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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	December 16, 2025	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:47 PM	
Meeting Held At	NYPD 50 th Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463					
ATTENDANCE						
Present	Edward Green (Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Angel Ortega (Vice Chair), Carol Blake, Michael Courtney (CCM), Margaret Della, Althea Eboh, Debra Harris				Total	8
Absent	Nick Fazio, Laura Levine-Pinedo				Total	2
Guests	Seargent Amaro (NYPD), Detective Jamsheer (NYPD), Captain Watson (NYPD), Battalion Chief Donnelly (FDNY), Peter Kohlmann (Riverdale Yacht Club), Steve Froot (BXCB8), Raphael Zapata (Guest), Josephine Solimene (Guest), Alam Gonzalez (Guest)					

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 November 18th, 2025, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The November 18th Public Safety Committee minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Sergeant Candice Escarpeta, 50th Precinct Crime Analysis Seargent will be the committee’s contact person for gathering statistical analysis reports for 311, 911 and other resident complaints.

Captain Watson, new to the 50th Precinct, introduced himself.

Seargent Amaro of the 50th Precinct read the NYPD CompStat report. Issues discussed:

- Human remains found by college students in Van Cortlandt Park off the Major Deegan Expressway service road. Ongoing investigation.

- Kingsbridge Heights pattern of robberies: 2 juveniles arrested. 2 other suspects at large. Ongoing investigation.
- BXC8 Board Member complaint about a car on blocks at 5617 Post Road on 12/10/25. 50th Precinct stated the owner of the car needs to be identified because there must be a victim for a police report to be filed, so the owner of the car needs to report the incident.
- Guest Alam Gonzalez stated he is an Incarcerated Youth Counselor specializing in restorative justice work and was seeking a meeting space to conduct meetings with his group. Committee referred him to BXC8 Staff for information and resources.
- Resident reported 6 large commercial trucks parked on Broadway by the Van Cortlandt Motel.

Resident complaints about Fenwick's, located at 432 West 238th Street:

- Patrons walking out of the bar between 3am-10am severely intoxicated, holding red plastic cups, getting into cars and driving away, presenting a danger to children and adults.
- Excessive noise from loud music and patrons shouting in the streets.
- Family center located across the street from the bar exposed to disruptive and dangerous behavior.
- Patrons of the bar littering. Piles of trash and food dumped on the sidewalk.
- Cars, trucks and tow-trucks parked in crosswalks and double-parked, blocking cars from exiting parking spaces.
- Fights occurring at all hours. Patrons exiting the bar bloodied.
- Patrons smoking marijuana and hookah in the street in front of the establishment.
- Suspected illegal drug sales and use.
- Establishment operating without a liquor license. Fenwick's withdrew their liquor license on November 10th, 2025, and is prohibited from selling alcohol. Information confirmed in email to BXC8 by New York State Liquor Authority.

The 50th Precinct will recommend their traffic personnel and midnight platoon officers to closely monitor Fenwick's and the surrounding area.

The 50th Precinct stated that the New York City Office of Night Life (ONL) is the agency that handles businesses that community residents find troublesome.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously agreed that a letter about Fenwick's should be written by the Board to ONL and area Elected Officials. The letter should express the Committee's concerns pertaining to resident complaints about the business.

A letter will be drafted and reviewed by the Committee and Board Chair before sending to ONL.

4. FDNY Report

FDNY Battalion Chief Donnelly presented the FDNY report. Issues discussed:

- On December 12th a fire burned down a vacant house at 5501 Palisade Avenue. FDNY determined the fire started in the basement, is viewed as suspicious and currently under investigation.
- FDNY is getting many calls to respond to new technology gas alarms.
- Only 2 fires were caused by lithium-ion batteries in the BXC8 area in 2025, as per a statistical report on 9/29/25.
- Chair Green asked why there have been no inspections or summons issued to e-bike retailers in the BXC8 area, as reported by the 9/29/25 statistical report, as opposed to inspections done in all other Bronx Community Districts. FDNY Rep stated the Bureau of Fire Prevention would have to answer that question. The number of e-bike retailers in the BXC8 area is presently unknown to the committee.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Applications

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Peter Kohlmann, a Representative of Riverdale Yacht Club, located at 800 West 254th Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and cider.

