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# Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots (M.A.R.C.H.) Operations

## Q3–Q4 2021 Report

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# Background

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New York City Charter section 20-d(e)(2) requires the Office of Nightlife at the NYC Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment to publish a semi-annual report of Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspot (M.A.R.C.H.) operations. The Office has been reporting since 2020.

Administrative Code section 14-185 requires that nightlife establishments must receive written notification at least 30 days prior to any M.A.R.C.H. operation (see inset), with an opportunity to rectify the precipitating condition and potentially avoid a M.A.R.C.H., unless such notice would “compromise an active criminal investigation” or would pose a “serious risk...to health and safety.”

The Office of Nightlife works with the participating City agencies to create a centralized data reporting system to provide information about their participation in M.A.R.C.H. operations. As required by Charter section 20-d(e)(2), the reports provide detail on the conditions that led to a request for a M.A.R.C.H., and their frequency, locations, and results, which include: the number of City inspectors present, the average duration of inspections, and any summonses or closure orders that were made during the inspection.

## **M.A.R.C.H. Operations**

During the 1990s, Mayor Rudy Giuliani initiated a new enforcement protocol for New York City nightlife establishments—which include bars, restaurants, music and dance clubs—the Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots program, commonly known as M.A.R.C.H. M.A.R.C.H. is a multi-agency operation, led by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and supported by inspectors from the NYC Fire Department (FDNY), and the Departments of Buildings (DOB), Environmental Protection (DEP), Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the NY State Liquor Authority to conduct unannounced inspections at nightlife establishments. M.A.R.C.H. operations are usually requested by a local NYPD precinct to address incidents and complaints pertaining to a nightlife establishment, and inspections are typically conducted on Friday and Saturday evenings during peak business hours. M.A.R.C.H. operations historically visit between three to six nightlife venues for inspections on a given night, inspecting establishments located within the same precinct or a neighboring precinct.

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# About this report

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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which led to reduced indoor activity in nightlife establishments, no M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted from July 1 through December 31, 2020, and one M.A.R.C.H. operation was conducted from January 1 through June 30, 2021. M.A.R.C.H. operations at nightlife establishments resumed in September 2021.

As a result, the data presented in this report may not be fully representative of normal operations, due to the unusual circumstances of the Covid-19 crisis. The Office of Nightlife will continue to compile and release semi-annual reports on M.A.R.C.H. The data from these reports will help the City government understand patterns of nightlife enforcement and identify potential ways to improve enforcement practices.

This report covers the period from July 1 through December 31, 2021.

This report also includes information about scheduled M.A.R.C.H. operations for which City agencies reported that inspections were scheduled to occur, but which ultimately did not take place on that night or at another point during this reporting period. A M.A.R.C.H. may not take place if the business is closed at the time inspectors arrive, if the inspectors run out of time for the night, if the officers need to attend to other issues in the precinct, or other similar reasons. Those numbers are presented to help provide a full picture of the conduct and complaints that lead to a request for a M.A.R.C.H. operation, but they do not factor into the overall data calculations, since no inspections occurred. Additionally, the NYPD requests and conducts multi-agency inspections for businesses that are not nightlife establishments, such as auto body shops or groceries, where other conditions may be present. Those inspections are not included in this report.

The data in this report is available in machine-readable format as required by Charter section 20-d(e)(2), and an Excel spreadsheet may be downloaded on the Office of Nightlife’s website: [www1.nyc.gov/site/mome/nightlife](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/mome/nightlife)

# Executive Summary

In the second half of 2021, there were eleven M.A.R.C.H. inspections performed by City agencies. Fourteen establishments were visited, with eleven establishments receiving one M.A.R.C.H. inspection within the time period and three inspections not conducted because the premises was closed at the time inspectors arrived at the location. All 14 establishments for which M.A.R.C.H. inspections were scheduled received the written notices pursuant to Administrative Code section 14-185 at least 30 days prior to the visitation.

The average duration of each inspection was 83 minutes and the median duration of each inspection was 90 minutes.

Of the 11 inspections,

- Three took place in the Bronx,
- Two took place in Queens,
- Six took place in Manhattan,
- None took place in Brooklyn, and
- None took place on Staten Island.

