

Brooklyn Community Board 7 Public Safety and Youth/Education Join Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2022
Via Zoom

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/oeQdZWbhW40?feature=share>

The committees met with 72nd Pct Commanding Officer Captain Krystin N. Suarez, Youth Coordination Sgt. Mondello below are highlights from meeting.

Meet and greet with 72nd Precinct Captain Suarez

The new Commanding Officer from the 72nd Pct Captain Krystin N. Suarez introduced herself to committee. She has 17 years as service in NYPD and most recently served as the Executive Officer at 70th Precinct. Captain Krystin Suarez is the first female commander of the 72nd. She and all officers in the command are focused on establishing positive relationships and partnerships with the community. In the past 5 weeks, she has met with several community organizations and groups and will continue to do so.

Discussion on safety concerns in the community

72nd Pct is the lowest in crime year to date in Brooklyn South. YTD 40% decrease. **See attached Compstat Report.**

3 muggings of seniors February to March 11 between 3:00 am – 6:30 am by train 62nd/8th Ave train station. One was arrested last week. 2 others are still wanted. Coordinating with 66 Pct.

2 sexual assaults Feb 23 and 26, 2023 between 7:00 -8:00 am by same individual. 54th/4th Ave and 41st/5th Ave. Pictures of suspect have been shared with community via foot patrols and 72nd pct social media accounts.

Ebikes/scooters on sidewalk and park continue to be a concern. Officers have ticketed and seized. They will continue to monitor and

Co-chair Jerry Chan shared concerns regarding unreported crimes including a forcible touching on 8th Avenue. He shared language is a challenge as the responding officers do not speak Chinese. CO Suarez acknowledged that all officer who may reply may not speak the same language, but all officers have access to a translation line they can use. She asked he send information on the forcible touching incident.

A community member shared concerns regarding Urban Air. Since opening the blocks in the vicinity (in particular 45 2/3 Ave) have been subjected to many traffic issues including double

parked cars, parking at hydrants. Community members have made numerous complaints to 311 and 72nd Pct. CO Suarez shared that Urban Air has a parking lot and NCO officer has a visit planned with Urban Air staff to discuss concerns and how to direct cars to the lot.

Graffiti is unattractive and sometimes used by gangs to signal territory messages. The Graffiti Coordinator and Vandal Task Force is available for clean ups. Call 911 or 311 to report.

RVs and cars parked under BQE. 4 RVs were removed. Will continue to remove illegally parked cars and RVs.

Sector A has had increase in car break ins and had a burglary on Prospect Ave.

CO Suarez meets with organizations that manage shelters in CB 7 to discuss concerns.

Many people use Citizens App however it is not accurate as the app uses 911 calls made for reporting purposes. The description of the 911 calls are often changed or unsubstantiated upon arrival of Officers and Citizen App does not reflect that.

Increase of scams in particular tax/check related. See attached public safety informational flyers.

Discussion on school safety concerns and youth violence in the community

Youth involved shooting took place March 7, 2023, bodega located corner of 36th Street and 4th Avenue at 2:15 pm. 2 students were shot not life threatening. Youth Coordination Officers were across the street from location of shooting and were able to make an arrest on nearby bus.

CO Suarez shared measures being taken to ensure safety of school in the community:

- Assignment of 1 Sgt and 6 Youth Coordination Officers and Neighborhood Coordination Officers.
- Youth Coordination Officers have increased patrols during school dismissal times at school corridors (18th street to 60th street) including school yards, bodegas, McDonalds, subway and parks.
- CO Suarez has weekly meetings with school principals.
- Meetings and collaborations with School Safety Level III officers.
- Meetings and collaborations with Transit District 30, 32 and 34.
- Increase of youth activities and outreach. Most recent event had 55-60 students.
- Direct outreach and visit to schools to speak with students.
- School Safety shared all schools are fully staffed with School Safety Officers at this time.

- In need of Crossing Guards if interested please apply here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/careers/civilians/school-crossing-guard.page>

Discussion on new school safety measures

In February the Panel for Educational Policy passed a proposal to award \$43 million contract to Symbrant Technologies, Inc. that would equip schools with video equipment and buzzers monitored by school safety agents.

<https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2023/2/15/23601722/nyc-school-safety-front-door-locks-david-banks>

CO Suarez did not have specific information regarding how these measures will be implemented in schools in 72nd. She will provide any updates she receives.

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Transit

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Bike Safety in NYC

Registering for Bike Safety

Register your bike with your local police precinct's "Operation Identification" program. If you registered your bike with "Operation Identification" and it is turned in, you'll be called when your bike is found. Record and save all serial numbers, purchase receipts, manufacturer's information, and take a photograph of the bicycle.



Pressing Charges

Don't be afraid to press charges against the individual who bought your stolen bike; bicycle theft would largely cease if people stopped buying stolen bikes.

