



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	October 21, 2025	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:50 PM	
Meeting Held At	50 th Police Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue					
ATTENDANCE						
Present	Edward Green (Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Carol Blake, Michal Courtney (CCM), Margaret Della, Althea Eboh, Angel Ortega				Total	7
Absent	Nick Fazio, Debra Harris, Laura Levine-Pinedo				Total	3
Guests	Lieutenant Wolver (NYPD), Detective Jamsheer (NYPD), Officer Brian Boulhosa (NYPD), Olivia Young (Riverdale Press), Argilio Rodriguez (Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC), Elvin Cabrera (Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC), Brent Schneider (Guest), Morgan Evers (Guest), Jason Lovelace (Guest), Wendy Peralta-Lovelace (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 September 16th, 2025, Public Safety Committee Minutes

Chair Green made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that Bronx Community Board 8 Chairperson Julie Reyes was present at the September 16th Public Safety Committee meeting. Vice Chair Spalter seconded the motion. The committee approved the amended minutes unanimously.

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

Officer Brian Boulhosa and his “Q-team” explained that the Quality-of-Life team was a recently added addition to NYPD and was basically replacing the NCO unit. Community Board members and residents were encouraged to call 311 or reach out to the Q-team directly to report quality of life crimes.

Lieutenant Wolvers of the 50th Precinct read the NYPD CompStat report. Issues discussed:

- 2 masked thieves broke into Bokagua Restaurant at 3541 Riverdale Avenue on 10/13/25, stole \$6,200 from the cash register and caused extensive damage to the restaurant's interior. 50th Precinct states they have suspects under investigation.
- Rape of a 33-year-old woman at 5:45am on 11/17/25 by the Stop & Shop supermarket on Broadway near W. 234th street. Suspect apprehended, charged with rape, sex abuse, assault and harassment. Arraignment held. Public Safety committee inquired about court dates and any relevant information pertaining to the case with the Bronx D.A. No updated information received. 50th Precinct states that the Special Victims Unit is currently investigating.
- Resident complaint about excessive noise at 216-222 W 242nd Street. Loud music, people yelling and screaming, car music, car horns, double parking. Disturbances typically occur during late evenings from 11pm-5am. 4 separate 311 complaints in May, June and October were presented as evidence to Bronx Community Board 8. Resident requests action be taken to resolve the issue. 50th Precinct stated they would refer the complaints to their Q-Team to investigate.
- Board Member complaint about vehicle abandoned for over two months at 218 W 262nd Street; a 311 complaint was made.
- The 50th Precinct stated they have increased enforcement against illegal mopeds in the last month.
- Discussion about "ghost cars" parked for weeks and sometimes months in various community areas. Vehicles have license plates that are: from other States, fake, made of paper, covered up. Many "ghost plates" are being bought online. Committee suggested discussions with Elected Officials about the possibility of legislation to prohibit license plates being sold online.

4. FDNY Report (**See attached FDNY Statistical Report*) –

FDNY Battalion Chief Donnelly presented the FDNY statistical report.

- Fire at 3263 Sedgwick Avenue. Lint in the ducts of laundry room dryers overheated and caught fire and spread. FDNY urges public to clean lint out of laundry dryer ducts regularly to prevent fires. Lint is super flammable and is frequently the cause of fires.
- On 10/18 & 10/19 FDNY held open houses for the public at local firehouses.
- FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit is available for education presentations. Call local firehouses for more information.
- FDNY rarely gives tickets to cars parked by fire hydrants anymore. Tickets are generally issued by NYPD.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Applications

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

No representative from Metate Corp, located at 3515 Johnson Avenue, attended the meeting and the Board has not yet received a 2AM agreement from the business.

The Attorney for Metate had notified the Board beforehand that the owner was ill and would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. This is the 2nd consecutive month Metate was on the agenda and failed to appear.

The Committee unanimously decided to table the application.

The Public Safety Chair will contact SLA and inquire about the status of this application

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Elvin Cabrera (Owner) and Argilio Rodriguez (Attorney), Representatives of Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC, located at 3638 Bailey Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license.

Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC plans to have live music, security personnel and their food menu meets the minimum legal food requirements for food service.

