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Community Affairs Bureau

Community Newsletter
Borough of the Month: Queens

Rockaway Resource Day

In the summer of 2007, the New York City Police Department's Community Affairs Outreach unit assigned to Queens began conducting outreach in Far Rockaway in response to the shooting of a fifteen year old girl, (Brandon Bethea) who was an innocent bystander fatally wounded in a senseless act of violence. In addition to handing out crime stoppers information in response to this tragedy, outreach personnel began to enquire as to what the residence felt the community's needs were.

After months of communicating and meeting with various community leaders, residences, politicians, business owners, and educators, Sergeant [David Holloway](#) of the Community Affairs Outreach Unit began developing an idea for a day where all residences would be able to come together, enjoy music entertainment and be able to receive valuable information regarding community resources in a safe and family type environment. Thus The Rockaway Resource Day was born.

Community Programs

Precinct Community Councils

Forums that provide on-going, direct communication between the police and community.

Civilian Observer Ride Along

Provides the public with an opportunity to observe police officers on patrol.

Citizens Police Academy

Offers community members the opportunity to experience similar training to that of police recruits at the police academy.

NYPD Internship

Provides high school, college, and graduate students the opportunity to gain practical experience in the criminal justice field.



The NYPD would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. For tips on how to keep safe and alert, click [here](#).

Rockaway Resource Day (cont'd)

An idea conceived as a result of a terrible tragedy has yielded one of the most successful annual summer events that the Far Rockaway section of Queens has seen in years.

This past summer marked the third annual Rockaway Resources Day, which has drawn attendance of over three thousand people and continues to grow. Over 66 vendors participate in the event. Some of the vendors include Lowes, Costco, Best Buy, Kiss FM and numerous other community based organizations. In addition to these organizations, elected officials, educational institutions and various employers participate as well.

There is also live entertainment, martial arts demonstrations, an extraordinary fashion show sponsored by area boutiques and the list goes on. It is a fun filled day for all to enjoy with lots of useful information about resources in the community. We hope to see you there next year.



Chief of Community Affairs
Philip Banks, III

As Chief of Community Affairs, Chief Banks will develop and implement policies programs that help foster positive police/community relations in New York City's many diverse communities.

For further information on the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau or programs listed, please visit <http://www.nyc.gov/nypd> and click on the **Community Affairs** link.

If you are interested in tips on crime prevention or safety tips during this holiday season, visit the NYPD website and click on **Crime Prevention** for information.

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Every month, you will receive a newsletter keeping you informed of upcoming events, initiatives and community gatherings. Visit www.nyc.gov/nypd and click email alerts.

Again, its very important that you help your community grow and become safer by taking part in programs available at our website.

Together, we can make a huge difference.