What Can I Do?



Report It

If your bicycle should be stolen, report it immediately to the police, whether you registered it or not.



Happening Now

Dial 911 immediately and inform the dispatcher where you are and what is happening.

Details

Try to remember as much as you can about the suspect for police reports.



Suspect

If you suspect that someone has stolen your bike, do not confront them. Contact the police



Fence

Your bike's new "owner" might just "volunteer" to lead you and the authorities to your bike's thief or fence.



Report Number

You'll be given a police report number. Keep this number on your person for retrieving your bike.



Warranty

The manufacturer of your lock may have a guarantee policy for which you are eligible.

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Transit System Safety.

SAFEGUARD YOUR POSSESSIONS

What Can I Do?

The NYPD Community Affairs Bureau offers the following safety tips to safeguard your property when you're riding in the NYC transit system:

Prime Targets

Remember that cell phones and electronic devices are prime targets for thieves.



Where to Sit

Sit away from the subway car door to avoid a purse or chain snatch.



Taxis

Always exit taxicabs via the curbside door, watching for cyclists, pedestrians, and oncoming cars.



Headphones

Refrain from wearing headphones on the subway or bus.



Vigilance

Remain alert to your surroundings, especially if you are using an electronic device.



Wallet

Never carry your wallet in your rear pants pocket or in the outer compartment of your backpack.

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Burglary Prevention Tips

**Is your business temporarily closing? Think about burglary prevention.
Here are a few tips to protect your property:**

- **Test your alarm** with your central station provider and update emergency contact lists.
- Make sure all **cameras are functioning**, are well positioned and views are unobstructed.
- Check that the time is accurate on your DVR and it can **record for at least 30-60 days**.
- **Change the combination of any safes**, especially if employees have moved on.
- Ensure all **entrances are well-lit** and there is adequate interior lighting.
- **Protect accessible windows** with locks, security films, grilles, or bars.
- **Roof openings** (skylights, ventilators) should be secured and alarmed.
- **Climbing aids**, such as ladders, should be locked up or removed.
- **Cash registers** should be empty, and left open to prevent unnecessary damage.
- **Sidewalk openings** and their frames should be secured and properly locked.
- Make sure **doors and door frames are of adequate construction**, commercial grade locks are installed, functioning properly, and have edge guards to prevent prying.
- **Exposed hinges** require non-removable pins.

*Please ensure compliance with local,
state, and national fire and
life safety codes.*



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Crime Prevention Division

Vehicle Theft.

Safeguard your vehicle..

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy riding. To help prevent the theft and damage to your vehicle, we suggest the following:

What Can I Do?



Lock

Always lock and secure your vehicle. Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle. Consider locking lug nuts to deter rim theft.



Keys

Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle -- even for a minute!



Property

Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging chords are targeted by thieves.



Parking

Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.



Report It.

Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/hypd for more information on the programs we offer.



Enroll

Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

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What You Can Do To Deter Package Theft



Utilizing a combination of the following tips can reduce the likelihood of thieves stealing your packages:

- ✓ Always track your shipment online.
- ✓ Choose a shipping option that requires a signature for delivery.
- ✓ Schedule packages to arrive when you are home or arrange to ship your packages to a location where a friend, relative, trusted neighbor, or building super can accept them on your behalf.
- ✓ Ship packages to your place of employment.
- ✓ Request the delivery service hold your package for pick-up at their facility.
- ✓ Utilize deliveries to retailer provided lockers or carrier provided alternate drop points where you can go to pick up your item.
- ✓ Utilize free services that track packages, redirect packages to convenient locations for pick-up, and request vacation holds.
- ✓ Some shipping companies utilize tracking services which can include features such as shipping status notifications and delivery scheduling. Check to see if these services are available in your area.

Where applicable, consider installing:

- ✓ Wi-Fi enabled cameras that provide alerts.
- ✓ Motion-sensor lighting.
- ✓ Package lock-boxes.

Report suspicious persons to the police.

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Purse/Wallet.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?

Grip

Carry purses or briefcases in a manner that will allow you to let go.



Keys

Carry your keys on your person separate from your identification.

Release

If someone attempts to snatch your pocket book, let go of it, especially if there is a weapon involved.



Long Strap

If there is a long strap, wrap it around the bag.



Purse

Be particularly aware of your purse/wallet in crowded situations, such as rush-hour trains and buses.

Straps

Straps placed across your shoulder, around your neck or wrapped around your waist have caused injuries because women could not free themselves during a purse snatch.



Bumps

If you are jostled in a crowd, be aware that a pickpocket might be responsible.

Carry

Always be aware of your surroundings and carry your pocketbook clasp toward you, close to your body, tucked in the bend of your elbow as if it were a football.



Cash & Cards

Divide money between your purse/wallet and pockets.

