

First Precinct Community Board meeting April 28, 2011

Present

Paul Cantor (led meeting)
Schlomo
Nancy Horch

Police Chief Report

Crime is down 10% this year and 8% last year. There are robbery patterns. Students are robbed at gunpoint when getting off trains. A seventeen year old student was arrested for 10 robberies iPods, iPads and other electronics must be watched and preferably not used in the subway.

There are still vendor issues. There had been some success on Canal Street. Two pay phones were removed. These phones enabled criminal activity. A search warrant was obtained for 301 West Broadway and 500 pocketbooks were taken. 1,876 arrests have been made on Canal Street

A spokesman for Margaret Chin spoke about her new bill.

Transit Report- Detective Jimmy Rudolf

Crime is up 6% this year. iPhone snatches are up 6% this year. There is a problem with jewelry in warm weather.

“Lush workers” pick on sleeping people, cut out pockets with a razor. The end of the E line is a problem. The advice is to be aware of your surroundings and pay attention. Do not sit by the doors. People are surrounded and property is taken.

QUESTIONS

Police cars park in front of the fire hydrant on Reed Street, blocking the fire hydrant. Complaints have been called in. Complaints were made about people drinking in front of both Cezanne and Starbucks.

Bicycle food deliveries are dangerous. There have been accidents involving pedestrians. Margaret Chin’s bill has gotten negative responses on blogs. Small businesses are afraid of loss of business.

Paul Cantor suggested that people send in positive responses.

Organized crime is behind the illegal bags, watches etc. Counterfeit goods are worth 5-6

billion a year. 25-3- billion illegal sales are going on on in NYC. A \$50 fine is a joke. The problem is that the public is happy to buy illegal goods. The idea belong the bill is to act as a deterrent. The US lost 7,500 jobs to illegal counterfeits.

Detective John Flaherty passed out a card with tips about preventing crimes. Drug dealing has escalated. The drug dealing is taking place in residences and has moved from pot to meth.

Nancy Horch, sec