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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
Webex meetings

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Yahay Obeid, Chair; Veronica Castro, Co-Chair; Tasneem Aljayyousi; Maleny Lahoz; and Eliezer Rodriguez.

ABSENT: Joseph Schaentzler.

GUEST(S): Albert D'Angelo; Tony Vitaliano; Dominick Schiano; David Leavitt; Paula Creary; Bernadette Ferrara; Kenneth Gelnick; Diane Norris; Joanne Rubino; Oral Selkridge; Andrea Siegel; Tony Signorile; Bharati Kemraj; Gene DeFrancis; Fabricio Caro, NYC Fire Department; Captain, Jay Sturdivant, James; and Farrah Rubin, Councilman Mark Gjonaj's Office.

STAFF: Jeremy Warneke; Harriet Lasky and Chris Kirka.

Meeting started at 6:04 pm.

The meeting started with the FDNY. The FDNY briefing the following (not CB11 specific):

There has been a spike in calls for ambulance assistance due to COVID-19, with 6,000 requests in the last week of March. The city received over 250 ambulances from different states to assist. Private hospitals have also been assisting in taking patients. To assist with EMT staffing, a class graduated early. Early response vehicles are also responding to calls. A lot of overtime is being used to cover for the increased calls.

Calls have been decreasing and trending in a positive direction with calls now in the 3,500-4,000 range weekly. Response times depend on the volume and hospital capacity. Fire and EMT sick calls are trending in a positive direction, 12% for Fire and 16% for EMT. FDNY community engagement has transitioned to a digital platform. A question was asked about the fire on Cruger and Mace Aves, and the FDNY said it was an accidental toaster oven fire.

The NYPD then started their briefing with the 49th precinct's Captain Natiw. Captain Natiw briefed the following: Precinct has 150 full duty officers. Normally 7% of officers call out sick, but it went as high as 40% due to COVID-19.

Training, court appearances, Drug Enforcement, and ETF duties have been reassigned to backfill, so that the precinct remains at normal staffing. Currently 19% of officers are out sick but the trends shows that number decreasing. One civilian employee of the precinct passed away.

There is an increase in 311 and 911 calls to report social distancing violations. Precinct is seeing compliance. Crime overall has increased by 10% year to date due to an increase in burglaries and Grand larceny with Hondas being the main target. Overall crime has decreased for the past 28 days.

District Manager Jeremy Warneke briefed the following:

Street permits through June are cancelled. High fatalities for people who have underlying conditions. More than half of the people in the Bronx are testing positive. Jeremy reached out to King Harbor and was given a press statement, which is available upon request.

Public:

Someone asked about a missing girl and the Captain said he will respond to them privately about the case. Regarding the fire on Cruger Ave, the FDNY said that the Red Cross is assisting families and has more details.

Gene DeFrancis asked about the homeless population and expressed concerns.

NYPD said they can't force them into shelters unless they receive orders mandate them to take the homeless to shelters. When police respond is required, officers will asses if the person is sick or sleeping and then take necessary action

Joanne mentioned that there was talk about taking the homeless into hotels but the Captain said he was not aware of that.

Meeting ended at 6:56 pm.