

First Precinct Community Board Meeting, October 29, 2009

PRESENT

Deputy Inspector Anthony Bologna
Community Affairs Officers Steve Rose and Tom Moran
Detective Rick Lee
Elizabeth Williams
Anthony Notaro
Nancy Horch

DEPUTY INSPECTOR BOLOGNA'S REPORT ON CRIME

Grand Larceny (credit cards, ID theft and unattended property) is down slightly from last year, 930 vs. 1000. Burglaries are up in every area, but we still expect to beat last year's numbers. Felonious assault crimes are about even with last year's numbers. There has been a rash of residential burglaries, fire escapes, skylights etc. Some one is out there. Call the police if you see some one in the hallways or on a fire escape. In SoHo, the problem is shoplifting. There have been two homicides this year, vs. none last year. There was one rape this year vs. two last year.

RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS AND QUESTIONS

There were complaints about illegal vendors. The crimes occur where there are unlicensed vendors. Deputy Inspector Bologna discussed the necessity of fingerprinting unlicensed vendors.

There was a complaint about an ID theft. ID theft must be reported immediately. The report will be thoroughly checked out, because there are many false reports of property and credit card thefts.

PROBLEMS SOLVED AND SLA

There were problems with Peppers Bar for many months. Noise and crimes outside of the bar. The police finally went after the landlord after crimes were committed in the club and DI Bologna was able to make the request to shut it down.

Inspector Bologna explained the problems with SLA reports. There are too few SLA inspectors. A crime has to be committed before a report can be made. Complaints do not get reported.

A resident complaining about noise brought up the use of sound meters vs. base vibrator meters. The new police sirens vibrate noise, because people on cell phones were not hearing the sirens.

SARGENT KHALAF

Sgt Rick Khalaf from Manhattan South Vice Squad spoke. His phone number is 212 477-7683. The vice squad deals with prostitution, clubs, gambling, untaxed cigarettes. There was an S and M club, Rapture, on Walker Street that was dealing in sex for money. The club looked straight, like a massage parlor, but an undercover detective discovered the sex dealing. Reported late night traffic like men going in and out of buildings to the Manhattan.

COMPLAINTS

McDonald's delivery trucks are blocking the streets. There is no parking for motorcycles. Japanese motorcycles are the ones most stolen.

BEAVER STREET HOMELESS

A man living in a box was reported on Beaver Street by 55 Broad Street loading dock. Officer Rose reported that the man had been offered services and moved to homeless outreach but keeps returning to the location.