

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

**Committee Members Present (4):** Richard Lewis (Chair), Domingo Estevez (Asst. Chair), Derek Peralta, and Katherine Diaz.

**Committee Member Absent (3):** Mary O'Shaughnessy (Excused) Natalie Espino, and Rud Morales.

**Public Sign-ins (11):** Lt. Jorge Rodriguez (33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct), PO Danny Guzman (Community Affairs – 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct), Lt. Salvatore Machese (34 Precinct), Paul Himfenstas (17 FCH), Deputy Chief Kevin M. Cassidy (FDNY), Clement James (Community Affairs – FDNY), William Carroll (Battalion Chief – FDNY), Allan Sebastian Valerio (Manhattan District Attorney's Office), Nancy Preston, Nayma Silver, Noquel A. Matos, and Michael Hano

**Other Agencies Reps Invited: (1):** Transit District 3 (absent).

**Staff:** Eli Silvestri.

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**Welcome, Opening Remarks and the Agenda.** Richard Lewis, Public Safety Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Arrangements were made to record the meeting to a digital audio file on an OLYMPUS® handheld device. Board members introduced themselves as did members of city agencies and CBO's present. A quorum was established for the meeting. Topics for the evening's agenda were outlined. The Chair made several announcements:

Reviewed the Handouts listed below that were prepared for this meeting by the chair. Reference was made to the problem of fire hydrants that were dead, non-operational or frozen and the need to address this problem to avoid fire response delays. This was one of the issues in the Bronx fire of December that claimed 13 lives. An article on the "Hydrant Epidemic" explains this problem in detail.

The need to close doors or have self closing doors is critical in containing and reduction of spread of fires as well as smoke detectors in public halls and a fire safety plan posted in the building and exits on each floor.

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/fire\\_prevention/office\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/fire_prevention/office_guidelines.pdf) Reviewing photos of the Bronx fire there seems to have been a problem of residents not lowering the fire escape ladder for egress, but instead assembling on the second floor firescape balcony waiting for the FDNY to remove them.

It was reported in the Bronx fire that it was started with a child playing on the stove while its mother was showering and escalated when she exited her apartment and failed to close the door. The FDNY has a three person operation for the entire city to address this problem -- the "Juvenile Fire-setters Intervention Program. The city needs to expand this program as well as integrate this service with Administration of Child Services where there is some evidence of prior complaints.

The chair pointed out that there was a need to have clear and simple icons or graphics with dos and don'ts for fire safety given the issue of level of literacy in the city and the fact that a visual response is a better design than producing some esoteric academic and lengthy document on fire safety. An example of this media presentation is contained in several articles.

Many new laws will go into effect in NYC and NYS. For public safety issues a new law allows School bus drivers to administer EpiPens® when a child goes into anaphylactic shock. The city's "Right to Know" Act goes into effect on how the police may search and question an individual without a warrant. The law also requires the NYPD to develop policies for recording such search and explicitly tell civilians that they can refuse to be searched.

There has been a significant drop in crime where murders will fall below 300 with drops in felony assaults, burglaries, robberies and car thefts. Compared to the 90's the city had more than 2,000 murders per year. The Bronx remains the city's worst borough for murder. There appears to be an increase in mass transit crime in the lower regions of Washington Heights. At the George Washington Bridge a temporary fence has been constructed to deter suicides where fifteen people jumped to their deaths in 2017/

Finally, with the freezing temperature we are experiencing attention was called to the signs of hypothermia and frostbite. Death could occur if the core body temperature drops some sixteen (16 degrees Fahrenheit) from the normal of 37 degrees Centigrade or 98.6 Fahrenheit.

