

February, 2019 District Manager's Report

Agency Reports:

ConEdison Reported: Beware of Scammers: Scammers are out there pretending to be from Con Edison. Don't be a victim. Beware of these common scams.

Smart Meter Scams: The latest scams involve smart meters.

- We DO NOT require deposits for installation of a smart meter.
- We also do not accept Bitcoin as payment for products and services.

Phone Scams: In one of the most prevalent phone scams, a caller may:

- Pretend to be from Con Edison. They may even manipulate your caller ID to display Con Edison's name.
- Threaten to turn off your power or gas within an hour.
- Demand immediate payment—often by prepaid debit card.

Door-to-Door Scams: When someone comes to your door claiming to be from Con Edison, ask for credentials. It's not rude, it's safe.

How to Recognize Our Employees: Here's how to tell a real Con Edison employee from a fake one.

- An employee will readily prove their identity. An imposter won't.
- An employee will wear a photo ID with their name and employee number.
- An employee will gladly give you their supervisor's name, the unique "ticket" number assigned to your job, and ask you to call 1-800-75-CONED ([1-800-752-6633](tel:1-800-752-6633)) to verify their identity.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Reported: To help prepare New Yorkers ahead of the official start of the 2018 winter season, the New York City Emergency Management Department and New York Cares distributed more than 300 winter coats at the Salvation Army in Harlem. New York City Emergency Management and New York Cares also collaborated to release a [Public Service Announcement](#) (PSA) highlighting the importance of winter weather preparation and providing information on donating coats to New Yorkers in need. This is part of NYC Emergency Management's initiative to help inform New Yorkers about winter preparedness ahead of the official start of the winter season began, December 21.

To ensure that New Yorkers are prepared for the upcoming winter season, New York Cares and New York City Emergency Management also partnered to release a new [Public Service Announcement](#) (PSA). The PSA gives New Yorkers information on how they can donate coats as well as shares tips on how individuals can prepare for the upcoming winter season. The PSA will debut on Taxi TV on December 10, and will air on NYC Media, including WNYE-TV and WNYE-FM 91.5, throughout the winter season. New Yorkers can also view the PSA on NYC Emergency Management's social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, or at NYC.gov/emergencymanagement. The PSA is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

About New York Cares: New York Cares is the largest volunteer network in the city. Last year, nearly 65,000 New Yorkers made the city a better place by volunteering in New York Cares programs at about 1,300 nonprofits and schools - improving education, meeting immediate needs, and revitalizing public spaces. For more information, visit newyorkcares.org.

Tips to prepare for winter weather: Make sure your [household disaster plan](#) is ready and all members of your household are familiar with how to contact one another in an emergency.

- Winterize your [Go Bag](#), by adding a blanket, warm socks and gloves.
- Your [emergency supply kit](#) should be fully stocked to allow you to sustain yourself for up to three days without power, or in the event you are unable to travel far from home. You may wish to include additional items such as extra blankets, additional warm
- Clothing, and a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio to monitor weather conditions during a storm.

Winterize Your Home:

- Install storm shutters, doors and windows; clean out gutters, repair any roof leaks, and have a contractor check the stability of your roof in the event of a large accumulation of snow.
- Insulate walls and attic. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows. Install storm windows, or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Have safe emergency heating equipment available. For residences with functioning fireplaces, keep an ample supply of wood.
- Install and check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel; you may have difficulty obtaining fuel in the immediate aftermath of a bad storm.
- Service snow removal equipment, and have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walk ways. Kitty litter can be used to generate temporary traction.

Winterize Your Car - Make sure to have a mechanic check the following items on your vehicle:

- Battery
- Antifreeze
- Windshield wipers and washer fluid
- Ignition system
- Thermostat
- Lights (headlamps and hazard lights)
- Exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster
- Oil level (if necessary, replace oil with a winter oil or SAE 10w/30 variety)

Assemble an [emergency supply kit](#) for your vehicle, and consider adding the following items for winter conditions:

- Blankets, sleeping bags, extra newspapers for insulation.
- Plastic bags (for sanitation).
- Extra mittens, socks, scarves and hat, rain gear and extra clothes.

