

Minutes of the First Precinct Community Council
April 24, 2008

Deputy Inspector Bologna, who spent the entire meeting giving information and answering questions, dominated the meeting.

MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Rapes are up in 2008. There are six rapes to date in '08 vs. 6 for 2006.

Someone was accused of accosting a woman in a ladies room. A young girl was molested. A great composite sketch was made, which identified the perpetrator.

There were 31 robberies in '08 vs. 33 in '07. Burglaries are up- 64 vs. 57 in '07. The commercial robberies are up, residential crime down. Restaurants are robbed and cars stolen.

Grand Larceny was down 365 vs. 390. The crime was mostly unattended property

There was an article in The NY Post about the young lady who was assaulted on Sullivan Street. The article resulted in more money for police overtime.

Homicides are down-2,225 in 1990 to 403 in 2008.

There is a 30% increase in murder of police officers.

PROBLEMS

A demonstration has been going on at 71 Broadway for four months -long hours, noise, bullhorns, clappers, and singers. There is another demonstration on Water Street. Free speech is an issue.

TOUR BUSES

Tour busses by South Street Seaport pollute while idling.

There is a problem with the deliverymen on bicycles.

There is a stop sign at Battery Place in Battery Park, where no one stops.

VENDORS

Contraband on Canal Street is a problem. The vendors are arrested and then let go. The laws need to be changed to deal with the problem.

There are phone calls complaining of noise from restaurants.

There has been a police action on Broadway that is in its third week. The police plan to keep up vigilance until the middle of May.

There are complaints about loud noise-amplification of sound, which is illegal. There are noise problems with Café Barre on Broadway and Spring Streets.

There will always be cops on Broadway and Canal Street. This is a high crime area.

It is difficult to deal with the vendors as they would rather go to jail than go back to their home country.

SECURITY SURVEILLANCE

There is a new lower Manhattan Security Camera innovative. The main objective is terrorism. If someone puts a bag down and leaves in the camera will record this and an alarm will sound.

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