### Source Documents Released at the Meeting.

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

- FDNY chief recall first moments at deli Bronx fire  
<http://nypost.com/2017/12/30/fdny-chiefs-recall-first-moments-at-deadly-bronx-fire/>
- Inside the charred remains of the fatal Bronx fire building (News Article and Video)  
<https://nypost.com/2017/12/29/inside-the-charred-remains-of-the-fatal-bronx-fire-building/>
- The deadliest infernos in Big Apple history  
<https://nypost.com/2017/12/29/the-deadliest-infernos-in-big-apple-history/>
- The terrifying first moments of the deadly Bronx fire  
<https://nypost.com/2017/12/31/the-terrifying-first-moments-of-the-deadly-bronx-fire/>
- GUEST HANDOUT: Participatory Workshop on Community Land Trusts and Info Session!
- Frozen hydrant hindered Bronx fire response  
<https://nypost.com/2017/12/29/frozen-hydrant-hindered-bronx-fire-response/>
- FDNY SMART: Children cause thousands of home fires each year and the FDNY Juvenile Fire-setters Intervention Program.  
<http://www.fdnysmart.org/children/> and <http://www.fdnysmart.org/juvenile-fire-setters-intervention-program/>
- FDNY SMART: Fire Prevention – Do's and Don'ts  
<http://www.fdnysmart.org/safetytips/>
- "The Hydrant Epidemic" - A Critical Synopsis of the Modern Emergency Water Delivery System Through the Use of Fire Hydrants  
[http://www.sigelock.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Brochure\\_Sigelock-white-paper-1.pdf](http://www.sigelock.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Brochure_Sigelock-white-paper-1.pdf)
- 2018 brings new laws to New York, New Jersey, Connecticut  
<http://abc7ny.com/politics/2018-brings-new-laws-to-tri-state-area/2838166/> and <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/recreational-marijuana-paid-family-leave-among-2018-s-new-laws-n832531> and  
<http://www.wnyn.com/story/37167609/2018-new-year-new-laws-in-new-york-state> and  
<https://www.labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/laborstandards/workprot/MW%20Updates/fast-food-faq.shtm> and  
<https://www.govdocs.com/new-york-state-15-minimum-wage-paid-family-leave/>
- Right To Know Act Passes NYC Council Despite Opposition  
<https://patch.com/new-york/new-york-city/right-know-act-passes-nyc-council-despite-opposition> and  
<https://www.amny.com/news/nypd-stops-city-council-1.15007071>
- NYC sees 'unbelievable' drop in crime  
<https://nypost.com/2017/12/26/nyc-sees-unbelievable-drop-in-crime/>
- Man Slashed In Washington Heights Subway Station, Police Say  
<https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/man-slashed-washington-heights-subway-station-police-say>
- Woman Robbed In Dyckman Houses Elevator, Police Say  
<https://patch.com/new-york/washington-heights-inwood/woman-robbed-dyckman-houses-elevator-police-say>
- Ruling but no resolution on which teen killers merit parole - *From Associated Press - December 31, 2017*
- At George Washington Bridge, a Fence Rises to Deter Suicides  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/29/nyregion/george-washington-bridge-suicide-fence.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&mtrref=my.earthlink.net>
- Risk assessment and analysis  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Risk>
- Pay Attention to Signs of Hypothermia and Frostbite  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/emergency-preparedness/cold-weather-hypothermia.page>

### Discussion from the FDNY – Battalion Chief William Carroll, Clement James, Jr. Community Affairs and Deputy Chief Kevin M. Cassidy.

A representative from EMS discussed statistics on the agency's response time. For Segment 1 (Cardiac Arrest and Choking) the average response time in YTD for Manhattan is 5.06 minutes, For Segments 1-3 (Life Threatening Medical Emergencies) the average response time is 6.39 minutes. (See the Charts on the next page). When asked if this response time is sufficient to save lives given that it takes about 4 to 6 minutes for brain cells to die without Oxygen. He stated that bystander CPR training even through a 911 call involving hand compressions of **100** to 120 per minute can proved to be about 40% effective. "CPR alone is unlikely to restart the heart. Its main purpose is to restore partial flow of oxygenated blood to the brain and heart. The objective is to delay tissue death and to extend the brief window of opportunity for a successful resuscitation without permanent brain damage."

On the issue of dead or non-functional fire hydrants the FDNY representative claimed that they make routine inspections of all district fire hydrants and know where defective one are located and their problems. DEP is responsible for their repairs. The Chair requested a list of those hydrants in the community that are in need of repair See the charts below for information on fires and EMS matters

Manhattan Community Board 12										
Comparison Fire Activity 2017 to 2016										
Year	Structural Fires		Non Structural Fires		Total Fires		Suspicious Fires		Non-Medical Fires	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
2017	56	473	96	383	152	856	7	28	488	5126
2016	56	528	20	307	76	835	4	24	450	5241
Difference	0	-55	76	76	76	21	3	4	38	-155
%	0%	-12%	79%	20%	50%	25%	43%	14%	8%	-2%
Year	Medical Emergencies		Total Emerg./Med/10-9		Non-Medical MFA		Total Incidents			
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD		
	476	6123	964	11249	30	364	1146	12489		
	518	6041	968	11282	26	419	1070	12536		
Difference	-42	82	-4	-33	4	-55	76	-67		
%	-9%	1%	0%	0%	13%	-15%	7%	-1%		