During the course of the inspections, the total number of City inspectors present at each inspection averaged 17.2, with a median of 18. The average number of inspectors present from each City agency was as follows:

- 0.2 inspectors from DEP
- 2.0 inspectors from DOB
- 1.3 inspectors from DOHMH
- 1.8 inspectors from FDNY
- 11.9 inspectors from NYPD

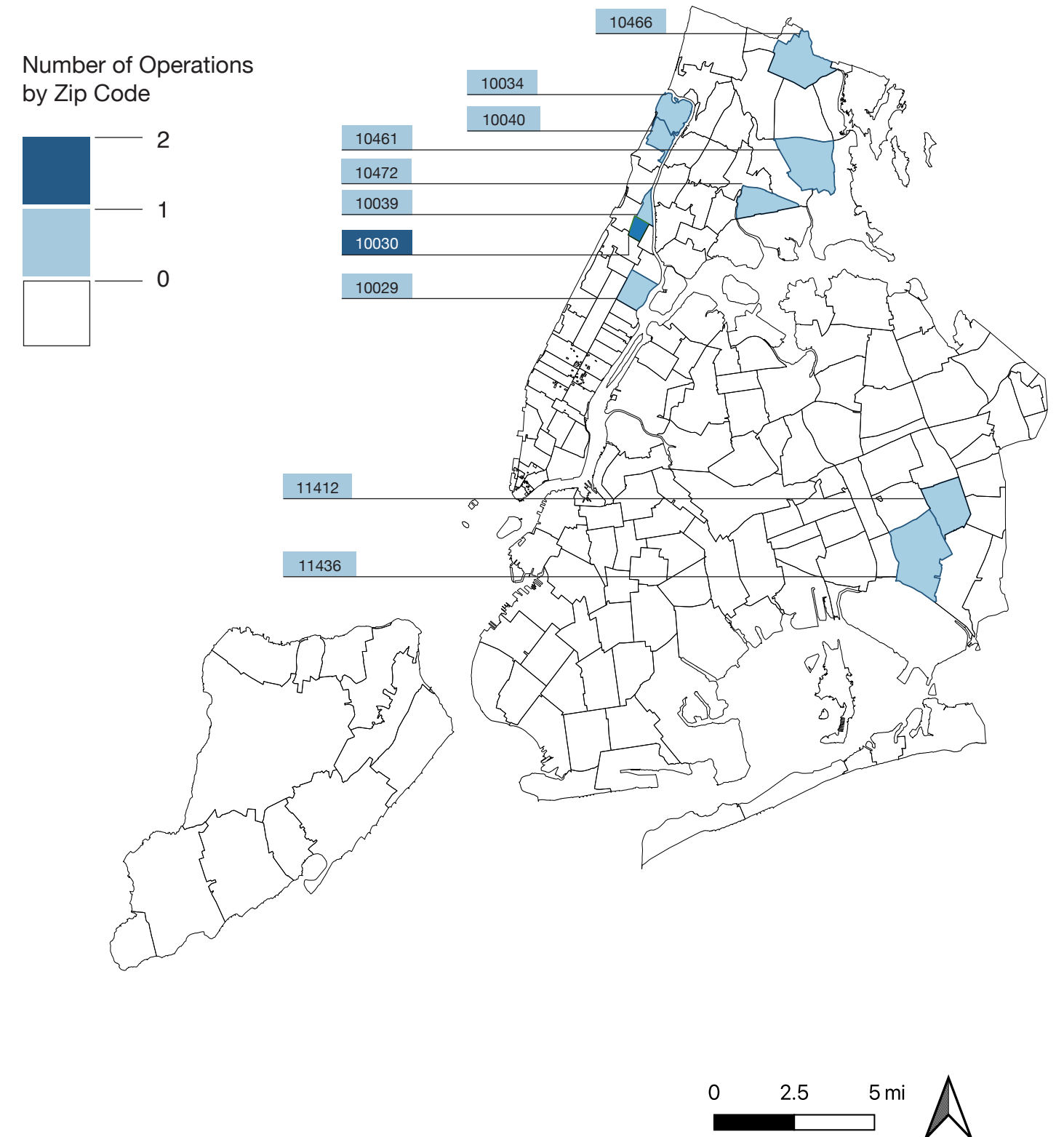
A total of 57 summonses were issued to businesses as a result of this period's M.A.R.C.H. operations.

Of the 57 summonses,

- One was issued by DEP,
- Three were issued by DOB,
- Thirty-one were issued by DOHMH,
- Eighteen were issued by FDNY, and
- Four were issued by NYPD.

