

Brooklyn Community Board 7 Public Safety Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022
Via Zoom

The committee met remotely with Deputy Inspector Castro, Executive Officer Captain Xan, Community Affairs Officers from 72nd Pct, Sara Kurtzberg and John Watkins from Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

1. Resident concerns on the infestation of drugs on 4th Avenue between 24th and 25th Streets

72nd Pct is aware and has increased patrols at this location. Issues are stemming from shelter located nearby. In order to make an arrest the officers must observe the drug use. Marijuana is legal however under New York's Clean Indoor Air Act if you're not allowed to smoke a cigarette, you're also not allowed to smoke marijuana.

2. Spike in crime within the 72nd Precinct sectors and the plans to address the spike

(CompStat attached 3/28/22-4/3/22)

72nd currently has 164 officers. Multifaceted approach that includes preventing and deterring crime, directed patrols, communication with DA, parole/probation officers. DI Castro stated that based on his observation and knowledge of crimes in the 72nd Pct, most of the crimes are committed by the same people. Bail reform limits cases to ask for bail.

Sara Kutzberg provided information on bail reform. Bail reforms has limited cases they can ask for bail. No bail can be requested for non-violent crimes. Does not allow judicial discretion for history of past violence, can only consider if violence occurred in case in front of them. If a new arrest and has open pending case can ask for bail for new case and on previous case. Discretion of the court to do so.

A request was made to provide the data that indicates number of those rearrested in 72nd Pct as a report from NYC Comptroller's Office (link below) found that the share of people released pretrial who are rearrested for a new offense has not changed following the implementation of bail reforms.

<https://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/nyc-comptrollers-office-analysis-finds-bail-continues-to-drive-pretrial-detention-despite-reforms/>

John Watkins from Brooklyn DAs office offered to provide additional data and information.

We will follow up with DI Castro and John Watkins.

3. 72nd Precinct data and response to complaints about illegal parking/traffic/driver misconduct that are submitted to 311

Deputy Inspector Castro stated 311 calls range from illegal parking to noise complaints. All 311 calls are handled appropriately at 72nd Pct within 45 minutes. Audits, integrity control and spot checks are utilized. If a community member is aware of any calls that have been handled inappropriately, they should contact DI Castro directly as this is unacceptable.

Below is latest 311 data for 28-day period from 3/14/22-4/10/22:

Total of 1,269 calls

Top 5 calls were related to:

- *Traffic/Illegal Parking- 590*
- *Noise- 356*
- *Abandoned Vehicles- 61*
- *Encampments- 34*
- *Graffiti- 17*

*Responses Top 5**

- *Non crime corrected – 546*
- *Summonses issued- 163*
- *Unnecessary-77*
- *Gone on arrival- 89*
- *Other agency- 4*

**responses are consolidated to include duplicate/multiple 311 calls*

4. Resident concerns on illegal parking and abandoned vehicles under the Gowanus Expressway from 18th to 36th Streets, 56th Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues, and 4th Avenue between 25th and 26th Streets

There has been improvement with towing abandoned vehicles. 72nd Pct continues to respond to calls and has issued summonses and towed vehicles.

Sanitation takes abandoned vehicles. Must have no plates and clearly marked. Many cars are parked legally under BQE, and no action can be taken by police.

Concern with police vehicles parking on the center medians by 72nd Pct will be addressed by DI Castro.

5. Residents' concerns on quality-of-life complaints adjacent to the homeless shelters in CD7

DI Castro shared that the most complaints stem from shelter located at 49th Street and happen at the location. They are mostly assaults among the residents.

Quality-of-life complaints (public urination, drug use, loitering etc.) in locations adjacent (stores, subway stations etc.) to shelters on 49th Street and 24th Street continue to be a concern. Did not have specific data on exact number of calls but majority of calls are directly occurring at the location of shelter.

We will request specific data on calls to 49th and 24th street shelters and the adjacent areas.

Subway station crimes collaboration with Transit D34, D32 and D30 to address crimes in subways. Topside directed patrols are conducted. Officers assigned to platforms to deter crime. Deputy Chiefs do transit checks, ride and patrol subways in affected areas.

As precaution:

- *Be vigilant*
- *Ride middle of train*
- *Look around and look back as you walk in subway and on stairs*
- *Use a flashlight on dark streets*
- *Call 911 if you feel unsafe*

Many streets in the community are too dark and may be a contributing factor to criminal activity. DI Castro specifically mentioned 45th to 59th from 4th to 7th avenue. We will follow up with DOT to request a lighting survey.

6. Heroin use activities on 5th Avenue in the 50's
Enforcement is occurring by narcotics team. Cannot share specifics but arrests have been made and enforcements are in place. Would need to catch heroin use live.
7. Sexual assault incident on February 26, 2022, stemming from the 45th Street train station
A suspect has been identified due to nature of crime no further information may be shared. DI Castro shared 6 rapes to date of those 5 were acquaintances family or domestic violence and 1 attempted rape stemming from the 45th street train station.



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72nd Precinct

Report Covering the Week
3/28/2022 Through 4/3/2022

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	12 Year	29 Year
	2022	2021	% Chg	2022	2021	% Chg	2022	2021	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	1	-100.0	***.*	-100.0	-100.0
Rape	0	2	-100.0	1	3	-66.7	7	4	75.0	16.7	75.0	-12.5
Robbery	5	2	150.0	18	11	63.6	44	31	41.9	-4.3	-6.4	-86.4
Fel. Assault	4	3	33.3	21	12	75.0	75	46	63.0	38.9	82.9	-34.2
Burglary	2	4	-50.0	18	11	63.6	75	35	114.3	47.1	13.6	-73.0
Gr. Larceny	14	9	55.6	51	29	75.9	266	105	153.3	109.4	250.0	171.4
G.L.A.	3	0	***.*	7	1	600.0	32	13	146.2	166.7	-15.8	-88.7
TOTAL	28	20	40.00	116	67	73.13	499	235	112.34	68.58	81.45	-54.96
Transit	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	6	2	200.0	0.0	-33.3	***.*
Housing	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	***.*
Petit Larceny	25	9	177.8	117	51	129.4	330	190	73.7	44.1	75.5	***.*
Misd. Assault	8	7	14.3	30	27	11.1	104	94	10.6	13.0	-35.8	***.*
UCR Rape*	0	3	-100.0	1	5	-80.0	8	6	33.3	-27.3	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	0	1	-100.0	3	5	-40.0	16	15	6.7	-5.9	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	-83.3	0.0	-85.7
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	-75.0	0.0	-85.7
Hate Crimes	0	0	***.*	0	1	-100.0	1	1	0.0	-66.7	***.*	***.*

Historical Perspective

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

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2021	%Chg '21 vs '01	%Chg '21 vs '98	%Chg '21 vs '93	%Chg '21 vs '90	
Murder	24	18	7	6	2	-66.7	-71.4	-88.9	-91.7	Murder
Rape	22	38	30	32	28	-12.5	-6.7	-26.3	27.3	Rape
Robbery	1,035	1,045	511	410	173	-57.8	-66.1	-83.4	-83.3	Robbery
Fel. Assault	481	516	397	259	217	-16.2	-45.3	-57.9	-54.9	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,645	1,163	804	545	168	-69.2	-79.1	-85.6	-89.8	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	577	469	344	285	569	99.6	65.4	21.3	-1.4	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	1,602	975	484	403	90	-77.7	-81.4	-90.8	-94.4	G.L.A.
TOTAL	5,386	4,224	2,577	1,940	1,247	-35.7	-51.6	-70.5	-76.8	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.

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