Mr. Kohlmann stated the establishment is a private club that has been operating for 95 years but has never served alcohol.

Mr. Kohlmann stated the establishment does not plan to serve alcohol but some of their guests bring alcohol, so the business applied for a liquor license to be in compliance with NY State law.

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.

In favor (8): C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, E. Green, D. Harris, A. Ortega, L. Spalter
Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

6. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Year's Eve All Night Permit

Representatives of El Pollocon 2 Inc. (AKA Tijuana Nites) failed to appear before the Public Safety Committee on December 16th, 2025, to apply for a New Year's Eve All Night Permit.

It was noted that representatives of the establishment were also scheduled to appear at the November 18th Public Safety Committee meeting but canceled their appointment and rescheduled.

It was noted that Bronx Community Board 8 has received resident complaints about this establishment recently and in the past, including: excessive noise, illegal parking, illicit drug use, disorderly conduct, assault, attempted rape, public urination, littering and more.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct, citing public safety concerns, recommended the Public Safety Committee disapprove this application.

The Public Safety Committee disapproved this application.

In favor (of disapproval) (7): C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter
Abstained (1): D. Harris
Opposed: 0

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

Discussion: 311 Reports – Community Awareness, Engagement and Reporting & Monitoring Quality of Life Offenses:

Committee agreed quality of life crimes need to be reported to 311 more often to receive proper attention and resolution. The more times an issue gets reported to 311 the higher priority it becomes to agencies responsible for monitoring. City agency responses are often prioritized by statistical data.

Using the 311 app is considerably more user friendly and effective than calling 311.

311 reports get diverted to various City agencies, depending on incident category.

Community residents would be better served if Bronx Community Board 8 had easily accessible 311 links on its website and social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

Links to 311 should be highly visible (more visible than displayed on BXCB8 website) and should contain information about the importance of reporting quality of life crimes.

Bronx Community Board 8 should provide educational information to the public about using the 311 app and create flyers containing information about the 311 app with QR codes to access the 311 website and 311 app download.

Announcements should be made at Board and Committee meetings encouraging all residents to report incidents to 311. Handouts of 311 informational flyers should be available at all meetings and events the Board participates in.

Residents have complained their 311 reports are being closed out without any action being taken to resolve the issue. Monitoring 311 reports more closely will keep City agencies accountable for responses (or lack of responses) to quality-of-life crimes.

Discussion: Office of Cannabis Management Applications – Applicant Interviewing and informational Screening Process:

OCM applications have very little information about the applicant on it.

Having an applicant fill out a questionnaire would provide the Public Safety Committee with necessary information, such as applicant compliance with OCM guidelines. It would also give the Committee an opportunity to verify specific information prior to the Public Safety Committee meeting while shortening the in-person applicant interview process.

Other community boards have prepared questionnaires for OCM applicants to fill out in advance.

The Public Safety Committee drafted two documents for review:

A Cannabis Dispensary Application will be emailed by the Board to OCM applicants. Applicants will be expected to fill out and return the document to the Board at least one week prior to the Public Safety Committee meeting:

**Cannabis Dispensary Application
DRAFT**

*Please return this questionnaire to Bronx Community Board 8 at least one week PRIOR to your Public Safety Committee presentation. Failure to complete this document may result in the delay or disapproval of your application. *Responses may continue on a separate page if necessary.*

Applicant's Name _____
Applicant's mailing address _____
Applicant's email _____
Dispensary legal name _____
Dispensary street address _____

1. A signed lease or deed to the property is required prior to the Public Safety Committee meeting.
***Please email a copy to the Community Board.**

2. Landlord's name and contact information. _____

3. Name of retail dispensary if **different** from name stated on application.

4. Have you ever applied to Bronx Community Board 8 or any other Community Board for a cannabis retail license? _____

5. Does the applicant currently operate one or more cannabis businesses in or outside of NYC? If so, provide location(s) and retail name(s).