- Sack of sand or kitty litter for gaining traction under wheels, small shovel.
- Set of tire chains or traction mats.
- Working jack and lug wrench, spare tire.
- Windshield scraper, broom.
- Small tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver).
- Booster cables.
- Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag, flares or reflective triangles.

DHS/DSS Reported:

Cold Weather Alert (Code Blue) on all temperatures that drops to 32^o F or below, including wind-chill.

- A Code Blue Weather Emergency notice will be issued when the temperature drops to 32 degrees Fahrenheit or less between 4 p.m. and 8 a.m., including National Weather Service calculations for wind chill values. No one who is reasonably believed to be homeless and seeking shelter in New York City during a Code Blue will be denied. Should an individual who appears to be homeless and in need out in the cold, please call 311 and an outreach team will be dispatched to offer assistance;
- During Code Blue DHS will focus on helping the most vulnerable -- people currently residing on the streets—by redoubling efforts citywide—and that includes doubling the size of our outreach teams, making regular, repeated contact with individuals on the streets to offer supports and services, including shelter, and closely coordinating borough-level Code Blue efforts directly with sister City agencies, like NYPD, DSNY, and the Parks Department 24 hours a day during inclement weather, no matter what, to ensure we're meeting all New Yorkers in need with resources where they are.
- During Code Blue weather emergencies, we work 24/7 to connect homeless New Yorkers with the following resources:
- Shelters: During a Code Blue, shelter is available system-wide to accommodate anyone who is reasonably believed to be homeless and is brought to a shelter by outreach teams. Accommodations are also available for walk-ins. During a Code Blue period, families found eligible for shelter are not expected to transition from their conditional placement into their official shelter placement until the following day.
- Drop-in centers: All drop-in centers are open 24-hours per day, including when Code Blue procedures are in effect, and will assist as many people as possible for the duration of the emergency. Drop-in staff and the dedicated outreach teams they work closely with each and every day can also make arrangements for homeless individuals at other citywide facilities, including shelters, safe havens, and stabilization beds.
- Safe havens and stabilization beds: Chronically homeless individuals may be transported directly to these low-threshold housing options.

- **Street homeless outreach:** Teams will contact vulnerable individuals on their Code Blue Priority Lists a minimum of once every four (4) hours beginning at 8 p.m. during Code Blue Alerts and once every two (2) hours beginning at 8 p.m. for Enhanced Code Blue Alerts to encourage them to accept services, including transport to a safe place and a shelter placement. DHS coordinates borough-level Code Blue efforts directly with partner City agencies, including but not limited to NYPD, DSNY, and the Parks Department.
- Code Blue periods last from 4pm to 8am, but when there are Code Blue periods on successive days, we maintain Code Blue street homeless outreach protocols in the interim daytime hours between 8am and 4pm. No one who is reasonably believed to be homeless and seeking shelter in New York City during a Code Blue will be denied.
- And during Enhanced Code Blue, we increase frequency of contact with vulnerable clients, revisiting them at least every two hours to offer resources and encourage them to accept transport to a safe place—and as long as conditions remain extreme (i.e. wind chill is 20 or conditions are blizzard-like), we operate under Enhanced Code Blue protocols

DOT Reported: New York Weekend Walks are multi-block, multi-day events on commercial corridors that promote the use of streets as public space. NYCDOT provides limited funding to community-based organizations to close commercial streets and program them to highlight NYC's unique neighborhoods and local businesses.

Business improvements districts, cultural organizations, local merchants' associations and community groups can apply to host Weekend Walks. They create wonderful opportunities for New Yorkers to gather and see their neighborhoods in a new way.

In 2019, MYCDOT is embarking on the thirteenth season of Weekend Walks. If you are interested in hosting a Weekend Walk event, go to: www.nyc.gov/weekendwalks. Deadline for application submission is Friday, January 10th, 2019.

