety Committee Minutes**  
**October 2, 2019**  
**7-9pm**

**Chair: Curtis D. Young**

**Committee Members Present**

Curtis D. Young (Chair)  
Danielle Jettoo (Asst. Chair)  
Lillian Arias  
Katherine Diaz  
Gabiella Estrella  
Rud Morales

**Committee Members Absent**

Noquel Matos (Asst. Chair)  
Francisco Alvarez (Unexcused)  
Yosef Kalinsky (Excused)  
Nobles Crawford (Excused)

**Board Members Present**

**Public Member Present**

**Public Member Absent**

Graham Ciarulo (Excused)

Called to Order: 7:15pm

**I. Welcome by Chair**

**II. Crime Stats, Fire Incidents, and Emergency Services Reports and Law Enforcement Initiatives**

**A. 33rd Precinct**

- Update on Robbery Pattern reported in September meeting. The person has been apprehended with an upcoming October court date.
- Update on Homicide that took place on 166th Street. Another person was arrested in California, as they were also picked up for robbery and working towards extradition.

**B. 34th Precinct**

- For the 28-day reporting period, down 16% in crime. Up 21 % in grand larceny, mostly unauthorized transactions. Increase in homicide as well.
- Package theft used to be categorized under petty larceny and now has its own tracking category. Precincts encourage community members to use signature confirmation and to speak to management on leaving it in their office, with Supers, or ideally have a deposit box. Precinct's twitter page has education for the public on package theft prevention.
- Precincts are targeting individuals/buildings targeted multiple times in attempts to reduce theft.
- Question on sky watch tower along 207th Street and Sherman Avenue. Taking up about three parking spaces. Precinct will investigate possibilities of reducing.

**C. FDNY: Not present**

**D. Manhattan District Attorney's Office Update**

- Annual Shine the Light against domestic violence walk is approaching on 10/17/19. Attendees are encouraged to wear purple. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. In addition, Saturday Night Lights schedule is available, with several sports taking place in CB12 district. Both flyers can be found at the CB12 office.

**E. Transit District 3**

- As of reporting, down 13% in crime. "Lush workers," people who rob those who are sleeping on the train, is always a concern. TD3 places officers on the midnight shift, and at the end last stations/connecting stations to wake people up. There are teams at 96 St, 125th St as trains enter the district.

- 181 on the A line, corner of Ft. Washington continues to experience smearing of the MetroCard Machine, where it doesn't work and homeless sell swipes. There are no cameras available here however the individual has been identified and working towards it.
- Officers continue to address concerns of homelessness at the 168th Street St. Concerns that as the winter approaches, 181 and 191 will increase. Homeless outreach is taking place by the MTA Police/BRC outreach initiative where people are encouraged to go to shelters for the night. BRC outreach with TD3 has decreased due to the staff capacity of the BRC and the state initiative. In July, the diversion program was launched. If a homeless person commits a violation, they are approached, and instead of getting a ticket incentivized by going to a shelter.

#### **F. Edgecombe Correctional Facility**

- Short stay facility, up to 45 days, for the following populations: Women's Work Release, parole diversion program with drug treatment and counseling, and parole violators. Facility often works with schools next door, such as Halloween trick or treaters and thanksgiving turkey give away. Respond to community complaints quickly and recently resolved one. Collaborate with 33rd precinct and have Odyssey House within facility offering programming.

### **III. FY21 Capital and Expense Budget Rankings**

Chair invited precinct representatives, board members, and guests to contribute to budget items.

#### **Expense (not ranked in order by Committee)**

1. Expand Domestic Violence and Anti-Sexual Harassment programs and improve multi-agency response
2. Expand implicit bias, mental health, substance use training programs and multi-agency response
3. Increase funding to support FDNY in addressing and correcting violations and enhance fire prevention in housing and nightlife establishments.
4. Add speed cameras in 34th precinct

#### **Capital (not ranked in order by Committee)**

1. Additional upgrade of Emergency Response System (311 & 911) to record times and geolocations for better response, data, and transparency
2. Procurement of additional noise decibel readers for CD12M
3. Light tower within the 33rd Precinct
4. Procurement of a Bariatric Stretcher for FDNY
5. Procure 2 Argus Cameras for NYPD 33rd Precinct placement in high crime and low traffic areas alongside Edgecombe/Riverside Drive or along 155th Street and Riverside Drive
6. Procurement of all-terrain vehicle for FDNY for efficient response in CD12M's vast parklands

### **IV. New Business**

- Community member complaint on sidewalk vendors on 181st Street between St. Nicholas and Wadsworth Aves, on the south side. Space is limited for pedestrians especially with construction along the former Chase Bank.
- Report of slashing in Fort Tryon. 34th precinct clarified that the individual reported to be intoxicated and fell on glass.
- Invitation for members to contribute to topics and collaborators for this calendar year of meeting, such as policy development on bike lanes and potential of a bike safety hearing as a proposal.

Meeting ended at 8:52pm