Source: FDNY - Meeting Handouts

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Statistics

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#### Manhattan Performance Indicators

01/01/17 - 12/31/17

#### Manhattan Ambulance Incidents & Runs

		Segment			Ambulance Tours		
		1	1 - 3	1 - 8		ALS	92.4
Number of Incidents		6,552	140,875	370,722		BLS	157.8
Avg Resp Time MM:SS		05:06	06:39	09:02			
Ambulance Runs		14,231	183,990	445,470		TOTAL	250.3

		Segment						
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of Incidents		80,661	53,662	73,717	54,756	54,254	46,245	875
Ambulance Runs		103,610	66,149	83,724	61,950	60,581	52,860	2,365

**Emergency Medical Service Incidents:**

The total number of Emergency Medical Service incidents reflected in Segments 1 through 8.

**Emergency Medical Service Response Times: 1-3**

Dispatch and travel time in the two most severe call categories. These times are measured from the time the Fire dispatcher receives the call from the 911 operator and ends when the unit signals its arrival on the scene. The number of incidents used to calculate the response time may be lower than the total incidents due to omitted or incorrect unit arrival signals.

**Segment 1** : Cardiac Arrest & Choking

**Segment 2 & 3** : Life Threatening Medical Emergencies

**Segment 4-8** : Non-Life Threatening Medical Emergencies

**ALS and BLS Ambulance Tours:**

An 8-hour shift when an ambulance is in service in the 911 system.

**ALS Ambulance:** Advanced Life Support staffed with Paramedics.

**BLS Ambulance:** Basic Life Support staffed with Emergency Medical Technicians.



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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**Manhattan Performance Indicators**

01/01/17 - 12/31/17

Manhattan Fire Incidents						
	Structural Fires	Non-Structural	Non-Fire Emergencies	Medical Emergencies	Malicious False Alarms	
Number of Incidents	5,775	4,230	67,586	77,786	4,055	
Avg Resp Time mm:ss	04:26	04:44	05:35	05:01	05:07	
	Serious Incidents					
	All Hands	2nd Alarm	3rd Alarm	4th Alarm	5th Alarm or Greater	Total
Number of incidents	354	17	7	4	2	384

**Fire Service Response Time** includes both dispatch time and travel time. It begins when the Fire dispatcher receives the call and ends when the unit signals its arrival on the scene. The number of incidents used to calculate the response time may be lower than the total incidents due to omitted or incorrect unit arrival signals.

**Structural Fires** - fires that occur in structures.

**Non-Structural Fires** - examples are brush, rubbish or automobile fires.

**Non-Fire Emergencies** - utility emergencies, and other emergencies that are not fire or medical related.

**Medical Emergencies** - are selected life-threatening emergencies that engine companies respond to as first responders.

**Malicious False Alarms** - are calls that units respond to where there was no one who reported an emergency.

**Serious Fires** - those fires that imply severity, from "All Hands", which is a fire or incident where a minimum of four fire units are fully engaged, to "5th Alarm" and higher.

Source: <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/about/citywide-stat-2017-annual-report.pdf>

**Discussion from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – Lt. Jorge Rodriguez.**

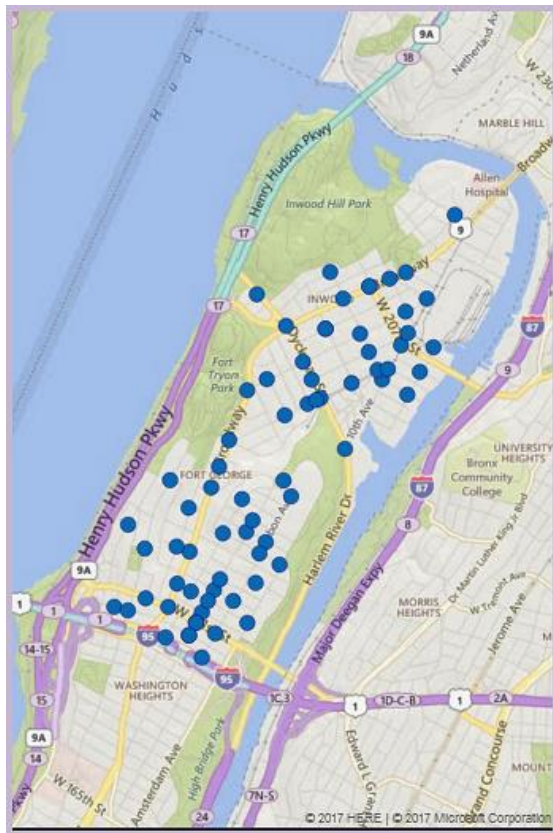
The following crime statistics from the seven major crimes reported in the NYPD's weekly COMPStat List were presented.

