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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018  
Location: Community Board 8 Office  
197-15 Hillside Avenue  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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**Chaired by:** *Mark J. Lefkof, Chair of the Public Safety Committee*

**Board Members:** Susan Cleary, Allen Eisenstein, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard and Marc A. Haken.

**Also in attendance:** FDNY Battalion Commander, Brian Russo  
FDNY-EMS Deputy Chief, Oleg Patrikeyev  
P.O. Kolenovic, 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct NCO - Sector B  
P.O. Audry, 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct NCO - Sector B  
Le-Tis Williams, FDNY – Community Affairs  
Detective Tom Motta, 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Community Affairs  
Marie Adam-Ovide, District Manager CB8  
Alma Karassavidis, CB 8 Staff

Mr. Lefkof called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked each attendee to introduce himself/herself.

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Mr. Lefkof asked Deputy Chief Patrikeyev of EMS to provide the FDNY/EMS response times for the year 2017: City-wide, Borough-wide and for Community Board 8.

**EMS response time for 2017:**

Chief Patrikeyev stated that he could not provide the exact numbers since he was called on as a fill-in at the last minute. He did report that the response times since January have gone down.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – Is that for Queens, the City or CB8?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** For Queens.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – What is the average response time now for Queens?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** 7 minutes.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – It went down about one minute?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** That's correct. It has been going down.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – So the average for Queens is 7 minutes. Would you be able to get us those numbers as per the Agenda?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** Absolutely, I will.

**Marc A. Haken** – How do we stand with regards to the other boroughs?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** We are actually below the average response time.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – What is the average response time for Brooklyn, do you know?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** I can't tell you off hand, but we are below the other boroughs of the City.

**Allen Eisenstein** – Has the new Goethals firehouse helped with the response times?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** Yes, it has. We were able to relocate some of the units due to the new facility. In addition, the Tactical Response Group was opened up at the old facility, which is actually one of the reasons that the response times are going down.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – (addressed to Le-Tis Williams, FDNY - Community Affairs) Do you have any information with reference to response times?

**Answer (Le-Tis Williams, FDNY):** The information that the Chief provided is accurate. The response time has gone down by a minute because of the new Tactical Unit in Queens.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – Do you have any response times for the City?

**Answer (Le-Tis Williams, FDNY):** I do not have times for the City overall.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – Do you have any response times for any of the other boroughs?

**Answer (Le-Tis Williams, FDNY):** No, but that is definitely something that I can take back and get you the answers.

**Marie Adam-Ovide** – Can I have that information for the District Service Cabinet which is about a week away?

**Answer (Le-Tis Williams, FDNY):** I can make the request.

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I can help with that too. I can probably get those numbers to you within a few days. We try and keep the response times between the structural runs and EMS runs within 30 seconds of each other. Our response time here in Queens on structural fires is about 4 minutes, so we like to be 4 ½ minutes for the EMS runs. With the geographic area of Queens, sometimes the responding units are going longer distances. In a perfect world, everything would be 4 minutes but that is not always the case.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – What you are saying is that the average response time for a structural fire is about 4 minutes and for an EMS response is about 4 ½ to 5 minutes?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** That's part of the reason why FDNY came on line with EMS.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – What about the SUVs or the conditions cars. Do they also respond or not?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** They do but they are not considered to be first responders in Queens. In the Bronx, they have the "Fly Car" Project.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – We requested that and they said that we don't need it. (addressing Marc A. Haken) Marc, what was the response from FDNY when we asked for it last year?

**Answer (Marc A. Haken):** I remember the question was asked but I don't recall the response. That was the first time I had heard the term "Fly Car".

**Mark J. Lefkof** – Two years ago when we had our meeting, FDNY had asked for that and we got a ridiculous response from the City.

**Marie Adam-Ovide** *located the City's response as follows:* Both in FY'18 and FY'19 “further study was needed by the agency”.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – Is FDNY at the District Service Cabinet?

**Marie Adam-Ovide** – Yes, they are.

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** The reason the “Fly Cars” came into being was because a couple of private ambulance companies went out of business and lost about 33 percent of their available buses. We had to come up with a solution and I thought it was a great program. I don't know why it is not here in Queens.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – In our Capital Budget request that is coming up, should we request additional ambulances for Queens?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Yes, you should always request additional ambulances for Queens.