Maximum occupancy is 74 people. A company called Talent Security was hired, and the business would have 2-4 security guards on the premises in the evening.

The establishment's Owner and Attorney stated they planned to operate the business on Monday through Wednesday from 9am-2am and Thursday through Sunday from 12pm-4am.

The Owner and Attorney stated both they planned keep the business open until 4am from Thursday to Sunday and refused to sign the Committee's customary 2am closing agreement for new businesses.

The Public Safety Committee was unaware of any other business ever coming before the committee and refusing to sign the 2am closing agreement.

The committee unanimously agreed that exempting Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC from signing the 2am closing agreement would grant them preferential treatment over every other business that willingly signed the agreement in good faith.

The location of the establishment is an area that has generated many complaints about drug activity in the past few years, and drug and weapons related arrests have been made by the 50th Precinct.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously disapproved this application.

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

6. Old Business

Broadway Corridor Collaboration – Strategizing on Effective Means to Improve Safety, Transportation, Quality of Life Issues:

Public Safety, Economic Development and Environmental Development Committees will collaborate on a Broadway commercial corridor walk-through to address abandoned vehicles, subway stop conditions, trash, graffiti and other issues affecting area businesses.

The walk-through will take place on Friday October 31st between 2pm-4pm. All available Bronx Community Board 8 members will be encouraged to join.

Participants in the walk-through will meet at 2pm in front of Shake Shack at 5510 Broadway (Broadway Plaza near 231st Street).

Groups will separate and cover West 225th Street – West 231st Street and West 231st Street – West 238th Street.

Groups will observe and document all quality-of-life conditions that negatively affect the environment, residents and businessowners and could use improvement.

Groups will visit local businesses, discuss issues that concern them and offer resources to assist, if applicable.

Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act:

A final draft of the Public Safety Committee letter to Elected Officials regarding the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act was completed.

The letter was signed by Public Safety Committee Chairperson Ed Green and Bronx Community Board 8 Chairperson Julie Reyes and will be emailed to Elected Representatives.

The letter expresses the committee's opposition to reducing distances for cannabis dispensaries from schools, religious institutions and other cannabis retail businesses and recommends not penalizing businesses issued licenses erroneously due to legislative errors.

7. New Business

Cannabis Showcase Event Regulations:

The Board received notice from the Office of Cannabis Management on 10/17/25 that the State legislature passed an amendment, signed into law by Governor Hochul, that permanently authorizes Cannabis Showcase Events. It amends the State Cannabis Law to make permits available for "pop-up" style events where licensed dispensary retailers can apply for a permit to sell cannabis products, branding merchandise, cannabis paraphernalia, seeds and plants for home growing in partnership with a licensed cultivator & processor.

The Board has until November 24th, 2025, to publicly comment.

Issues discussed:

What is a Cannabis Showcase Event?

It enables the sale of cannabis products (for individuals 21 and over) at pop-up or temporary locations that may be held inside or outdoors. Sites include but are not limited to farmers markets, public markets, parks, beaches, squares, parking lots, farm or field outside a brick-and-mortar location of a licensed dispensary.

What is a "Pop-up" or "Pop-up location"?

A temporary location for the short-term operation of a cannabis showcase event, which is away from the adult-use cannabis retailer's licensed premises. No location may be used for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than 45 days in a calendar year. Fees range from \$300 to \$800 depending on the number of days engagement.

What can be offered at a Cannabis Showcase Event?

Food and non- alcoholic drinks may be served by outside vendors, music provided by live acts, disc jockeys, recorded music, holistic lifestyle approaches such as yoga, massage therapy, meditation, skincare services, and arts and crafts activities. In addition to selling and showcasing cannabis products, plants, and seeds. Authorized licensees may show presentations and instructional demonstrations relating to home cultivation and processing of cannabis.

Restrictions:

No permits for showcase events within a 200-foot radius of another licensed adult use cannabis retailer's premises, within 200 feet of a house of worship, within 500 feet of a school, 500 feet from a youth facility.

Chair Green emailed a list of questions about proposed pop-up sites to OCM.

OCM responded by stating they could not provide any answers until after the public comment period was over.

The Committee unanimously decided the Board should publicly comment and include any questions OCM failed to provide answers for.

