



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** (Subject to Committee Approval)

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	March 18, 2025	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	7:55 PM	
Meeting Held At	50 th Police Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue					
ATTENDANCE						
Present	Edward Green (Chair), Debbie Allen, Carol Blake, Margaret Della, Nick Fazio, Angel Ortega, Jyll Townes				Total	7
Absent	Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Joy Campbell Priveterre, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Kevin Wade				Total	4
Guests	Lieutenant Wolvers (NYPD), Detective Jamsheer (NYPD), Seargent Amaro (NYPD), Shayla Colon (NY Times)					

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order **at 7:00pm**

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Roll Call of Committee Members. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the February 18th, 2025, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. NYPD Report (*See attached NYPD CompStat Report) –

Lieutenant Wolvers read the NYPD CompStat report. Issues discussed:

- CARE 311 Reform bill. NYPD responsiveness and accountability for 311 calls.
- Thefts of vehicle parts and grand larceny of automobiles: Conditions team specifically created to address auto theft, primarily working overnight doing enforcement, vehicle stops, responding to complaints and obtaining related video. Marked cars used to deter car thieves with visible police presence, unmarked cars also used. Several car theft crews operating in the area have been identified. 50th Precinct corresponds with Auto Crime Division that is actively investigating long term cases. 40.3% reduction in Grand Larcenies and 26.3% reduction in auto part theft in BXC8 area, year-to-date.

- Student stabbed a few blocks from the John F. Kennedy Educational Campus. 3 arrests made, all juveniles.
- Abandoned car on Delafield Avenue next to the private parking lot of 5676 Riverdale Avenue. Car has flat tire, registration expired, parked at this location since September 2024.
- Illegal parking at 3862 Sedwick Avenue. Construction crew vehicles parked on sidewalk and in driveway. 50th Precinct stated they have addressed the issue with the developer and contractors.
- Car tire theft in front of 5282 Post Road. Various car break-ins and theft in this area during the last year.
- Stolen car parts from car parked on the service road at 4525 Henry Hudson Parkway.
- Large commercial vehicles parked along Broadway between the Van Cortlandt Motel and West 256th Street. Vehicles have been parked at this location for a long period of time. 50th Precinct stated it usually takes a long time for large vehicles to be towed due to limited heavy tow vehicles in the Traffic Enforcement Division and an overabundance of requests for large vehicles to be towed.
- Tires stolen from a car parked at 256th Street and Arlington Avenue.

4. FDNY Report

No representative of FDNY was present. No report given.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Renewals

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Tortoise & Hare, located at 6115 Broadway, applied to renew their license for liquor, wine, beer & cider.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (7): D. Allen, C. Blake, M. Della, N. Fazio, E. Green, A. Ortega, J. Townes

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Neem Indian Cuisine, located at 3549 Johnson Avenue, applied to renew their license for liquor, wine, beer & cider.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (7): D. Allen, C. Blake, M. Della, N. Fazio, E. Green, A. Ortega, J. Townes

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Wine, Beer & Cider

Moss Café LLC, located at 3260 Johnson Avenue, applied to renew their license for wine, beer & cider.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (7): D. Allen, C. Blake, M. Della, N. Fazio, E. Green, A. Ortega, J. Townes
Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

6. Old Business

Capital & Expense Budget Priorities 2027:

List of Argus Cameras requested by the 50th Precinct was provided to the committee:

1. West 238th Street & Broadway
2. West 238th Street & Bailey Avenue
3. Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue
4. West 239th Street & Independence Avenue
5. West 261st Street & Riverdale Avenue
6. Fort Independent Street (facing 3353 Fort Independence Housing)
7. East side of Broadway between 5240 Broadway & 5360 Broadway
8. Allen Shandler Park entrance at 3545 Jerome Avenue
9. Reservoir Avenue & Webb Avenue
10. 2831 Exterior Street (facing Northbound)

Argus cameras requested by BXC8 for fiscal year 2026 have not been installed yet. Committee received a list of all Argus Camera locations in the BXC8 area as of February 25th, 2025.

