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Public Safety Committee Meeting

DATE: January 13, 2025

Committee Members Present: Dilip Nath, Committee Chair
Israel Peskowitz and Amy Tse

Committee Members Absent: Heather Bennett-Idels, Allen Eisenstein, Michael Hannibal, Hersh Parekh, Mohammed Rahman, Harbachan Singh and Rabbi Mayer Waxman

Others in attendance: Captain Mo Tsang, P. O. Kevin McCarthy, James Gallagher, Jr., Joan King and Yvonne Gooden

Committee Chairperson Dilip Nath called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

The chairperson introduced himself and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Committee Chair Dilip Nath explained that this meeting is strictly devoted to the NYPD given the current safety issues in the borough of Queens. He called on Captain Mo Tsang and P. O. Kevin McCarthy to highlight the issues within the 107th Precinct.

Captain Mo Tsang

Crime in 2024 was down (4/5% - he handed out a stat sheet). However, rape, felony assault/domestic violence was up. There was an increase with grand larceny auto (GLA) city wide. The perpetrators are coming in from the Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn. They don't live in this command. They come from four different highways: Long Island Expressway, Grand Central Parkway, Van Wyck Expressway and Clearview Expressway. Four officers are assigned, specifically, to go out every night in the areas of these highways and track down the stolen vehicles.

- **Rank**
Lieutenants – 6 or 7
Sergeant's – 18
Cops – in 2024 we had 140 now we have 120 (we should have over 200)
Vacancies – Always down an officer and/or car
Currently hired 14 new officers which have been assigned to the 7 subway stations along Hillside Avenue. They will not be on street patrol.

Manpower issues – (down 100 officers)

Officers on leave or modified duties vary consistently. We have 23 officers on the midnight shift and 28 in the afternoon.

Question: Committee Chair Dilip Nath – Do the RMP's get recycled or replaced after a certain time frame?
Answer: Captain Mo Tsang – No. We use the vehicles until they break down.

P.O. Kevin McCarthy

In the past if a vehicle had 70-80 miles, it was taken out of service and replaced with another one with lesser miles. Now the average is about 150-160 thousand miles. The cars are used until they can't be and then they are taken out of service.

Question: Amy Tse – If a car is out for maintenance, is it replaced?

Answer: Captain Mo Tsang – No. Whatever part is not working, they replace the part. Repairs take a long time. You have civilian mechanics working on the cars and they take as much time as they want because they are not working overtime.

Question: Amy Tse – Why does it take a month to have the car repaired? Do you have to use that one shop?

Answer: P.O. Kevin McCarthy – The shop we are assigned to use is for Queens and Brooklyn. That is the only shop we can use.

Question: Jim Gallagher – What are RMP's?

Answer: Captain Mo Tsang – Radio Motor Patrols

Comment: Amy Tse – I don't understand why you have to use a designated garage.

Response: P.O. Kevin McCarthy – That is department policy. NYC is the biggest territory in the world. We protect the city. We can't trust just anyone fixing our cars.

Question: Committee Chair Dilip Nath – With all the cars you have, what do you do if they break down and are not being recycled.

Answer: Captain Mo Tsang - I tell the officers to take care of the cars. If not, they break down, you are on foot.

Question: Committee Chair Dilip Nath – Can you put in a request for a new car?

Answer: Captain Mo Tsang – We can but we are told, we are not the only ones requesting cars. Every command is asking for cars. We can't get a favor over the other commands.

P. O. Kevin McCarthy – We used to have a reserve fleet in Floyd Bennett Field. Grass grew all around the field and the cars were removed. That is the effect of budget cuts.

Question: Amy Tse – The 14 officers that were assigned to you but are now in the subway, are they on the trains or just in the station?

Answer: Captain Mo Tsang – They are on the platform, walking around, checking the train cars and making sure everyone is safe. The transit officers ride in the train cars.

Jim Gallagher – It's sad that we are losing two NCO's from Sector A & B.

Captain Mo Tsang – I put out a post to get the two NCO's back in A & B. I will be conducting interviews.

Committee Chair Dilip Nath – I want to go back to the stats. Not all crime incidences are being reported. My car got broken into and I called 911, sent an email to the precinct and no one showed up. These issues are happening all over the neighborhood.

Captain Mo Tsang – We are first responsible for priority jobs. That means if we get a call about an active assault or someone acting irrationally, that takes precedence over a past job that has already happened. They have 120 minutes to respond to a crime and 5 minutes to respond to what is called a dirty serious job. More cops will show up to them. It's not a first come, first serve situation. We respond to real time serious crimes.

We have had 18 robberies since last August. They are being carried out by South Americans dressed as Landscapers.

Question: Committee Chair Dilip Nath – What are some crime prevention tips you can give us.

Answer: Captain Mo Tsang & P. O. McCarthy – We will leave some flyers for you to refer to as well. Take note of the many scams that are going on. Be mindful of your surroundings.

Also Discussed....

From Honorable Nily Rozic's office: A constituent has been complaining about a 10-passenger van that has been parked on 73rd Avenue near 174th Street.

P.O. Kevin McCarthy advised that he spoke to the owner of the van a few times and issued him a number of summonses. They can't just tow the van. The owner will continue to get summonses until his van is taken.

From a resident: An abandoned (black truck) has been parked at 147-58 77th Road. It was tagged for removal by DSNY and referred to NYPD since October 2024. CB8 sent an email to officer Lunde on January 9th – no response.

P.O. Kevin McCarthy advised us that the tow was called for removal and is now gone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
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