**Marc A. Haken** – There are several different kinds of ambulances correct?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Yes. There is ALS and BLS, Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support.

**Marc A. Haken** – Is the response time for both of those categories 7 minutes?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Yes.

**Marc A. Haken** – Are the ALS ambulances placed in the same areas as the BLS buses?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** No. Where there is a need for ALS vehicles, they are placed more strategically to cover a bigger area.

**Marc A. Haken** – Would it be in areas where demographically there are more Senior Citizens?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** No. It really depends on the call volume more than demographics.

**What are the locations of the EMS units?**

**Mark J. Lefkof** – What are the standing locations of the EMS units within Community Board 8?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** I will send you a list of the locations.

**Building condition of all three fire houses in CB8**

**Mark J. Lefkof** – Are there any open repair work orders or any other emergency work orders pending and what are the dates of the work orders?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I have a list of Capital Improvement Projects that we have slated for the 3 fire houses. (Chief Russo passed around a list for review) Nothing is an emergency. Window replacement and apparatus door replacement were the two big things I found.

**Mark J. Lefkof** – How is the apparatus door pending? It seems like not being able to open the door is a problem. How long has that been pending?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** They do repair work to the doors. They patch them up but it gets to a point where you need a new door. They are not cheap. They go for about \$75,000 per door. At some point, the doors don't work and that will impact the response times. We like to stay on top of these things if we can. Obviously the budget is limited and we try to take care of the most important things first. As you know, when you let things snowball, you wind up doing larger and more difficult repairs. It

could ultimately force a fire company out of its house and move to other quarters which would impact fire services.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Which house has the door problems?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Engine 315/Ladder 125 (159-06 Union Turnpike). They need one door, it's a single door firehouse.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Do they need a completely new door or is it just the mechanism?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** A whole new door. Engine 299/Ladder 152 (61-20 Utopia Parkway). They have a double door firehouse and both need to be replaced. An estimated cost of \$150,000.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – That is a very busy house because they cover all three highways?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** They do a lot of highway work, yes.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – How long is it pending?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I don't have that information off hand. Apparently they are at the point where repairs won't work. They are in need of new doors. (Chief Russo provided a written list for Capital Improvements to CB8 Firehouses).

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Is the floor still messed up at Engine 299?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I don't know for sure. A lot of the firehouses have that same issue because of the apparatus becoming heavier and the concrete can't hold the weight. We have the "lolly coms" and the basement support. I will call over there and find out for sure if they are still having that issue.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Are they still having problems with flooding?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I think that was part of the reason for the concrete getting damaged. I'll have to get back to you on that.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – I think for at least the last 20 years, it's been on jacks?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Whoever owns that "lolly com" company is making a fortune.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – It's rented?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Yes, the City rents them. You know how many firehouses have them? A lot!

**Marc A. Haken** – You mentioned 3 houses which are physically located in CB8. The house that is first responders to me is the Hollis Hogs, Engine 301/Ladder 150. They are first responders to Grand Central Parkway. Does it also include this firehouse?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Yes. There is nothing major for that firehouse that was found.

**Marc A. Haken** – The 3 houses that are physically located in CB8 are all in Rory Lancman's district. When we are doing budget, we should bring those specific items to him since he does sit on the Finance Committee, as does Barry Grodenchik. I think we should bring these FDNY issues to them directly for additional funding. That's where the money comes from.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – You would not object to that?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Not at all. We'll take all the help we can get.

**Age and condition of fire engines and trucks** (replacement schedules)

**Marc J. Lefkof** – What is the replacement schedule. Is it still 10 years or has it gone up to 11 or 12?  
**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** They bought themselves another year so it's now 11 years. Right now all the engines are within that realm. There are no issues now. Everything right now is current. Going forward, we will keep you posted.

