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

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Background

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.

About this report

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.

This report covers the period from July 1 through December 31, 2022, the first full six-month period during which M.A.R.C.H. operations were in effect since the reporting requirement began.

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 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 also 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.nyc.gov/march_data_reports

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"> • Disorderly patrons • Elevated sound • Harassment • Larceny • Physical assault • Promotion of gambling • Robbery • Sale of alcohol to a minor • Traffic congestion • Unlicensed sale of alcohol • Violent activity with a weapon
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>

Executive Summary

In the second half of 2022, there were two (2) M.A.R.C.H. inspections performed by City agencies and visited by inspectors, while one (1) additional inspection was not conducted because the premises were closed at the time inspectors arrived. 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. The average duration of each inspection was 63.5 minutes and the median duration of each inspection was 63.5 minutes.

Of the two inspections,

- Two (2) took place in the Bronx,
- None (0) took place in Queens,
- None (0) took place in Manhattan,
- None (0) took place in Brooklyn, and
- None (0) took place on Staten Island.

During the course of the inspections, the total number of City inspectors present at each inspection averaged 18, with a median of 8. The average number of inspectors present from each City agency was as follows:

- 0.0 inspectors from DEP
- 2.0 inspectors from DOB
- 2.0 inspectors from DOHMH
- 2.0 inspectors from FDNY
- 12 inspectors from NYPD

A total of 13 summonses were issued to businesses as a result of this period's M.A.R.C.H operations.

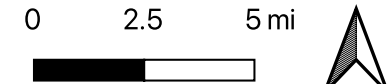
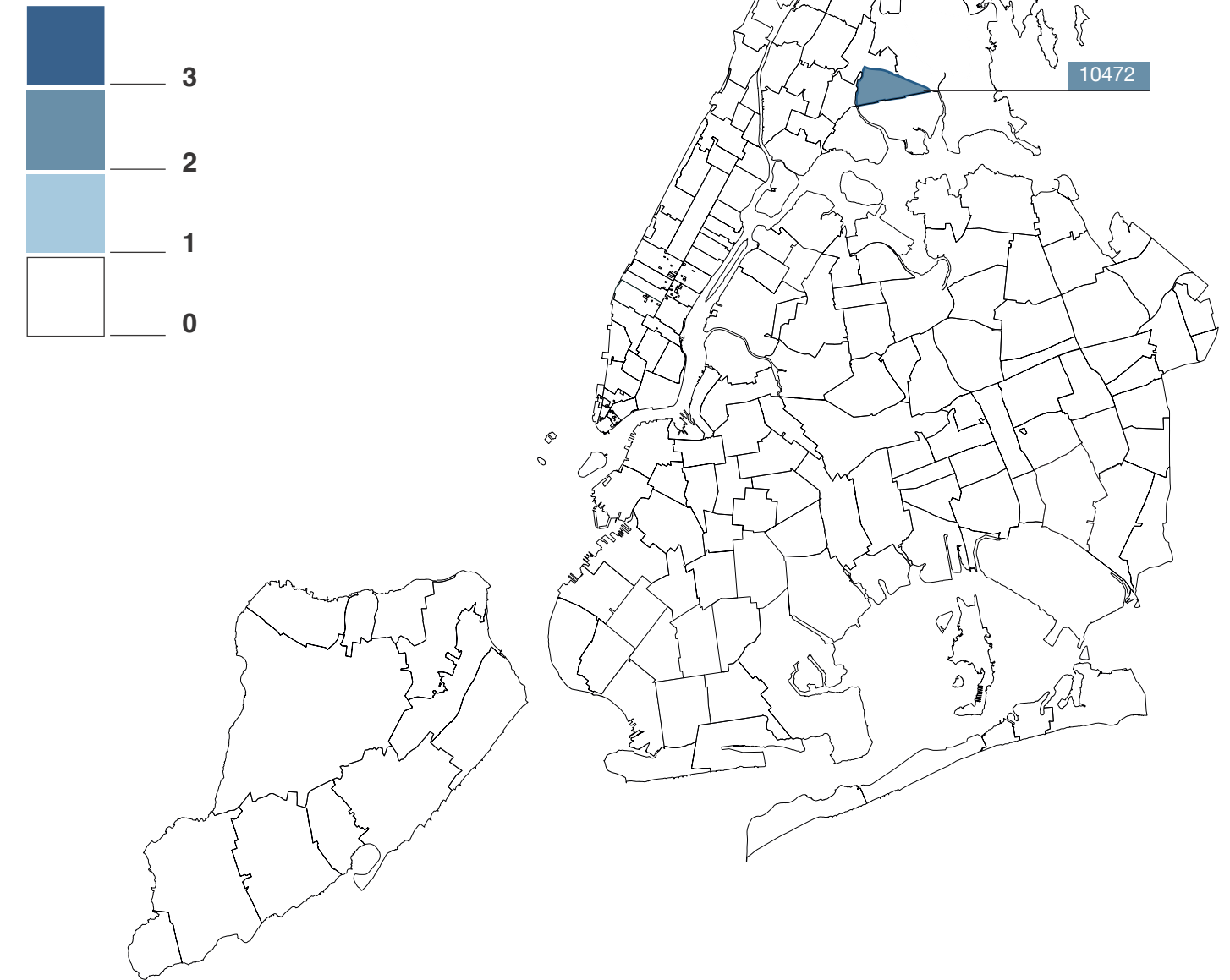
Of the 13 summonses,

- None (0) were issued by DEP,
- None (0) were issued by DOB,
- Nine (9) were issued by DOHMH,
- Two (2) were issued by FDNY, and
- Two (2) were issued by NYPD.

No establishments were ordered to temporarily shut down their operations due to findings of the operation. Therefore, there was no average length of business closures during this reporting period.

Q3-Q4 2022 Operations by ZIP Code

Number of Operations by Zip Code



Monthly Data: July - August 2022

July

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in July 2022.

August

In August 2022, there were two (2) M.A.R.C.H. operations performed by City agencies at two (2) establishments, with no (0) establishments ordered to close at the time of the visit.

Of the three (3) operations,

- Two (2) took place in the Bronx,
- None (0) took place in Manhattan,
- None (0) took place in Brooklyn,
- None (0) took place in Queens, and
- None (0) took place on Staten Island.

Additionally, one (1) M.A.R.C.H. operation was requested and scheduled to take place at a Bronx establishment, but was not conducted. All three (3) 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.

August 2022

Inspection Summary

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Date of inspection	Time 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
1	10472	Bronx	17	43	8/12/22	11:00 PM	59min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1); Elevated sound (1); Physical assault (1); Violent activity with a weapon (1) 	0	2	2	2	12	18	0	0	5	4	0	7	No	N/A	1
2	10472	Bronx	17	43	8/13/22	12:10 PM	68min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1); Elevated sound (1); Physical assault (4); Violent activity with a weapon (2) 	0	2	2	2	12	15	0	0	4	0	2	6	No	N/A	1

Monthly Data: September - December 2022

September

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in September 2022.

October

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in October 2022.

November

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in November 2022.

December

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in December 2022.