1. N/E C/O W197 Street and Sedgwick Ave Cam 2
2. Southwest C/O Exterior Street and W 225 Street Cam 1
3. Southwest C/O Exterior Street and W 225 Street Cam 2
4. S/W C/O Bailey Ave and W 225 Street Cam 1
5. S/W C/O Bailey Ave and W 225 Street Cam 2
6. S/E C/O Webb Ave and W Kingsbridge Rd Cam 1
7. S/E C/O Webb Ave and W Kingsbridge Rd Cam 2
8. S/W C/O University Ave and W Kingsbridge Rd Cam 1
9. S/W C/O University Ave and W Kingsbridge Rd Cam 2
10. E/S University Ave 2N of W KBR Cam 1
11. E/S University Ave 2N of W KBR Cam 2
12. South triangle Apex @ reservoir Ave and Sedgwick Ave Cam 1
13. South triangle Apex @ reservoir Ave and Sedgwick Ave Cam 2
14. S/E C/O W 230 Street and Exterior St Cam 1
15. S/E C/O W 230 Street and Exterior St Cam 2
16. S/E C/O W 230 Street south bound entrance to Maj Deegan Expy Cam 1
17. S/E C/O W 230 Street south bound entrance to Maj Deegan Expy Cam 2
18. North Side of w 230 street East of Godwin Terrace cam 1
19. North Side of w 230 street East of Godwin Terrace cam 2
20. North Center Mall @ Broadway and Manhattan College Pkwy Cam 1

21. North Center Mall @ Broadway and Manhattan College Pkwy Cam 2
22. S/E C/O Waldo Ave and Manhattan College Pkwy Cam 1
23. S/E C/O Waldo Ave and Manhattan College Pkwy Cam 2
24. North Center Mall @ W 230 St & Riverdale Ave Cam 1
25. North Center Mall @ W 230 St & Riverdale Ave Cam 2
26. S/E C/O W KBR and Sedgwick Ave Cam 1
27. S/E C/O W KBR and Sedgwick Ave Cam 2
28. S/E C/O Johnson Ave and W 235 St Cam 1
29. S/E C/O Johnson Ave and W 235 St Cam 2
30. N/W C/O Riverdale Ave and W 258 St Cam 1
31. N/W C/O Riverdale Ave and W 258 St Cam 2
32. Waldo Ave East side, North of W 238 St Cam 1
33. Waldo Ave East side, North of W 238 St Cam 2
34. Kingsbridge Terrace, west side of West KBR Cam 1
35. Kingsbridge Terrace, west side of West KBR Cam 2
36. Fort Independence St North side Apex of Heath Ave Cam 1
37. Fort Independence St North side Apex of Heath Ave Cam 2
38. S/E C/O Albany Cres and Heath Ave Cam 1
39. S/E C/O Albany Cres and Heath Ave Cam 2
40. S/E C/O W 225 St and Broadway Cam 1
41. S/E C/O W 225 St and Broadway Cam 2
42. N/W C/O 225 St and Marble Hill Ave Cam 1
43. N/W C/O 225 St and Marble Hill Ave Cam 2
44. N/E/ C/O 228 St and Marble Hill Ave Cam 1
45. N/E/ C/O 228 St and Marble Hill Ave Cam 2
46. S/W C/O W 228 St and Broadway Cam 1
47. S/W C/O W 228 St and Broadway Cam 2
48. N/E C/O Reservoir Ave and W 197 St Cam 1
49. N/E C/O Reservoir Ave and W 197 St Cam 2
50. N/W C/O Kingsbridge Ave and W 230 St Cam 1
51. N/W C/O Kingsbridge Ave and W 230 St Cam 2
52. N/E C/O West 254th street and Riverdale Ave Cam 1
53. N/E C/O West 254th street and Riverdale Ave Cam 2
54. S/E C/O WEST 231 Street and Kingsbridge Ave Cam 1
55. S/E C/O WEST 231 Street and Kingsbridge Ave Cam 2
56. West 225th street west side of Broadway S/B Cam 1
57. West 225th street west side of Broadway S/B Cam 2
58. WEST 233 street east side of Bailey Ave Cam 1
59. WEST 233 street east side of Bailey Ave Cam 2
60. Webb Ave west side of 197th street Cam 1
61. Webb Ave west side of 197th street Cam 2
62. N/W C/O West 262nd street and Broadway Cam 1
63. N/W C/O West 262nd street and Broadway Cam 2
64. S /E C/O West 251 Street and Broadway Cam 1
65. S /E C/O West 251 Street and Broadway Cam 2
66. S/E C/O West 235TH Street and Independence Ave Cam 1
67. S/E C/O West 235TH Street and Independence Ave Cam 2
68. S/E C/O West 237th Street and Independence Sven Cam 1
69. S/E C/O West 237th Street and Independence Sven Cam 2

Body camera upgrades with better batteries and higher resolution were discussed; deemed not a current priority by 50th Precinct.