**Status of emergency equipment** (Jaws of Life etc.)

**Marc J. Lefkof** – What is the status of the emergency equipment; Jaws of Life, tools, etc.?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** That is a big one in this area. There are a lot of highways and the companies use those tools a lot. The department is moving to a battery operated Jaws of Life. It is much more portable. It is a little bit heavier but a lot easier to move around and operate. They are starting to swap out the old Jaws of Life with this new technology. Not everybody has it yet. There are obvious monetary constraints.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Do any of the 4 houses in our area have the new ones yet?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I will find out.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Based on my knowledge of something running on battery versus electric, it is not as powerful, is it?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** It is actually pretty powerful. The problem is confined to an operational period by battery life, just as the other is limited by their fuel. There are pros and cons to everything. The rank and file seem to really like the battery operated ones because you can get it into operation quicker.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – It's portable and you can get down the hill.

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Correct. The other thing we are looking for is that engine companies were supposed to be getting thermal engine cameras 2 years ago. We are still waiting on those. There are 6 prototypes that they are looking at and again, it is cost prohibitive.

**Marc A. Haken** – Do any of the houses have them?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** No, the engine companies don't have them. The truck apparatus have them and the Battalion and Deputy Chiefs.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – The truck companies have them so they are on the scene if something happens?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** Right. The single engines would probably be the first companies to get them because they are by themselves.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – We don't have any single engine companies in our area?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** No, not in our area.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Is there any equipment that EMS needs for us to put on our wish list?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** Not right now.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Other than more buses?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** Right.

**Marc A. Haken** – How many EMS ambulances are positioned in our Community Board?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** This area is covered by stations 54 and 50 in the tactical response group. There is 9 ALS units and 10 BLS units.

**Marc A. Haken** – Is that average, below average or above average for Community Boards?

**Answer (Chief Patrikeyev, EMS):** About the same as everywhere else. This area is also covered by 6 additional units that are tactically deployed to specific areas.

**Le-Tis Williams, FDNY CAU:** We would ask that you advocate for the “Get Alarmed NYC” program. It is currently at City Council. This program, in partnership with the Red Cross, enabled us to distribute over 150,000 in-house combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarms. Our efforts are being distributed throughout each area Citywide. We are finding out that in most house fires, it is because of none or non-working smoke alarms. When they have the smoke alarms a lot of the time, they have no batteries. We have our open houses coming up on June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that they will be better attended this year because we will be giving away smoke alarms.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – The problem is our community has a very large percentage of religious Orthodox Jews and they cannot go to the firehouses on a Saturday.

**Answer (Le-Tis Williams, FDNY CAU):** We will have it on Sunday as well.

**Allen Eisenstein** – Does anybody approach a place like Home Depot to see if they can donate these?

**Answer (Le-Tis Williams, FDNY CAU):** No, we can’t solicit. As a City Agency, we are not allowed.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Is there anything else that we have not covered for FDNY/EMS?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I do have the year to date stats through April of this year compared to the same time frame last year. Fires in CB8 are slightly down. This year total fires were 260, which includes structural and non-structural. Last year at this time there were 265. Total incidents for this year was 2,685 and last year was 2,537. I attached a sheet which explains why that number went up. We have gone up in medical runs and also responses to gas odors/utility emergencies. Fire is down slightly but overall responses are up.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – There is the issue of false alarms that is not on the agenda which has been a habitual problem for many years. In particular on the corner where all 4 schools get out at the same time, Hillside Avenue and Parsons and 164<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** They are down significantly. Queens is the only borough that still has the pull boxes. They are gone in every other borough but for some reason Queens still has them. The numbers are on the sheet I submitted. We don’t have for May because May is not over yet.

**Allen Eisenstein** – Are you aware that the City requires someone to do inspections of every house regarding their gas connections?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** I know through the gas utilities, every time we shut anything off, we never turn anything back on. We have had some pretty bad incidents lately; illegal hookups and a couple of buildings blowing up. We always encourage everybody to get out of the house and call 911 if they think they smell gas. Luckily, there haven’t been too many major incidents here. They have a lot of work ahead of them. I’m sure you noticed that all the streets are being ripped up. All the new gas lines are going to be PVC.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Is there anything else that we have not covered or that you feel we need to know about? You are aware that we have our health fair every year in Cunningham Park?