See charts below or follow this information at <https://compstat.nypdonline.org> For the Year Overall Crime is down:

Total incident are down from 713 in 2016 to 680 in 2017. For the year certain crimes are up:

There will be a crime prevention and senior safety bag distribution event at the Golden Era Social Adult Care Center on Janaury 19th where mail and idenity theft and scams will be discussed with demonstrations.





CompStat Book		Week of 12/25/17 - 12/31/17						
	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date	
	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016
Murder	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	3	4
Rape	0	1	-100.0 %	2	2	0.0 %	14	10
Robbery	4	6	-33.3 %	17	21	-19.0 %	201	230
Felony Assault	1	4	-75.0 %	23	22	4.5 %	290	308
Burglary	1	4	-75.0 %	12	13	-7.7 %	171	142
Grand Larceny	12	5	140.0 %	35	38	-7.9 %	634	561
Grand Larceny Auto	7	1	600.0 %	8	5	60.0 %	71	69
Total	25	21	19.0 %	97	101	-4.0 %	1,384	1,324
Patrol	23	20	15.0 %	94	97	-3.1 %	1,327	1,265
Transit	0	0	0.0 %	0	3	-100.0 %	26	31
Housing	2	1	100.0 %	3	1	200.0 %	31	28
Shooting Victims	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0.0 %	11	15
Shooting Incidents	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0.0 %	10	13
Rape 1	0	1	-100.0 %	2	2	0.0 %	12	8
Petit Larceny	9	18	-50.0 %	51	55	-7.3 %	904	815
Misd. Assault	6	14	-57.1 %	35	30	16.7 %	500	559
Misd. Sex Crimes	0	1	-100.0 %	1	3	-66.7 %	28	31

## COMPStat 2.0 Year to Date Map and Charts.

Seven (7) Majors reported.

See <https://compstat.nypdonline.org>

## Discussion from the Office of the District Attorney – Allan S. Valerio

- Allan S. Valerio appeared and discussed the announcement by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., of the trial and conviction of “JASSON MELO, 26, for assaulting his former girlfriend, and forcing her to walk naked on a public street while he berated her and videotaped the incident. MELO was convicted by a New York State Supreme Court jury of the top charge he faced, Coercion in the First Degree, as well as Assault in the Third Degree, Menacing in the Second Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree. MELO is expected to be sentenced on January 3, 2018.”
- No new community outreach programs have been planned for this month.

## Discussion on the Committee’s Future Goals

Members of the Public Safety Committee present discussed some future goals for later planning. One of the issues was bicycle lanes in the community. It was pointed out that if the issue of current Bicycle Lanes comes before the committee it might help those who favor them more since we would need to deal with enforcement issues more than public safety issues with those who oppose them. It is not within the committee’s jurisdiction to decide bike lane deployment.

We also would need to discuss in depth the Inwood Rezoning Proposal at our next meeting and its effects on public safety concerns. Finally, there was some deliberation on the need for the committee to hold a “Know Your Rights” theme Forum with the ACLU and the NYPD. The chair pointed out that holding such an event would require a lot of work by committee members to make it a success. This included finding a date, time and location as well obtaining guest speakers or a panel and promotion of the event.