Additional funding for youth programs was discussed. Law Enforcement Explorers program is a youth program that meets every Thursday. Necessity of funding presently unknown.

*The Law Enforcement Explorers program provides young men and women from the city's diverse communities with an introduction to a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. The program, geared for ages 14 to 20, often results in strengthening ties between the community and police. Explorers are taught the importance of higher education, self-discipline, and respect for diversity and human dignity through training, involvement in community service projects, and other Exploring events.

Additional youth programs associated with NYPD are: NYPD Kids First, Summer Youth Police Academy, Police Athletic League, Options Program, Presentations and Mentoring.

Committee Chair will make further inquiries into funding for youth programs and other resources requested by the Community Board that have previously been denied.

City agencies and City Councilmembers each allocate funds for various budget request items. A common agency response for previously requested budget items was “*Agency does not support and cannot accommodate; remove request.*”, often blurring the line of where to request various budget items and the amount of funds necessary to obtain these items. Further research into the budgetary process as it pertains to Public Safety related requests is necessary. Past budgetary line items from funding agencies should be examined.

Public Safety Committee will complete prioritized capital and expense budget request lists for our next committee meeting on 4/15/25.

Discussion of Bills A03133 & S03070: Amendment of the Penal Law in Relation to Unlawful Concealment of Identity

The bills were originally discussed by the Public Safety Committee with NY State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz in September of 2024.

The assembly bill has since been revised, is in the NYS Assembly Committee on Codes and will potentially be voted on by the NYS Assembly.

Chair Green introduced a resolution of support for Bills A03133 & S03070:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SUPPORT FOR UNMASK HATE BILLS A03133 & S03070 March 18, 2025

WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill A03133, sponsored by Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, and **State Senate Bill S03070** sponsored by Senator James Skoufis, seek to amend the penal law in order to **reinstate** New York’s mask ban to address the growing public safety threat from harassment and violence by individuals and groups using the cloak of anonymity against others **based on their race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity**.

WHEREAS, both bills establish the crime of **masked harassment** as a violation occurring “*when a person wears a mask or other face covering that intentionally hides or conceals their face for the primary purpose of threatening violence against another person or placing another person or group of persons in reasonable fear for their physical safety.*”

WHEREAS, both bills establish the crime of **aggravated harassment** as a Class A misdemeanor “*when while wearing a mask or face covering to intentionally conceal their identity and for the primary purpose of placing such person or group in reasonable fear for their physical safety, they strike, shove, kick, or otherwise subject another person to physical contact, including by removing religious clothing, article or headdress from such person.*”

WHEREAS this bill **EXEMPTS** individuals who are not wearing a mask or face covering for the primary purpose of menacing or threatening violence against another person but for reasons of health and medical concerns, religious purposes, protection against weather elements, holiday celebrations, costume events, occupational, trade, or professional safety.

WHEREAS, both bills are supported by the coalition Unmask Hate NY, the NAACP New York Conference, National Urban League, United Bodegas of America, the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Relations Council of New York, UJA Federation of New York, Attorney General Letitia James, and Mayor Eric Adams.

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 notes in its report [Resources to Cope with and Combat Hate](#) published in June, 2024 by the Special Committee on Racial Equity the alarming increase in hate crimes targeted towards Jews, African Americans, Muslims, and LGBTQ Americans.

WHEREAS, New York State has had an anti-masked harassment law in place since the 1800's but repealed the law in 2020 to address the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS the previous anti-masking law was deemed constitutional after being challenged unsuccessfully by the Ku Klux Klan in the U.S. Court of Appeals in 2004 (American Knights of the KKK V. Kerik).

WHEREAS masking to conceal one's identity is not a constitutionally protected right, and these bills adhere to and uphold free speech protections and rights to assemble or hold demonstrations in accordance with the United States and New York constitutions.

