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Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
6:30 PM
Hon. Tamara C. Martin, Chair

Board Members in Attendance: Tamara Martin, Christina Curry, Victoria Horsford and John Lynch

Guests in Attendance: Linda Jones-Janneh, Director of the Harlem Office for the New York County District Attorney

Discussions:

Gang and Crews Presentation

The Gangs and Crews Presentation that took place on June 23, 2015 was a success and attended by approximately seventy people from the community including the youth. Thank you to the Juvenile Justice Division of NYPD for this informative presentation. Special thanks to Shanelle Washington, Chair of the Youth Task Force for her assistance and help in getting the youth to attend.

Due to the enormous amount of information that was discussed during the presentation, the Chair, Tamara Martin has suggested watching the video presentation online once it has been uploaded to the community board website. She will follow-up with the District Manager, Andrew Lassalle to make sure the presentation get added to the website.

Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) Program

The program is set to begin within the 32nd Precinct by the end of September. The main purpose of the program is to establish a strong community work group in an effort to raise the quality of life for the residents in local communities.

- This is the third precinct the program is being implemented in. The program first started in the 33rd Precinct, then the 34th Precinct and now the 32nd Precinct.
- Currently there are 14 sectors in the 32nd Precinct that will be broken down into 4 sectors. The sectors will be: Sectors A, B, C, and D and will each consist of several blocks.
- Each sector will now be patrolled by the same officer every single time he or she is on duty. This will allow the officers to get to know that particular community and vice versa.

- Will have approximately 8 NCO officers that will including NYCHA housing, will patrol the same area every day that he or she is on duty. Approximately a third of their day they will be off radio in order to walk around and interact with the community they are in charge of patrolling.
- NCO officers will make up their own schedule according to the individual needs of the area they will be responsible for.
- The NCO officers will also form small working groups consisting of members of the community for each area or block in order to help address the needs of that particular community.

K2 – Synthetic Marijuana

The US Attorney's Office along with NYPD, DEA, Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, NYC Sheriff's Office, Manhattan District Attorney's Office and others collaborated on a major law enforcement bust of synthetic marijuana, resulted arrests of manufacturers, distributors and ten members of an international trafficking organization.

- The operation worked out of all five boroughs of NYC
- The defendants unlawfully imported at least 100 kilograms of illegal synthetic compounds, which was enough to make 1,300 kilograms of dried smokable synthetic cannabinoids (SSC), or approximately 260,000 (SSC) retail packets.
- The defendants each face 1 count of conspiracy to distribute narcotics and face up to 20 years in jail.

Chair, Tamara Martin, would like to hold a town hall meeting to address this issue and want to partner with NYPD, NYC Dept. of Health, Manhattan DA's Office, various other agencies, elected officials and CB10's Health Committee and also Education Committee to sponsor a town hall meeting around this problem because:

- The drug is very cheap to make and buy. Can buy for as little as \$1.00 a joint and the high could last all day.
- Want to educate the community on the dangers of the drug.
- Inform parents, educators and counselors as well, because sometimes the drug can be packaged in a way to attract children.
- We need to get City Council to work on the loophole in the law and to make the penalty more severe than just a violation. Also need to make sure that businesses that are caught selling K2 lose their state license.
- Linda Jones-Janneh, Director of the Harlem Office for the New York County District Attorney stated that her office was part of task force that was created among numerous agencies to address the issues were going on at 125th Street and Park Avenue under the Metro North and they helped to clean that area up over the summer and the area has greatly improved. She would like to work with our board on the town hall meeting to address the K2 issue.

Old Business:

Follow-up for Letter of Support for RAPP (Release Aging People in Prison)

- Chair, Tamara Martin had a telephone conversation with Mr. Farid on September 21, 2015 to address two follow-up questions the Executive Committee (EC) had in regards to a letter of support. The Chair will report back to the EC in regards to the questions

asked and refer the EC to review the original submission which contained the necessary information regarding their questions.

FBI Forum on African Criminal Enterprises and Terrorism

This forum has been placed on hold indefinitely.

New Business:

The committee will work on the following in the near future:

- Putting together a town hall on K2 – synthetic marijuana.
- Chair, Tamara Martin would like the committee to work on a forum around the exploitation and sextrafficking of girls and young women in our community. She has reached out to GEMS and is waiting to hear back from them regarding them coming to do a presentation at a Public Safety Committee Meeting.
- Chair, Tamara Martin would also like the committee to host a forum on Identity Theft especially as it relates to senior citizens.
- Chair, Tamara Martin will invite the sergeant in charge of Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) Program to the general board meeting in October.
- Chair, Tamara Martin will invite FDNY to do a fire safety presentation at the general board meeting in either October or November.

Announcements:

On October 26, 2015 there will be a “Shine the Light” march for domestic violence. Christina Curry will forward the flyer to the office once it has been finalized.

Meeting Adjourned