6. Has the applicant operated a cannabis business in the past? Provide name and dates.

7. Name of person responsible for operating the business? If there are any other business partners, please list.

8. Is the location within 500 feet of a school, youth or community facility? _____
Is the location within 200 feet of a house of worship? _____
Is the location within 1,000 feet of another licensed cannabis dispensary? _____

Questions? Please contact Bronx Community Board 8

Questions for Public Safety Committee for OCM Applicants (Asked to OCM applicants during the committee meeting):

**Public Safety Committee
Questions for Cannabis Applicants**

Applicant _____

1. What, if any business experience do you have?
2. What are your planned days and hours of operation?
3. Explain your security plan for inside and outside of your business? What measures will you take to address theft and loitering?
4. Explain your plan to prevent sales to minors?
5. If your OCM license is approved, do you agree to notify the Board a minimum of 60-days in advance of your license renewal date (as per OCM regulations) and return to the Public Safety Committee?
6. If your OCM license is approved, what is your timeline for opening?
7. Do you agree to notify the Community Board if the business will have a change in ownership?
8. Do you agree not to play loud music that will be heard outside your business?

Notes:

Public Safety Committee members will review both drafts, propose additional questions if desired, and finalize documents at the January Public Safety Committee meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm

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
12/8/2025 Through 12/14/2025

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	1	1	0.0	-80.0	-80.0	-90.9
Rape	0	1	-100.0	4	1	300.0	26	14	85.7	225.0	271.4	23.8
Robbery	1	3	-66.7	3	8	-62.5	101	133	-24.1	-33.6	-37.7	-83.1
Fel. Assault	1	4	-75.0	9	24	-62.5	207	249	-16.9	7.8	80.0	-20.4
Burglary	0	3	-100.0	2	4	-50.0	118	151	-21.9	-13.9	-27.2	-89.2
Gr. Larceny	9	10	-10.0	35	47	-25.5	539	704	-23.4	-18.9	57.6	23.3
G.L.A.	6	2	200.0	23	25	-8.0	268	331	-19.0	-19.8	117.9	-84.5
TOTAL	17	23	-26.09	76	109	-30.28	1,260	1,583	-20.40	-15.61	37.55	-69.60
Transit	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	7	6	16.7	-41.7	-61.1	xxx.x
Housing	1	3	-66.7	1	11	-90.9	50	71	-29.6	-32.4	16.3	xxx.x
Petit Larceny	18	22	-18.2	87	78	11.5	1,108	1,053	5.2	-0.4	41.5	xxx.x
Retail Theft	4	2	100.0	12	20	-40.0	294	378	-22.2	-35.1	xxx.x	xxx.x
Misd. Assault	5	6	-16.7	26	28	-7.1	360	349	3.2	17.6	-7.2	xxx.x
UCR Rape*	0	1	-100.0	6	2	200.0	32	23	39.1	39.1	xxx.x	xxx.x
Other Sex Crimes	2	0	xxx.x	5	0	xxx.x	43	44	-2.3	26.5	xxx.x	xxx.x
Shooting Vic.	0	1	-100.0	1	3	-66.7	10	6	66.7	66.7	66.7	-33.3
Shooting Inc.	0	1	-100.0	1	3	-66.7	7	6	16.7	16.7	16.7	-41.7
Hate Crimes	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	0	2	-100.0	-100.0	xxx.x	xxx.x
Traffic Statistics												
Traffic Fatalities	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	1	1	0.0	-66.7	xxx.x	xxx.x

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.