Questions and comments include:

- What is the state's budget and enforcement plan regarding shutting down illegal cannabis "pop-ups" which will inevitably sprout up everywhere?
- What is the State's plan to educate and protect the public, particularly our youth, from illegal marijuana "pop-ups?"
- Will OCM require applications for "pop-up" sites to go through the Community Board review process, as is currently required for cannabis retail business new applications & renewals?
- Please clarify what if any role community boards play in the "pop-up" showcase process.
- Can a permit to sell marijuana from a truck be issued if the applicant does not use the same location for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than 45 days in a calendar year?

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

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
10/13/2025 Through 10/19/2025

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	-87.5
Rape	0	0	xxx.x	0	1	-100.0	21	11	90.9	162.5	200.0	10.5
Robbery	2	1	100.0	15	9	66.7	97	116	-16.4	-22.4	-23.6	-79.7
Fel. Assault	3	4	-25.0	10	16	-37.5	182	198	-8.1	9.0	91.6	-19.8
Burglary	2	0	xxx.x	9	9	0.0	110	132	-16.7	-6.0	-17.3	-88.2
Gr. Larceny	8	13	-38.5	37	52	-28.8	456	619	-26.3	-16.0	68.3	23.9
G.L.A.	3	7	-57.1	18	23	-21.7	219	270	-18.9	-21.2	114.7	-85.1
TOTAL	18	25	-28.00	89	110	-19.09	1,086	1,347	-19.38	-12.63	46.76	-68.98
Transit	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	7	5	40.0	-22.2	-53.3	xxx.x
Housing	2	2	0.0	5	2	150.0	45	53	-15.1	-31.8	36.4	xxx.x
Petit Larceny	35	22	59.1	99	95	4.2	924	890	3.8	2.2	41.5	xxx.x
Retail Theft	7	3	133.3	32	22	45.5	264	337	-21.7	-26.1	xxx.x	xxx.x
Misd. Assault	4	8	-50.0	30	35	-14.3	306	282	8.5	19.5	-4.7	xxx.x
UCR Rape*	0	0	xxx.x	0	1	-100.0	25	19	31.6	19.0	xxx.x	xxx.x
Other Sex Crimes	0	1	-100.0	1	4	-75.0	33	40	-17.5	22.2	xxx.x	xxx.x
Shooting Vic.	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	9	3	200.0	80.0	80.0	-25.0
Shooting Inc.	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	6	3	100.0	20.0	20.0	-40.0
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	-50.0	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

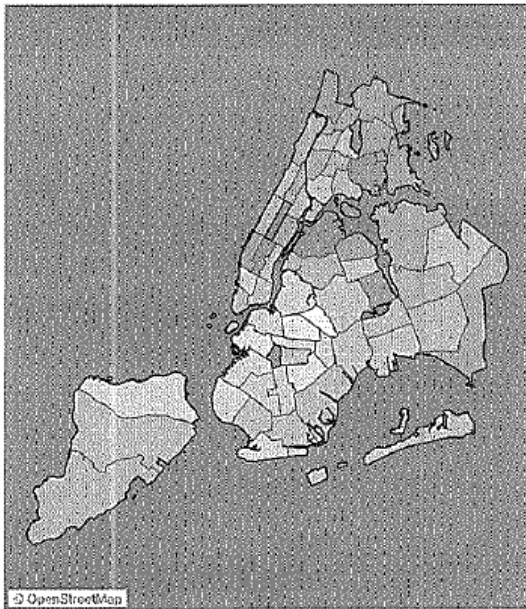
Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

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.

Community District Fire Workload and Response Time



COMPARING OCT 2025 TO OCT 2024

	Count Previous	Current Count	% Difference	Disp+Trav Previous	Avg. Disp+Trav	% Disp+Trav Diff
Total						
BRONX	684	520	-24.0%	06:39	05:47	1.8%

- Choose Classification Group**
- Structural Fires
 - NonStructural Fires
 - Medical Emergencies & ...
 - NonMedical Emergencies
 - NonMedical MFAs

Choose Alarm Level
All

Choose Month
OCT

Choose Year
2025

Choose Comparison Period
Last Year

Choose Community District
BXDB