A session might also be held on cyber bullying and more how to workshops.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23PM

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Peralta

with edits by Richard Lewis, Chair

Public Safety Committee - January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

## -- APPENDIX A --

### TALKING POINTS FOR THE JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2018 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING/CB 12, M

#### TALKING POINTS FOR THE FDNY

*To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair. Note: The information requested and highlighted in red was promised by our January 2018 meeting.*

1. How many fires have occurred year to date (YTD) or Year End Data in Washington Heights, Inwood and or the boundaries of Battalion District 13? Please give all types and source of this information.
2. How many fires have occurred in the past month in Washington Heights, Inwood and or the boundaries of Battalion District 13? Please give all types and the specific source of this information.
3. How many false alarms – YTD (Year End Data) and Monthly? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
4. What is the response time YTD (Year End Data) for the EMT Unit in Washington Heights and Inwood and how does that compare to Manhattan or the rest of the city? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
- 5 Please give us the dates for future community outreach for this community board (local firehouses and offsite areas.) – (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
6. How do you carry out inspections of new and old businesses or residents for occupancy or fire safety issues?
7. How many summonses have issues YTD and fines? How many are still pending? How many unsafe establishments or buildings are there in CB 12 and may we have a list? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING). How are fire hydrants maintained to ensure they are functioning in all types of weather?
8. What is the number of gas line leaks in the street, buildings or apartments that the FDNY has responded to in the district (YTD)? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
9. What is the number of electrical fires in the street, buildings or apartments that the FDNY response in the district (YTD)? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
10. Have there been any fires in parks or playgrounds in the district, if so where and YTD information?
11. When is the next recruitment period for the FDNY and EMT? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
12. How many women firefighters or EMT ambulance staffs are assigned to the Battalion District 13? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
13. Explain recruitment efforts and current timetables for firefighters and EMT ambulance and support staff.
14. Could you bring some fire safety information for distribution at the meeting?

#### TALKING POINTS FOR THE NYPD (33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Precincts and Transit District 3)

*To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.*

1. Please highlight salient points of the precinct's latest COMPSTAT Report on the major crime indices. List them Year to Date and well as spikes.
2. Describe what steps you are taking to lower these spikes. Are there any hotspots? Why are homicides the lowest in several decades as well as crime stats in general?
3. How many summonses, arrests, detentions, removals, warnings have your police officers in either the 33<sup>rd</sup> or 34<sup>th</sup> Precincts made and year to date (YTD) and this month? (Missing information)
4. Please highlight these summonses for nightlife areas where there are On Premise Liquor licenses. How many have been reported to the SLA? May we have a list for this month and every monthly period?
5. Please give more details for arrests: type, how many are on trial, how many convicted, how many sentenced to jail or prison, how many in alternative programs, how many not found guilty? (Missing Information)
6. Do we have numbers of individuals who are formerly incarcerated and on parole or have completed their time serve and are living in this district?
7. How many nightlife establishments were granted 24 hour operations for New Years in each Precinct by the NYSLA and how many has the NYPD objected to in each precinct?
8. How many incidents occurred in the district for New Year's celebrations this year? (Summonses, arrests, fireworks, disturbances, etc.)? How this compared to does last year's celebrations?
9. Describe what community outreach programs your precinct is sponsored during the past month and the coming month? How successful were the community holiday celebrations with local children and the PCC Awards Ceremony?
10. Explain the Incident that occurred in the Dyckman Houses and Narcotics/Trespass Problems in the Bethune Houses? What kind of traffic enforcement is taking place in the district and how many traffic crashes or traffic injuries have taken place in the past month and YTD?
11. What problems surfaced at recent the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct NCO meetings and how are they being addressed?
12. Explain how the NYPD will be administering the NYC Council's new "Right to Know" Laws?
13. What happened at the West 155th Street Subway Stop on the 'C' line a month ago? (NOT PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING)
14. Explain slashing incident where the perp exited on the West 157 Street Station?

15. Give YTD (Year End Data) and Monthly Transit COMPStat report for the district and the city. How safe is mass transit?

## **TALKING POINTS FOR THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE**

*To guide your presentation here are some talking points that may come up in tonight's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please be prepared and avoid telling the public to check for this information on the internet. Should you have any questions please contact the Chair.*

1. What are some new city laws for 2018 where the DA will be responsible for prosecuting?
2. Explain the new city/state partnership in prosecution of wage theft in the construction industry?
3. Provide some information on the Narcotics Eviction Program and any activity the DA has taken in the district in the past year?
4. Provide some information on the Trespass Affidavit Program and the number of buildings enrolled. Does this also include NYCHA buildings?
5. Provide information on any upcoming community events?

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