

## First Precinct Community Council Meeting March 25, 2010

### PRESENT

Anthony Notaro  
Mark Ammeruso  
Elizabeth Williams  
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### REPORT

DEPUTY INSPECTOR ANTHONY BOLOGNA

For the past two years there has been a problem with deception burglars, i.e. people posing as inspectors checking leaks.

There has been a spike in burglaries 42 vs. 35. The burglaries involve residences (fire escapes and storefronts). Some arrests have been made.

All other crimes are down: robberies 10 vs. 25, grand larceny 234 vs. 246(credit cards and pocketbooks). Stolen vehicles 4 vs. 11

Still the biggest problem in the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct is unattended property. People can help by watching their items ie. women leave their purses unattended while shoe shopping then those items get stolen.

### CENSUS 2010

There is concern about deception burglars, concern about people knocking on doors pretending to be census employees. The census will officially begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Residents must be careful about identifying census people. If in doubt call 212-971-8810 or 212-584-3400.

### MATTER OF INTEREST

A coyote was caught near Watt Street. An article about the capture was in the New York Post

### PACE UNIVERSITY

A student from Pace University was sexually assaulted on the street. Extra police have been assigned to patron the Spruce and Rector Street vicinity between 10PM and 5 AM. Attacks occur from behind so there are no police sketches or photos of suspect

## POLICE INFORMATION

There are 150 students in the police academy today. There were 3000 students in Lt. Bologna's class.

## MARY COOLEY FROM DANIEL SQUADREN'S OFFICE

A bill was passed changing the language of the 500-foot rule. The new language articulates which factors are considered: noise level, parking problems, trouble with liquor leniencies etc.

## CAPT RASA, COMMANDING OFFICER OF TRANSIT DISTRICT 2

Capt. Rasa is responsible for 6 precincts. The main crimes in the subway are grand larceny, purses and pick pockets.. He mentioned a number of safety tips. Put bags in front of you, never next to you. Do not talk on I Phones or wear exposed jewelry. Sitting next to doors exposes you to problems. Stay away from the last car, which has more crime.

## STREET VENDORS and CANAL STREET

An owner of a building on Canal Street complained that it was unfair the police enforce existing rules that do not allow for peddlers to set up on her building's steps. The goods spread out onto the street and the customers standing on the street blocked the entire sidewalk creating an unsafe situation. Representatives from CB2 and other residents argued that the amount of illegal peddling in and around her building forced pedestrians to walk into Canal Street. They attended in support of the efforts by the police to clean up Canal Street.

The same owner complained of building inspectors and subsequent fines but Inspector Bologna said that the precinct had nothing to do with that.

The head of the street vendor's association spoke. He said that no new vendor's licenses were being issued, so therefore it should be O.K. for unlicensed vender's to work while they were on the waiting list. He also objected to fingerprinting illegal vendors.

## TRUCK PARKED BY FIRE HYDRANT ON BROADWAY

A resident complained about a food truck parked at a fire hydrant from noon until 8 PM. Lt Bologna said that this was illegal and would be looked into.

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