WHEREAS NYS hate crimes have increased 69% since 2019 according to a report released August 28, 2024, by state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli who stated, *"Fighting hatred requires our spiritual, political, community and business leaders to take active roles in denouncing hate, investing in prevention and protection efforts"*.

WHEREAS law enforcement agencies have stated that masking emboldens illegal activities such as hate crimes, assaults, and vandalism resulting in millions of dollars in damages, impedes investigations into criminal conduct, and hinders prosecutions of crimes.

WHEREAS, New York is experiencing a resurgence of masked harassment and intimidation, the Public Safety committee of Bronx Community Board 8 believes that anti-masked harassment laws can serve as an effective deterrent against such identity-based violence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 strongly supports Assembly Bill A03133 and State Senate Bill S03070 and urges all New York State Assembly and Senate members and Governor Hochul to adopt them into New York State law.

The Committee voted on the resolution, which passed unanimously.

Approve in favor (7): D. Allen, C. Blake, M. Della, N. Fazio, E. Green, A. Ortega, J. Townes
Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes submitted by Public Safety Committee Chair Ed Green



Eric L. Adams
Mayor

Police Department City of New York



Jessica S. Tisch
Police Commissioner

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CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
3/17/2025 Through 3/23/2025

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	15 Year	32 Year
	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	0	1	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
Rape	2	0	xxx.x	3	0	xxx.x	7	1	600.0	133.3	600.0	0.0
Robbery	3	0	xxx.x	10	7	42.9	27	38	-28.9	-3.6	0.0	-82.2
Fel. Assault	5	5	0.0	16	16	0.0	47	37	27.0	17.5	67.9	-4.1
Burglary	1	3	-66.7	9	13	-30.8	27	28	-3.6	-22.9	-28.9	-89.3
Gr. Larceny	8	15	-46.7	30	56	-46.4	100	175	-42.9	-25.4	53.8	26.6
G.L.A.	6	7	-14.3	20	29	-31.0	52	93	-44.1	-33.3	126.1	-85.4
TOTAL	25	30	-16.67	88	121	-27.27	260	373	-30.29	-18.75	40.54	-71.05
Transit	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	2	0	xxx.x	100.0	-50.0	xxx.x
Housing	1	0	xxx.x	4	5	-20.0	14	16	-12.5	-22.2	27.3	xxx.x
Petit Larceny	20	29	-31.0	68	91	-25.3	200	244	-18.0	-10.3	18.3	xxx.x
Retail Theft	3	15	-80.0	8	34	-76.5	42	94	-55.3	-53.3	xxx.x	xxx.x
Misd. Assault	8	7	14.3	23	27	-14.8	72	70	2.9	18.0	-5.3	xxx.x
UCR Rape*	2	0	xxx.x	3	0	xxx.x	8	4	100.0	14.3	xxx.x	xxx.x
Other Sex Crimes	0	3	-100.0	3	9	-66.7	7	14	-50.0	-12.5	xxx.x	xxx.x
Shooting Vic.	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	0	1	-100.0	xxx.x	-100.0	-100.0
Shooting Inc.	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	0	1	-100.0	xxx.x	-100.0	-100.0
Hate Crimes	0	0	xxx.x	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	-100.0	xxx.x	xxx.x

Traffic Statistics

Traffic Fatalities	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	xxx.x	xxx.x	xxx.x
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Historical Perspective

(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2024	%Chg '24 vs '01	%Chg '24 vs '98	%Chg '24 vs '93	%Chg '24 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	1	-87.5	-66.7	-90.9	-92.9	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	14	-33.3	-36.4	-41.7	-61.1	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	138	-30.7	-52.7	-77.8	-78.7	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	252	71.4	72.6	-7.0	9.6	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	157	-56.0	-73.8	-86.4	-87.1	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	721	144.4	135.6	57.8	36.8	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	344	-24.9	-62.5	-80.7	-85.7	G.L.A.
TOTAL	5,083	4,322	2,285	1,485	1,627	9.6	-28.8	-62.4	-68.0	TOTAL

Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

As of January 2013, complaints occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been disaggregated from the borough and precinct crime totals and are displayed separately on the Department of Correction CompStat page.

Unless otherwise noted, Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law ("NYSPL") definitions and differ from the crime categories used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All Crime statistics are translated to Uniform Crime Reporting categories for submission to the UCR Program.

* Uniform Crime Reporting ("UCR") Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.