Two establishments were ordered to temporarily shut down their operations due to findings of the operation. The average length of those two closures was 74 minutes.

# Q3-4 2021 Operations by ZIP Code



# Reporting process & data dictionary

Following the implementation of Local Law 220 (2019), the Office of Nightlife has collected data from each agency that participates in a M.A.R.C.H. operation to compile in this report.

The following table details the data that are included in this report.

## Data structure for M.A.R.C.H. reporting in this report

Column name	Description
Location ID	Unique ID for nightlife establishment subject to M.A.R.C.H. operation. Establishments where an operation was requested, but did not occur are marked by a letter sequence
ZIP Code	ZIP Code where M.A.R.C.H. operation occurred
Borough	Borough where M.A.R.C.H. operation occurred
Council district	New York City Council district where M.A.R.C.H. operation occurred
Requesting precinct	NYPD Precinct that requested M.A.R.C.H. operation to occur
Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	<p>Description of establishment conduct that resulted in requested MARCH operation as identified by NYPD. Count of violation indicated in parentheses</p> <p>Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disorderly patrons</li> <li>• Harassment</li> <li>• Larceny</li> <li>• Physical assault</li> <li>• Promotion of gambling</li> <li>• Robbery</li> <li>• Sale of alcohol to a minor</li> <li>• Traffic congestion</li> <li>• Unlicensed sale of alcohol</li> <li>• Violent activity with a weapon</li> </ul>
Date of inspection	Date of when M.A.R.C.H. operation was conducted
Time of visitation (hh:mm:ss)	Time recorded when first agency arrived to establishment
M.A.R.C.H. inspection	Number of times establishment received M.A.R.C.H. operation in this reporting period

Column name (cont.)	Description (cont.)
Inspection duration (h:mm)	Duration of the inspection, calculated using the earliest start time and the latest end time as reported by each agency
DEP	Record that indicates the number of NYC Department of Environmental Protection inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOB	Record that indicates the number of NYC Department of Buildings inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOHMH	Record that indicates the number of NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
FDNY	Record that indicates the number of NYC Fire Department inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
NYPD	Record that indicates the number of NYC Police Department inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
Total inspectors present	Total number of City agency inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation, calculated by the summation of personnel reported by each agency
DEP	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOB	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Department of Buildings at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOHMH	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
FDNY	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Fire Department at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
NYPD	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Police Department at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
Total summonses issued	Total number of summonses issued at the M.A.R.C.H. operation, calculated by the summation of summonses reported by each agency
Closure?	Record that indicates whether an establishment was ordered to close at the time of the M.A.R.C.H. operation due to the findings of an agency
Closure duration	Duration of the closure, as reported by each agency
Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181	<p>The number of written notices provided, as defined in section 14-181 of the administrative code, and the number of times, and reasons why, such written notice was not provided due to a law enforcement exception, as defined in section 14-181 of the administrative code.</p> <p>(Note: The requirement to issue a written notice at least 30 days prior to a M.A.R.C.H. operation took effect April 1, 2020, and as a result did not apply to the inspections in this reporting period.</p>

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# Monthly Data: July-September, 2021

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## July

No M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in July 2021.

## August

No M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in August 2021.

## September

In September 2021, there were two M.A.R.C.H. operations performed by City agencies at two establishments, with one establishment ordered to close at the time of the visit.

Of the two operations,

- None took place in the Bronx,
- Two took place in Manhattan,
- None took place in Brooklyn,
- None took place in Queens, and
- None took place on Staten Island.

Additionally, three M.A.R.C.H. inspections were requested and scheduled to take place but were not conducted. All three establishments for which M.A.R.C.H. inspections were scheduled received the Written Notices pursuant to Administrative Code section 14-185 at least 30 days prior to the visitation.