**Answer (Chief Russo, FDNY):** When is that taking place?

**Marie Adam-Ovide** – June 29<sup>th</sup>. We are having the Smokehouse and also CPR Training.

*Committee Chair Mark J. Lefkof thanked FDNY for coming and reminded them that CB8 has an open door policy with the FDNY. He assured them that if any assistance is needed, whether on or off the record, we will handle the issue.*

*Le-Tis Williams of FDNY CAU advised that she will not be able to attend the CB8 District Service Cabinet next week. She stated that if there is anything needed please email her.*

**NYPD Crime statistics – May 2017 vs May 2018**

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** We don't do from May to May. We go from year to year.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – I know, then for the first 5 months of last year versus this year.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Year to date for major crime; (murder, rape, robbery, felony/assault, burglary, grand larceny and grand larceny auto) we are actually down about 8 percent. We are down in all categories except for rape. I went to other precincts throughout the City and it seems the same in all the precincts. Perhaps they reclassified the way rape is reported. Sometimes with sexual assaults or misconducts, they jump them up.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – What are the actual numbers in that category?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** The two categories that were up were rape and murder. We have 4 homicides this year compared to zero last year. We had one that happened in 2017 but the person passed away in 2018.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Were they people who knew each other in all the cases?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** One was a robbery. All arrests were made. We have 5 arrests for murder this year compared to last year. They are all solved at this point. We had 14 rapes this year compared to 6 last year.

**Marc A. Haken** – Is it Precinct wide?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** It is Citywide. Rape has no particular areas; never did. It can be anything domestic also. Now I think it has been reclassified and it is put right into the rape category.

**Marie Adam-Ovide:** Could it be that people are reporting it more than before?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** That is a good possibility. People are getting wiser. A lot of immigrants that come here from other places are learning how to report certain crimes. In my opinion, maybe what was accepted in other countries they see now that it is not accepted here?

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** I think the “Me Too” movement is making it easier for women to come out and report these things.

**Breakdown of uniformed officers at 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

**Marc J. Lefkof** – What is the breakdown of NYPD at the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Members of the service totals 208. Breakdown as follows: 1 Deputy Inspector; 1 Captain; 6 Lieutenants, 19 Sergeants, 3 Detective, 34 female and 143 male Officers.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Do you have the numbers for last year?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** No, I do not.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Based on past years, 208 is a pretty high number, isn't it?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Yes it is. Well, they added more Officers because we started the NCO program earlier this year. They added at least 15 right off for that.

**Marc A. Haken** – Is that a reduction in the Detective Squad? There is only 3 Detectives, there were times when there were 6-8, plus their supervisors?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** There are Police Officers there now. They are in the process of being Detectives. They will do time in the Detective Squad and within 18 months they will become Detectives. The idea is that they will have investigative time under their belts.

**Marc A. Haken** – Is that a whole new thing?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** It has been going on for at least 5 years this way.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – How many of the Officers are on modified duty?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Total on temporary assignments; 3 Sergeants and 12 Police Officers. One Sergeant is assigned to the Viper Unit. This covers certain areas where we have security cameras. He monitors those cameras. He is probably on limited and they transferred him out but he is still on temporary assignment. We have another Sergeant who went to Harbor with five Officers.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – So would you consider that they have been transferred to Harbor?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** No not necessarily. Everything is temporary. Another Sergeant went to Queens Borough South for anti-crime. Two officers went to Far Rockaway and expect at least two more to go. Three officers are temporarily assigned to the school unit. They have been there for a while but are still considered temporarily assigned.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Of the 177 Officers only 165 are available for the street?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Right now, yes. Another two Officers are assigned to one ceremonial unit and the other assigned to the trip unit (School Truant Officer). Two Officers are on long term sick leave and one Officer is on modified assignments.

**Marc A. Haken** – How many total number of Sergeants did you say you have?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** 19. We just lost one yesterday he was promoted to Lieutenant. When I give the total amount it is all inclusive with the temporarily assigned. For instance the three Sergeants that are temporarily assigned are part of that 19.

**Marc A. Haken** – So they don't come back?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** No, they come back. These are summer details. Harbors get busy during the summer and they need the extra coverage.



