

Brooklyn Community Board 7 Public Safety Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Via Zoom

Minutes submitted by Chair Cynthia Felix Jeffers

Presentation by:

David Estrada, Executive Director Sunset Park 5th Avenue BID
FDNY Safety and Prevention Firefighter Detres

Please see attached flyers.

A few highlights and links below:

The Sunset Park 5th Avenue BID has served as the non-profit to collect funds for those affected by major fires in Sunset Park. They have facilitated the disbursement of funds directly to families that were collected via Go Fund. They appreciate the generosity of our community. Please give and encourage others to make donations. In addition, they have supported businesses affected by fires. ***Please support businesses in Sunset Park 5th Avenue.***

FDNY Fire Safety and Prevention Officer Detres provided a comprehensive presentation of critical lifesaving strategies that focused on fire prevention,

- Fire fatalities in NYC have increased in past 3 years:
 - 2020- 66
 - 2021- 73
 - 2022- 20 (as of 2/9/22)
- Have working smoke alarms – Red Cross installs FREE smoke alarms in homes.
- **Self-dosing doors are required in all buildings with three or more apartments.** Smoke alarms must be provided and installed by the landlord. A fire escape plan must be posted on the inside of every apartment door, common area, and distributed to each dwelling, new tenants, and annually during fire prevention week.
- **It is crucial that you CLOSE DOOR when evacuating to stop the spread of fire.**
- Use stove knobs covers
- Ensure windows and exits are clear and unobscured
- Have home fire extinguishers in kitchen and bedroom (replace after use or every 10 years)
Check ABC symbol
- Have GFC outlets in bathroom and kitchen
- Do not leave plugged in lithium batteries (e bikes, scooter batteries) unattended, they may explode
- Do not keep cell phone charges under pillow or on bed, they may catch fire.
- Keep baking soda in kitchen to put out grease fires.
- Do not use stove to heat your home
- Space heaters must have the UL Mark. (Certifies that UL has tested and evaluated representative samples of that product and determined that they meet UL requirements)
- Replace space heaters that are over 15 years old

- Space heaters must be plugged in directly to outlet and must have a 3ft circumference all around.
- Use heavy gauge UL certified extension cords
- Clean dryer lint trap after each use and entire venting/duct system every 6 months
- Have a fire safety plan and practice with your family
- Have a Go Bag ready and replace contents every 6 months (include valuable paperwork in a fire safe box)
- FDNY Safety & Prevention is available to provide educational workshops and fire safety walkthroughs.

Links:

Free fire/carbon monoxide detectors:

<https://www.redcross.org/local/new-york/eastern-new-york/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/home-fire-safety-visit.html> or call 877 RED CROSS

FDNY Safety & Prevention

<https://www.fdnysmart.org/safety/>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/fire-safety.page#:~:text=Self%2Dclosing%20doors%20are%20required,annually%20during%20fire%20prevention%20week.>

NYC Fire Codes:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/fdny/codes/fire-code/fire-code.page>

Articles of interest:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/05/realestate/apartment-building-fire-safety.html>

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