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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	May 20, 2025	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:45 PM	
Meeting Held At	50 th Police Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue					
ATTENDANCE						
Present	Edward Green (Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Debbie Allen, Angel Ortega, Jyll Townes, Kevin Wade				Total	6
Absent	Carol Blake, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Margaret Della, Nick Fazio, Mary Ellen Gibbs				Total	5
Guests	NCO Sergeant Kresback (NYPD), Detective Jamsheer (NYPD), Lieutenant Rosa (NYC Sheriff Department), Isabella Geroux (Public Relations Bureau, City of New York), Eleanor Shotton (Wave Hill), Christopher Cacace (Troy A Benson), Robert Cacace (Troy A Benson), Ehud Cafri (Troy A Benson), Dmitry Cafri (Troy A Benson), David Winer (Troy A Benson), Shimon Borobinsky (Troy A Benson), Felice Sontupe (Guest), Josef Solan (Guest), Christine Noh (Guest), Mike Courtney (Guest), Kristen Peters (Guest), Oliver Rivera (Guest), Anthony Lau (Guest), Katy Diaz-Espinal (Guest), Richard Espinal (Guest)					

The meeting was delayed because the room was occupied by a blood drive event. A conference room in the shelter adjacent to the Precinct was used as an alternative location.

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at **7:15pm**

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Roll Call of Committee Members. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the April 15th, 2025, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Guest Speaker: NYC Sheriff's Office – Illegal Smoke Shops (with Q&A)

Lieutenant Rosa of the New York City Sheriff's Department gave a presentation about illegal smoke shops, followed by questions and answers from the committee and public. Discussion included:

- Factors determining which smoke shops are prioritized for investigation by law enforcement: A list of priority stores is compiled based on various factors including complaints about marketing towards children, sales to minors and operating near schools and houses of worship.
- Illegal smoke shop statistics in the 50th Precinct: 112 locations; 68 completed investigations; 9 sealed locations; 2 million dollars in fines (civil penalties)
- Once an establishment is sealed it must be sealed for 1 year.
- Fines range from \$5,000-\$50,000
- Task force to investigate illegal smoke shops began in May 2024.
- Having more cannabis than every other item in the store is grounds for sealing the business.
- Landlords can evict tenants operating illegal smoke shops
- Sheriff's Department working closely with 311
- The best way to get illegal smoke shops investigated is to contact the Sheriff's Department directly and make a detailed complaint
- Residents wishing to complain about illegal smoke shops were encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Department at (718) 707-2100

Residents were encouraged to go online to the 311 website and search for Cannabis Retail Sale Complaint where people can find information about reporting problems about cannabis sales and products to the Office of the Sheriff such as:

- Unlicensed dispensaries
- Illegal locations, including businesses operating within 500 feet and on the same block of any building that is exclusively used as a school; within 200 feet and on the same block of a house of worship
- Sales to minors under 21 in the past
- Product concerns, including improper, misleading, or unsafe labels or packaging
- Suspicious activity involving cannabis being sold from a business or a vehicle labeled as selling cannabis

Complaints can be anonymously reported by email or phone:

By Email: Send a message to smokeshopcomplaints@sheriff.nyc.gov.

By Phone: Call [311](tel:311) or 212-NEW-YORK ([212-639-9675](tel:212-639-9675)) to report the problem.

The Sheriff's Office will review the complaint and may: Investigate the situation; inspect the business; issue warnings, citations, and fines; padlock illegal shops

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

Newly appointed NCO Sgt. Nick Kresback of the 50th Precinct introduced himself and read the NYPD CompStat report. Issues discussed:

- Vehicle selling narcotics at 231st Street & Broadway. On 4/18/25 vehicle was taken into custody and narcotics were confiscated.
- Resident complaint about vehicles parked illegally at Fort Four Park, playing loud music on weekends and weeknights.
- 50th Pct has midnight team of officers that work from 9pm-5am.
- Resident complaint of persistent noise and drinking at the bottom of the step street by 3119 Baily Avenue.

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Bronx Burger House located at 5816 Mosholu Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor 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 (6): D. Allen, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes, K. Wade
Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

7. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Alteration Applications

Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses, Inc. and Wave Hill Incorporated, located at 675 West 252nd Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee for an alteration.

Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses, Inc. and Wave Hill Incorporated intends to add a seasonal bar to the gardens and convert their food counter to a customer bar.

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 (6): D. Allen, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes, K. Wade
Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

8. Office of Cannabis Management (OCM): New Establishment License

No Trade Name Provided: 3603 Riverdale Avenue - Retail Dispensary Premises License

Christopher Cacace, a Representative of an unnamed establishment (no trade name provided), appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a Retail Dispensary Premises License at 3603 Riverdale Avenue (presently Tiny's Diner).

Mr. Cacace stated he and his business partners operate a licensed cannabis retail dispensary on Central Park Avenue in Yonkers, N.Y. called Central Budz.

The applicant's name on the OCM application is Troy A Benson, who has been approved for a Retail Dispensary Premises License (# OCMCAURD-2022-000147) by OCM through DASNY.

Mr. Cacace stated he and his business partners have a sublease agreement with Troy A Benson and plan to operate their business in the storefront at 3603 Riverdale Avenue.



Eric L. Adams
Mayor

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Jessica S. Tisch
Police Commissioner

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CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
5/12/2025 Through 5/18/2025

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date ^x			2 Year	15 Year	32 Year
	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	xxx.x	1	0	xxx.x	1	1	0.0	-66.7	-66.7	-50.0
Rape	0	0	xxx.x	1	2	-50.0	8	3	166.7	33.3	166.7	0.0
Robbery	3	0	xxx.x	7	8	-12.5	39	56	-30.4	-32.8	-31.6	-83.8
Fel. Assault	5	6	-16.7	17	19	-10.5	86	75	14.7	11.7	91.1	-5.5
Burglary	3	1	200.0	12	10	20.0	59	46	28.3	-13.2	28.3	-86.2
Gr. Larceny	16	9	77.8	50	45	11.1	229	278	-17.6	-6.9	86.2	43.1
G.L.A.	2	5	-60.0	18	17	5.9	89	129	-31.0	-25.8	85.4	-86.8
TOTAL	29	21	38.10	106	101	4.95	511	588	-13.10	-11.59	57.23	-68.12
Transit	0	0	xxx.x	1	1	0.0	4	2	100.0	-20.0	-50.0	xxx.x
Housing	2	3	-33.3	2	6	-66.7	18	29	-37.9	-35.7	0.0	xxx.x
Petit Larceny	24	27	-11.1	81	83	-2.4	377	418	-9.8	-7.4	18.6	xxx.x
Retail Theft	2	13	-84.6	22	38	-42.1	105	177	-40.7	-38.2	xxx.x	xxx.x
Misd. Assault	9	3	200.0	48	23	108.7	153	120	27.5	26.4	16.8	xxx.x
UCR Rape*	0	1	-100.0	2	3	-33.3	10	9	11.1	-16.7	xxx.x	xxx.x
Other Sex Crimes	2	0	xxx.x	2	5	-60.0	14	24	-41.7	55.6	xxx.x	xxx.x
Shooting Vic.	0	1	-100.0	2	1	100.0	4	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	33.3
Shooting Inc.	0	1	-100.0	1	1	0.0	3	2	50.0	50.0	50.0	0.0
Hate Crimes	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	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.