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## October 19, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Martin Morris, Chair; Matt Raso, Co-Chair; Joseph Thompson; Veronica Castro, Keith Ramsey, Yahey Obeid

GUEST (S): P.O. Tyrone Mederos

### 1. Old Business

- a. Car break-ins are still a problem in the area. Community is reminded to be smart and remove all valuables from parked cars. P.O. Mederos suggests that people who have automatic locks (remotes) hit the button three or four times to scramble the lock codes. This will help prevent thieves from hacking the code and breaking into cars. Also, the driver can hit the automatic lock in the car and shut the door instead of using the remote to reduce the possibility of break-ins.
- b. Numbers of burglaries are down for the year. However, the most hit area is Morris Park. Community is reminded to lock all windows and doors, especially during the holiday season.
  - i. P.O. Mederos informs the committee that the NYPD does not issue permits for personal security systems. If your security system company asks for a permit from the precinct, you can inform them that the NYPD does not require a permit.
  - ii. Instead of installing motion sensors, police recommend installing Audible Glass Break Sensors. Motion sensors end up restricting inhabitants' movement around the house.
  - iii. Police also recommend that if you install cameras in the house, make sure to use a unique user name and password to protect from hackers. Also, point the cameras towards points of access into the home

(windows and doors), hallways, and towards any area that might be susceptible theft (safes, dressers, jewelry boxes, etc.).

- iv. Security alarms are considered to be “low priority” to the NYPD because most of them turn out to be false alarms. “Panic button” alarms, however, are high priority.
- c. Mailbox theft continues to be a problem, particularly in the Bronx. Two arrests have been made so far. The safest point to drop off mail is *inside* a post office. Also, personal checks and money orders should be written with Uniball #207 gel pens as the ink in this pen binds to the fibers of the check and is not susceptible to being “cleaned” from the check.

## 2. New Business

- a. Welcome to new members of the committee. We are excited to work together for the safety of our community.
- b. The committee will strive to take a more holistic approach to meeting the public safety issues facing our community. Towards that end, the committee will start emailing the chairs and the co-chairs of the other committees to coordinate remedying public safety issues that intersect with the issues facing other committees (i.e., traffic concerns, school safety issues, etc.)
- c. The police are concerned with the congestion situation at the intersection of Pelham Pkwy S and Eastchester Rd. The problem arises during the drop off and pick up times for the school that is located on the SE corner of that intersection. During these times, the street is blocked by parents dropping off and picking up children. Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles use this road a lot and are hindered during this time. Committee will coordinate with Transportation and Education Committee in an attempt to fashion and implement a remedy to this problem.
- d. Intersection of Wallace and Brady is dangerous. Possibly need a stop sign or light at this intersection as the view is obstructed.
- e. Cars parked on side-walks should be ticketed by police.

- f. There are no crossing lines on the street in front of PS 103 on Carpenter Avenue. Committee to look into getting lines painted there.

3. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Matt Raso and Martin Morris