**Marc J. Lefkof** – In the past we were lucky if we had one 4-wheel drive vehicle and now they are all 4-wheel drive basically.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** The Department is going in that direction. They want everyone to have Explorers. They are trying to weed out smaller cars. The trunks are bigger for more equipment. There is more room for the perpetrators that are put in the back seat. It was hard to fit in the smaller cars.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – How many do we have?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** We have a total of 34 vehicles; 21 vehicles are RMP (regular patrol cars), 2 vans, 1 auxiliary van, 1 auxiliary patrol car, two (2) 3-wheel scooters (both are not operational), one (1) 2-wheel scooter, 1 smart car and 5 crime cars (unmarked), 1 domestic violence vehicle and 1 traffic vehicle.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Of the 21 RMPs, do we know how many are Explorers?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** That's a good question. I really don't know. They are not all Explorers. I would say that about half of them. Out of the 34 vehicles, there are 5 NCO cars that are just for the NCO Officers. There are 4 steady sectors and they all have a car which cannot be touched by the outside patrol.

**Marc A. Haken** – Were the smart cars for the traffic unit?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** They are good from point A to point B. They obviously cannot be used for patrol. The smart cars were originally meant to replace the 3-wheel scooters. They were cheaper and safer.

**Marc A. Haken** – Last year one of the funding requests was for a mechanic to do minor repairs for the Precinct?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** They have it. We have a civilian and his job is to do minor repairs. It was silly the way it was done before. The vehicle would have to go back to the shop for a windshield wiper and we would lose the car for a week. Now he is able to change minor things. The biggest issue though is not having a place to store supplies in the Precinct. He has to go out and get the part and bring it back and then service the vehicle.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Does he also service Borough or is he just for the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** He's just for the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Borough has their own car guy. Every Precinct has their own civilian to service the vehicles.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – So what he needs is a closet for his supplies?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** That would be a good request for him, but cars are always the biggest request that we have. We could always use more cars.

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** Behind the parking lot there is dirt lot big enough to put a shopping mall. Is that the same owner that owns our lot?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** No, it has a different owner. We used to have a little part of that lot for years. The new owners wanted to build a nursing home. They started but apparently it fell through but it is still private property.

**Marc A. Haken** – Does the union own the shopping center?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Yes.

**Marc A. Haken** – Is it conceivable to approach JIB and ask them to donate/loan 10 parking spots in the shopping center for use by the Precinct?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** No, we can't.

**Susan Cleary** – Could we put a request in our expense budget for supplies for the mechanic in the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Also a request in our capital budget to build a parking lot in that big empty space?

**Marc A. Haken** – It's not about the lack of supplies for the mechanic but about the storage space to have supplies on hand within the Precinct.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** They build new City buildings all the time but they never put in any consideration for parking. They put a new school on Goethals Avenue and 162<sup>nd</sup> Street about seven years ago. From the street level to the front door there is a massive amount of space. They never considered that maybe if they had put a driveway there maybe the buses would be able to drop off and leave. They just made it look pretty and now the buses all double and triple park on Goethals Avenue.

**James Gallagher Jr.** – Just a point of information; when the new Precinct was built in Borough Command in 1989 the original proposal was for a 2-level parking lot in the back. Due to budget cuts it never happened.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – You will be getting a new Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system. We were advised a couple of weeks ago that it has been funded. Whether or not it has gone out to bid we don't know. Do you know anything more?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** I don't know anything more.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – We will send a letter to OMB asking them what's happening with this.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Great.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Is there a class now?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** There is a class of 200 that started in April. The next class goes in July.

**Allen Eisenstein** – Is that because they have a lot of people leaving?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Not really sure if it is that or [if it is] the budget. They have been doing this for a few years now. They seem to like it better having the smaller classes.

**Allen Eisenstein** – What is the total amount of policemen we have in the entire city?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** I think the total is about 30,000.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Are there any open work orders pending or any emergency work orders pending?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** There are no major projects. New lockers in the men's locker room would be a big plus. They have been there for over 20 years.

**Marie Adam-Ovide** – How about the ladies' locker room Elviva?

**Marc J. Lefkof** – We have more female officers now than we did before. Are there enough lockers?

**Answer (NCO Kolenovic, NYPD):** I can't say if we need more. New ones would be appreciated. It would be nice to have bigger lockers but with the space that we have I don't think they would fit.