Department of Buildings (DOB) Reported: Homeowners Night held every Tuesday, 4p.m. – 7p.m. If you are a homeowner, tenant, small business owner or building manager, DOB encourages you to visit your local borough office where Department of Buildings staff can answer your questions and provide the information you need to:

- Plan for a home renovation or construction project
- Address an open violation on your property
- Obtain more information and records about a property
- Use our online resources including [DOB NOW](#) and the [Buildings Information System \(BIS\)](#)

Permits, construction codes, zoning regulations, sign offs, certificates of occupancy, place of assembly, equipment installations, violations and civil penalties are just a few of the things DOB can assist you with.

MBPO Reported: Applications for Manhattan Community Board Membership has been extended to February 25th. MBPO is looking for passionate and engaged New Yorkers who are dedicated to making a difference in their neighborhoods. Community Boards play an important role in shaping the character of our city. If you live or work in one of Manhattan's Community Boards, you're eligible to apply for the 2019-2021 class of board members!

You can [apply online here](#) or complete a paper application ([downloadable here as a PDF](#)). The online application must be completed in one sitting, so I suggest you read over the application first and prepare your answers offline. All applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 8, 2019. After you apply, the MBPO will contact you about next steps in the screening and interview process. Appointments will be issued in the spring, 2019.

MBP Brewer is hosting a "State of the Borough: What is Urban Policy Now?" on Sunday, February 24th, 2019, at 2p.m. (doors open at 1p.m.), at the NYU Skirball Center, 566 LaGuardia Place – FREE, but please RSVP online at: www.bid.ly/SOTB2019.

Manhattan District Attorney's Office Reported:

Gun Violence Prevention Fellowship provides young people with an opportunity to strategize on ways to prevent gun violence in Manhattan communities. Fellows will have a unique platform to develop new ideas and implement strategies that strengthen bonds between the emerging youth movement and existing networks of advocates and survivors in New York City and beyond.

Applications will be received from February 1st through March 1st, 2019; Fellowship is being provided for college students, or high school/GED students graduating by summer 2019. Applicants must be personally affected by gun violence. For further information please contact Manhattan DA's Office @GVPPFellowship@dany.nyc.gov.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., announced three significant investments aimed at preventing crime and reforming the justice system, including new funding opportunities for: early diversion programs for low-level misdemeanor offenders; social enterprises for young people and formerly incarcerated individuals; and innovative transition programs for youth who are transitioning out of foster care. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office is funding these initiatives through its Criminal Justice Investment Initiative ("CJII"), which it [created using criminal forfeiture funds](#) – separate from the Office's annual budget or taxpayer dollars – obtained through settlements with international banks for violating U.S. sanctions. A strategic plan outlining the fund's vision, goals, and specific funding priorities for innovative and effective community projects can be found [here](#).

Early Diversion Programs

The District Attorney's Office is [seeking proposals](#) to create early diversion programs that take place after arrest and before arraignment for eligible New Yorkers of all ages who are issued a Desk Appearance Ticket (DAT) by the police for a low-level offense. Early diversion programs will provide participants with opportunities to avoid prosecution and an arrest record – and be connected to service providers in their community – while being held accountable for their misdemeanor offense in a community setting.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is modeled after the success of the Project Reset pilot program, a collaboration among the District Attorney's Office, the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), and NYPD. Under Project Reset, 16- and 17-year-olds who are arrested for low-level offenses and do not have a serious criminal record are eligible to complete two-session "youth court" programs, or other age-appropriate interventions, administered by CCI. Teens who complete Project Reset have their cases dismissed without ever setting foot in a courtroom. 109 teenage defendants have completed the Project Reset program since its inception in March 2015. The RFP being announced today will expand early diversion programs to New Yorkers of all ages arrested for low-level offenses.

Investment in early diversion enhances public safety and accelerates reform in the justice system by providing more effective, community-based responses that hold offenders accountable and provide opportunities for positive development. This approach also conserves intensive and expensive court responses for more serious criminal cases.

Applicants are invited to submit proposals for programs specifically tailored to young adults, or for programs applicable to the entire adult population. The District Attorney's Office will provide total funding of up to \$6.5 million over three-and-one-half years. Diversion programs being funded under this RFP are expected to serve more than 8,500 New Yorkers.