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**SPOTLIGHT
ON CRIME**



THEFT FROM VEHICLES

LIMIT WHAT YOU LEAVE IN YOUR VEHICLE

COMMONLY STOLEN ITEMS:

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Purses/Wallets | 4. Spare change/cash | 7. Electronics |
| 2. Laptop Computers | 5. Garage door openers | 8. Gift cards |
| 3. Backpacks | 6. Sunglasses | 9. Keys |

10. ANYTHING WITHIN VIEW

REMOVE ITEMS FROM VIEW

LOCK IT or LOSE IT

ALARM IT. EVERY TIME

911 Emergency Calls.

TIPS A 911 CALLER SHOULD KEEP IN MIND

What Can I Do?

NYPD emergency operators are trained to handle a wide range of calls and incidents. To support a rapid police response, here are helpful guidelines a 911 caller should keep in mind:



Give An Address

The location of the emergency is the first and most important thing operators need.



Remain Calm

The calmer you are, the clearer you can be, and the better operators can record information.



Answer Questions

NYPD emergency operators will ask you for information. You may be asked to repeat some information to EMS or Fire Department personnel.



Describe The Emergency

Are you or is someone else hurt? How? Whether you need medical attention, police response, or other emergency assistance.



Keep Phones Open

Tell operators the number from which you are calling. Use a landline when possible, and if calling from a cell phone, do your best to leave it on.



Foreign Language Assistance

Foreign language assistance is available, and in more than 140 different languages.



Describe The Perpetrators

If you have witnessed a crime or been victimized, get to safety first. As soon as you can, call 911. Describe the suspect or suspects, whether weapons are involved, are they in a vehicle, what make/model or color? Even partial descriptions can be helpful.

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Property Theft.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED

What Can I Do?



Purse

Carry your purse close to your body.
Never wrap the strap around your body.



Headsets

White headsets are a dead giveaway.
Protect your musical device by keeping it out of sight.



Wallets

Never Carry your wallet in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.



Car Items

Place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in the vehicle.



Distractions

Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one perp diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.



Laptops

Don't leave laptop computers unattended -- even for a minute.



Instincts

Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is."



Report It.

Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to the NYPD by calling 911.



Cell Phones

Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secured out of sight when not in use.



Cash & Cards

Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make your purchases for the day.



Handbags

When in a bar or restaurant, don't leave your handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool or on the floor.

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SAFEGUARD YOUR VEHICLE

Vehicles are stolen for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy riding.

To help prevent the theft and damage to your vehicle, we suggest the following:

- Always lock and secure your vehicle.
- Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle.
- Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle.
- Never leave your property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging devices related to electronic devices are targeted by thieves.
- Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.
- Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.
- Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/nypd about these free programs.

IF YOUR CAR IS STOLEN:

- Report the theft to the police, dial 911.

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Emergency situations call **911**

Non-emergencies call **311**

Suspicious activity **1-888-NYC-SAFE**

Subway and Bus.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?

Entrance

Use only entrances marked by a green indicator, where there is a clerk present 24 hours a day.



Ready

Have your money or metro card available.

Off Hour Waiting Area

Wait

Use designated waiting areas during off-peak hours.

Ride

Ride in the conductor's car during off-peak hours.



Sit

Sit in the center of the car, away from the door, to avoid a purse or chain snatch.



Awake

Stay awake and aware and exit with the crowd.



Walk

Wait and walk close to the wall.



Jewelry

Cover jewelry; turn stone rings toward the palm side of your hand.



Stay Alert

Be aware of your wallet/purse to avoid a pickpocket

Sidewalk

Wait for the bus on the sidewalk away from the curb.



Sit in Front

Sit near the front of the bus.



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Walking.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



People

Use well-populated and well-lit streets.



Open Stores

If you suspect you're being followed, stay away from deserted blocks and head for an area where there are people or to the nearest open store.



Escort

If you're driven home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.



Evade or Yell

Should a motorist bother you while you are walking, reverse your direction. If you are still followed, seek a safe location and yell for help, if possible.



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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

CASH REGISTERS

Empty and leave open to prevent unnecessary damage.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Ensure cameras are functioning, unobstructed, and DVR can record for at least 30-60 days.

SIDEWALK CELLAR

Lock and secure.

DOORS

Install commercial grade locks and hinges with non-removable pins.

ALARM SYSTEM

Test your alarm regularly with your central station provider.

SAFES

Change the combination. Bolt to floor. Underwriters Laboratory (UL) rated for value of contents.

ROOF OPENINGS

Lock and secure skylights, ventilation, and hatches.

CLIMBING AIDS

Lock up or remove climbing aids such as ladders and trash bins.

LIGHTING

Illuminate all entry points and exterior sides of your business.

WINDOWS

Close and lock all windows. Install security films, grilles, or bars.