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** Also a lot of the men's restroom stall doors are broken. There is no privacy because people can walk in on you.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – So you need additional vehicles; unmarked and more RMPs, refurbishment of the men's and women's bathrooms and new lockers in both the men's and women's locker rooms?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Yes. It seems like we are always short on cars.

**Answer (NCO Kolenovic, NYPD):** For example; if my partner has traffic court and I need to do things in the community, now I don't have a car.

**Allen Eisenstein** – I have concerns which I brought up at the last meeting regarding the delivery bikes that have no license and do not follow any rules.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** The City is working on it now. I think they might require them to register the vehicles.

**Allen Eisenstein** – I know the businesses need them but they should just follow the rules.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – This is something that needs to be taken up with the City Council.

**Allen Eisenstein** – The bicycles should also be getting more summonses because they don't follow the rules.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – There are a few things that I would also like to add that weren't on the agenda. On the east side at Cunningham Park on 193<sup>rd</sup> Street between Union Turnpike and Avon Road there is "No Parking Anytime" on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. People park there all the time and it's getting worse. There were Public Hearings for this years ago.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** They fought hard for this, I know that.

**Marie Adam-Ovide** – Should we send something to Traffic Enforcement?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Yes, sure.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – I also want to mention that the NCO program seems to be working great. In some cases I think that maybe you are being advised of certain things that should not concern you?

**Marie Adam-Ovide** – We are concerned that people may send you 911 issues and email or call you with something that is not relevant to the NYPD. Can you please reiterate what should be sent to the NCOs?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** A lot of the things we know that we are [just being] copied on emails.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Do you feel at this point in the program (5 months) you are being inundated with a lot of calls or emails? How do you think the program is working?

**Answer (NCO Kolenovic, NYPD):** I think it is working very well. The emails are appropriate in terms of what we can handle. However, I do want to mention that sometimes we get someone who has a complaint and I would have to explain that a complaint cannot be taken via email or telephone. I would advise them to utilize 911 so a sector car can get to where they are and help.

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** The program was never intended for NCOs to become their personal police officer.

**Allen Eisenstein** – I think it’s important just to be present so people know you in the area.

**Answer (NCO Kolenovic, NYPD):** Crime has been down about 20% in our sector. For example, we will get an email or a phone call about an abandoned vehicle. They will ask if we can look into it, maybe chalk the tires, look up the registration. If they live nearby, knock on their door to see if they can move the car because it is an eyesore.

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** Patrol cannot do that. With all the 911 calls and everything else they have to handle, they can’t do that. That’s why we are here. We do those kind of things. We have had conversations with the owner of a truck that was plaguing one of the residents and we got him to move it just by having a conversation.

**Answer (NCO Kolenovic, NYPD):** We literally drive the entire tour so we are constantly visible in the community. The more they see us, the less likely things are going to happen.

**Allen Eisenstein** – Do you do any walking? Do you go to the shopping centers?

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** Yes we do.

**Answer (NCO Kolenovic, NYPD):** We step out by the schools. We cover Franhill Shopping Center. It makes more sense to drive around in the vehicle. It’s not convenient to be on foot. What can you catch on foot?

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** We do special directives with the NYPD “Park, Walk and Talk” initiative. We also have a list of schools that we visit every week. By the end of the week we usually have done all the schools. We speak to the Principal and see if there is anything going on that needs our attention. We were at a “Career Day” at one of the schools where we spoke to 8 and 9 year olds. There was a physician’s assistant and a psychotherapist there also, but all of the questions were for us.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – I see that you are both wearing body cams. Are we getting more? Does everybody in the Precinct have them?

**Answer (NCO Audry, NYPD):** It’s always rolling but it does not record until we set the switch to record.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Does every Precinct have them?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Throughout the City every Precinct will have them by the end of the year.

**Marc J. Lefkof** – Does 107<sup>th</sup> have them now?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** Yes.

**Allen Eisenstein** – Is the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct the lowest crime levels in the City?

**Answer (Detective Tom Motta, NYPD):** We do very well, but I don’t think we are the lowest.

*Mark J. Lefkof asked that Marie Adam-Ovide mention at the Full Board meeting that NYPD reported that all the Officers at the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct are equipped with body cams.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
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