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February 13, 2013 Pubic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Joe Reda, Chair; David Leavitt, Co-chair; Joe Bombace

ABSENT: Sal Conforto and Irene Estrada-Rukaj.

GUEST(S): Captain Lorenzo Johnson and Officer Jay Sturdivant of the 49th Precinct.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Joe Reda welcomed the Captain and Officer Sturdivant.

Joe reported the following:

- Crime is down 31% for the year ending 2012.
- Grand Larceny Auto is up slightly.
- 49th Precinct arrests are up 7%.

Captain Johnson reported the following:

- Two people were perpetuating a deception in the Community Board area that involved posing as DEP employees to gain entrance to private homes owned by senior citizens. After gaining admittance, one person would be in the utility area and the other person would claim to need a part from their vehicle at which time they would attempt to steal cash and jewelry from the living quarters of the home.
- Recently a 15 year-old girl was accosted near the 180th Street train station. The perpetrator asked for her iPhone and the security code to unlock the phone. After the code was given, under threat, the girl was sodomized in the vicinity of Amethyst Street. The NYPD, using the Find My iPhone application was able to locate where the phone was used and using video surveillance was able to apprehend a suspect within one day of the commission of the crime.

- An arrest was made regarding the complaints of a man in a white van stalking children near PS 105 and the new Bronxdale Ave School.
- An NYPD sergeant and eight police officers were assigned to patrol in and around schools in the neighborhood.
- The NYPD has established a team in each borough consisting of one lieutenant, one sergeant and ten police officers to monitor for Internet crimes.
- Two of the three alleged perpetrators of muggings on Pelham Parkway North were apprehended by the NYPD on February 4, 2013.
- The NYPD has a program where the serial numbers of portable devices can be registered making it difficult for a thief to sell the stolen. More information is available at:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_prevention/iPhone3.pdf.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by David Leavitt.