

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 BRONX
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 2021
MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
(Pending Approval)**

PRESENT

Edward Green (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Myra Joyce (Vice Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Nick Fazio	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Christopher Calhoun	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Stephen Vazquez	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Robert Kaplan	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee Members absent: Margaret Donato, Ted Morris, Georgia Santiago

Guests: David Gellman, User2, Cesar Sala (50th Pct.), Rasha Jamsheer (50th Pct.), Belkys Mateo, Capt. Girven, John Minners (Con Ed), Shajada Brown, Omar Murray

Chair Edward Green called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Roll call of Committee Members.

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

2. Approval of the November 16th, 2021, Public Safety Committee Minutes

Approve in favor: 6 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, C. Calhoun, S. Vazquez, R. Kaplan)
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0

3. NYPD Report:

Property crime increased.

Compstat Report

28 days, ending 12/19/21

	2021	2020
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	9	5
Fel. Assault	12	15
Burglary	10	23
Gr. Larceny	54	43
G.L.A.	28	8
TOTAL	113	94

- Grand Larceny and Grand Larceny Auto are up. Apprehension was made in one GLA – Individual had technology to program entry into cars.
- Officer was alerted to catalytic converter theft. Person was apprehended and converters traced. Issues discussed included: Paper plate initiative. Bail reform, which is a state issue, seems to be creating a revolving door situation. Electric scooters and bikes. Stores are selling them on the street. Captain Girven stated it's not illegal to sell or own them.
- People altering their metal plates with tape. It's a "failure to properly display your plate." Girven said Officers issued summonses. Perpetrators will receive moving violations if they're caught driving, and a parking violation if they're not in the car. "Missing or improperly displayed plate."
- A package was stolen at 3426 Irwin Ave. There was a report of person following UPS, FedEx, post office trucks around. "Porch Pirates". Info regarding Irwin Ave incident was forwarded to the detective squad.
- Mugging at Spuyten Duyvil Metro North station. Individual was accosted by 4 juveniles. Arrests were made.
- Double and triple parked buses and cars at PS 81. This goes on when picking up kids. Ongoing problem.
- Yonkers Police Department boxing up GPS devices.
- Fire on Webb Ave.

4. FDNY Report

None.

5. Crime Prevention Presentation by Police Officer Rasha Jamsheer, Community Affairs Crime Prevention, NYPD 50th Precinct

- One of the top scams is by Con Ed impersonators.
- Problems with theft of checks from mailboxes. Mailboxes at 236th and 235th and Johnson get hit the most.
- If you get a call from someone asking for money – hang up. Validate the source. Call Con Ed, bank or whoever to verify the caller.
- Leaving cars unlocked is a problem. People leave expensive things inside cars. Homeowners don't lock their doors.

Jon Minners, Dept. Manager of Outreach and Education, Con Ed presented:

Scams happening:

- New smart meters. Thieves impersonate installers to get into people's apartments. Smart meters do not cost anything.
- Contractors – They have 3 companies, Precision Pipeline Solutions, Southern Cross (they do the clean-up).
- If someone says they are from Con Ed, ask to see their ID. Contractors have magenta color IDs. Ask employee for name and ID number then call 1-800-75ConEd. Prompt to verify employee or contractor.
- If anyone calls saying they are from Con Ed, hang up on them, then call the 1-800 number.
- Con Ed does not take money via Venmo, Zelle, or gift cards.

The goal is to get the word out all the time to people who are vulnerable.

David asked if Con Ed sends out letters or emails to let people know that someone is coming out to be in their neighborhood. Jon stated Con Ed is trying to make communication closer to when employee will be in neighborhood.

Ed stated NYPD and the Federal Trade Commission both have a section of their website that provide information about scams.

Bob Kaplan said information should be sent to clergy liaisons to better inform the community.

6. NYS Liquor Authority: No Applications

SLA is resuming 500-foot rule. If 3 establishments with liquor licenses are within 500-feet of each other, the bar must present evidence it provides a service unique to the neighborhood.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Minutes submitted by Vice Chair Myra Joyce, reviewed by Chair Ed Green.