# September 2021

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting precinct	Date of Inspection	Inspection duration (min)	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation	Inspectors from City agencies present					Summonses Issued					Closure?	Closure Duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181		
								DEP	DOB	DOH MH	FDNY	NYPD	Total inspectors	DEP	DOB	DOH MH	FDNY				NYPD	Total Summonses
1	10034	Manhattan	10	34	9/10/2021	1h 50min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disorderly patrons (2)</li> <li>Physical assault (1)</li> <li>Robbery (1)</li> <li>Unlicensed sale of alcohol (1)</li> <li>Violent activity with a weapon (2)</li> </ul>	0	2	2	2	7	13	0	0	5	0	0	5	No	N/A	1
2	10040	Manhattan	10	34	9/11/2021	1h 55min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harassment (1)</li> <li>Physical assault (1)</li> <li>Robbery (1)</li> </ul>	0	2	2	2	7	13	0	1	3	0	0	4	No	N/A	1

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# Monthly Data: October-November 2021

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## October

In October 2021, there were five M.A.R.C.H. operations performed by City agencies at five establishments, with two establishments ordered to close at the time of the visit.

Of the five operations,

- Three took place in the Bronx,
- None took place in Manhattan,
- None took place in Brooklyn,
- Two took place in Queens, and
- None took place in Staten Island.

Additionally, two M.A.R.C.H. operations were requested and scheduled to take place but were not conducted. All seven establishments for which M.A.R.C.H. operations were scheduled received the written notices pursuant to Administrative Code section 14-185 at least 30 days prior to the visitation.

## November

No M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in November 2021.

# October 2021

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Date of inspection	Inspection duration (min)	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation	Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued					Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181	
								DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total inspectors	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD				Total Summonses
3	11434	Queens	27	113	10/5/2021	1h 30min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harassment (1)</li> <li>Physical assault (1)</li> <li>Violent activity with a weapon (2)</li> </ul>	0	2	2	2	10	16	0	0	0	1	0	1	No	N/A	1
4	11412	Queens	27	113	10/6/2021	1h 35min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harassment (1)</li> <li>Physical assault (1)</li> <li>Robbery (1)</li> <li>Violent activity with a weapon (2)</li> </ul>	0	2	2	2	10	16	0	0	7	3	0	10	Yes	54	1
5	10466	The Bronx	12	47	10/22/2021	1h 45min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elevated sound (8)</li> </ul>	2	2	2	0	15	21	1	0	1	0	0	2	No	N/A	1
6	10461	The Bronx	18	43	10/29/2021	1h 25min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent activity with a weapon (1)</li> </ul>	0	2	2	2	13	19	0	2	8	4	2	16	No	N/A	1
7	10472	The Bronx	17	43	10/30/2021	2h 5min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical assault (3)</li> </ul>	0	2	2	2	13	19	0	0	7	3	2	12	Yes	94	1



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# Monthly Data: December 2021

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## December

In December 2021, there were four M.A.R.C.H. operations performed by City agencies at four establishments, with no establishments ordered to close at the time of the visit.

Of the four operations,

- None took place in the Bronx,
- None took place in Manhattan,
- None took place in Brooklyn,
- Six took place in Queens, and
- None took place in Staten Island.

There were no M.A.R.C.H. inspections that were requested and scheduled to take place but were not conducted. All four establishments for which M.A.R.C.H. inspections were scheduled received the written notices pursuant to Administrative Code section 14-185 at least 30 days prior to the visitation.

# December 2021

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting precinct	Date of Inspection	Inspection duration (min)	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation	Inspectors from City agencies present					Summonses Issued					Closure?	Closure Duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181		
								DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total inspectors	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY				NYPD	Total Summonses
8	10029	Manhattan	8	25	12/17/2021	35min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disorderly patrons (11)</li> <li>Elevated sound (18)</li> <li>Harassment (3)</li> <li>Larceny (1)</li> <li>Physical assault (3)</li> <li>Violent activity with a weapon (8)</li> </ul>	0	2	0	2	14	18	0	0	0	3	0	3	No	N/A	1
9	10039	Manhattan	9	32	12/17/2021	1h 5min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elevated sound (1)</li> <li>Harassment (2)</li> <li>Larceny (2)</li> <li>Physical assault (2)</li> </ul>	0	2	0	2	14	18	0	0	0	3	0	3	No	N/A	1
10	10030	Manhattan	9	32	12/18/2021	40min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disorderly patrons (3)</li> <li>Elevated sound (4)</li> <li>Traffic issues (3)</li> </ul>	0	2	0	2	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	N/A	1
11	10030	Manhattan	9	32	12/18/2021	45min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disorderly patrons (3)</li> <li>Elevated sound (3)</li> <li>Larceny (2)</li> <li>Physical assault (2)</li> <li>Violent activity with a weapon (2)</li> </ul>	0	2	0	2	14	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	No	N/A	1