In 2015, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office formed the Construction Fraud Task Force with partners in law enforcement, including DOI, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") Inspector General's Office, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("PANYNJ") Office of the Inspector General, to investigate and pursue criminal cases against individuals and companies who endanger the safety of others and undermine the integrity of the construction industry. Following a series of successful trial convictions related to the death of worker Carlos Moncayo, District Attorney Vance created the Construction Safety Community Project to train workers to recognize workplace safety hazards and signs of fraud, and proactively report them to law enforcement. To date, the Construction Fraud Task Force has conducted more than 60 presentations across the city for more than 2,500 construction workers.

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("PANYNJ") Office of the Inspector General, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") Office of the Inspector General, and the Business Integrity Commission for the City of New York ("BIC") today announced the Construction Fraud Task Force ("Task Force") to identify and prosecute citywide corruption and fraud in the construction industry.

The investigative agencies comprising the Task Force meet monthly and work collaboratively to probe the commission of crimes including fraud, bribery, extortion, money laundering, bid rigging, larceny, and safety violations, among others. The success of criminal cases brought against individuals and companies is in part attributable to interagency cooperation and the consolidation of information and resources. By working together to investigate those compromising the integrity of the construction and trade industry, the overarching goal of the Task Force is to ensure fairness and safety, as well as deter future fraud and misconduct.

Assistant District Attorney Diana Florence of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's Rackets Bureau has been appointed Attorney-in-Charge of the Task Force.

For further information/questions please feel free to contact DANY directly at 347-813-1186.

Who's Hiring:

NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agents potentially earn over \$38,000 after 1st year; Competitive benefits; Promotional opportunities; Various assignment levels; and Retirement plan. For further information please visit the following website: www.nyc.gov/NYPD or call 212-RECRUIT;

2020 CENSUS JOBS: Are you a U.S. Citizen who is 18 or older? Are you fluent in Japanese, Tagalog and/or Vietnamese? The 2020 Census may have a job for you in one of the five counties of NYC visit <https://2020census.gov/jobs>.


DID YOU KNOW?

Snow and Ice Removal: Every owner, lessess, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any lot of building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4hrs after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11a.m. if the snow has stopped falling after 9p.m. the previous evening.

Snow may NOT be thrown into the street

Fines: \$100-\$150 – 1st Offense; \$150-\$350 – 2nd Offense; \$250-\$350 – 3rd Offense

Respectfully Submitted,


Eutha Prince
District Manager
2/14/19



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FELLOWSHIP

SUMMER 2019

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Questions? Contact us at:
GVPFellowship@dany.nyc.gov

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer
A weekly stipend will be provided.

APPLY HERE >>

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2019 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) applications can be obtained by visiting Department for Youth & Community Development's (DYCD) website at www.nyc.gov/dycd. Applications will be available online from February 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.
- Please submit completed applications to the authorized SYEP Providers listed at the back of the application such as PAL, SOBRO, or Ridgewood, etc. **NYPD is a worksite not a Provider; therefore, we do not accept SYEP Applications.**
- Applicants must be 14–24 years old to be eligible and reside in New York City, but those participants under 18 years must have working papers.
- Applicants are offered a job, only if selected in the **lottery conducted by DYCD.**
- The SYEP is a six (6) week program which begins Friday, July 5, 2019 and ends Friday, August 16, 2019.
- Participants will earn the NYS minimum wage of \$15.00 an hour and may work up to 20-25 hours per week. No overtime permitted. Workers will be paid bi-weekly directly through a debit card payroll processing system.
- Applicants can work and also attend summer school, if their schedules permit.



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WCS Youth J.I.V.E.

(Job, Internship, and Volunteering Expo)

At J.I.V.E, you will meet zoo staff and hiring managers. You can also choose to attend professional development workshops and learn valuable skills.

If you're 16-26 years old: Learn about the many jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities for youth at WCS's New York City Zoos & Aquarium!

If you're 14-15 years old: Learn about our volunteer opportunities and how these can create pathways into employment down the line.

**Pre-Registration is required.
Space is limited. Sign up today!**

To register, visit: wcsyouthjive2019.eventbrite.com

WHEN & WHERE

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Session 1 - 11:00AM-1:00PM

Session 2 - 1:00PM-3:00PM

Bronx Zoo

Schiff Family Great Hall
2300 Southern Boulevard,
Bronx, New York 10460

For more information: youth@wcs.org



Generous support for the WCS STEM Career Lattice is provided by New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson and the New York City Council, 21st Century Fox, the TD Charitable Foundation, and multiple private foundations.



Manhattan District Attorney's Office 2019 High School Internship Program

Program Overview

The Manhattan District Attorney's **High School Internship Program** is a rigorous internship that provides students with an insider's view of the **criminal justice system**. Each intern is assigned to a unit within the Office and helps Assistant District Attorneys and other staff members with their work. Interns also attend **presentations and trips** and participate in a **mock trial competition**.

For nearly 30 years, the program's interns have represented a variety of public, independent, and parochial schools from the diverse communities of Manhattan. We will be accepting applications in February from bright and promising students who are interested in serving their communities. Interns receive a \$175 weekly stipend.



Questions?

Please send an email to HighSchoolInternship@dany.nyc.gov

Applications will be accepted online starting **February 11, 2019 through March 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**
Visit <http://manhattanda.org/high-school-internship> to access the application link.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in Manhattan or attend school in Manhattan (no exceptions will be made)
- Applicants must be rising juniors or seniors or current seniors **at the time they apply** (current freshmen may **not** apply)
- Applicants must commit to attend **the entire program** from **July 8, 2019 - August 9, 2019**
Monday -Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Application Requirements

Applicants will be required to attach the following:

- A one-page resume must be uploaded online
- A 300-word essay discussing why you want to intern at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office or describing your interest in criminal justice-must be uploaded online
- A letter of recommendation (i.e. from a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, mentor) may be uploaded by the student or emailed by the recommender to HighSchoolInternship@dany.nyc.gov



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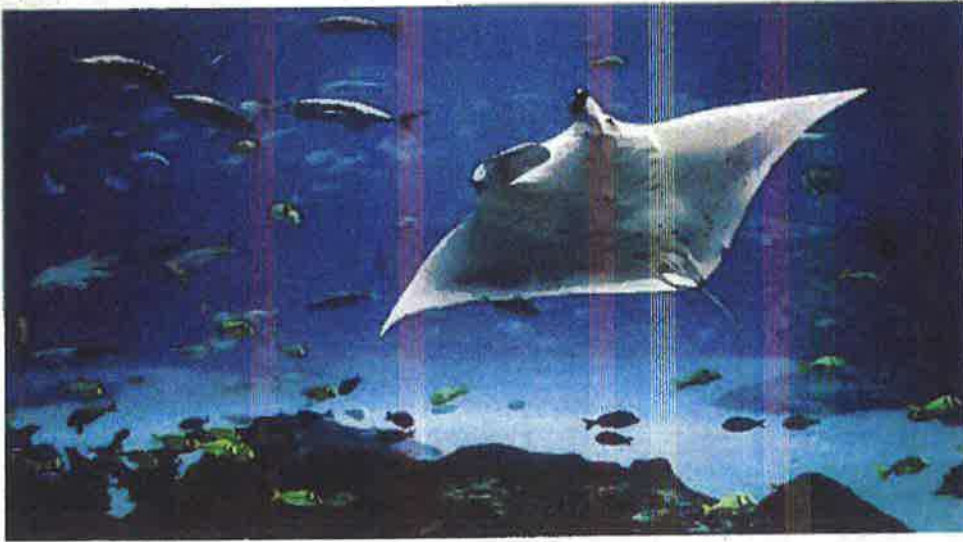
- Manhattan Legal Services will be presenting about tenants' rights and providing tenants free consultations for housing advice.
- Advice appointments are limited and are first-come, first-served. Please arrive early.
- Tenants should bring documents related to their housing problem (court papers, leases, rent receipts, letters from landlords, etc.)

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

LOCATION: 431 WEST 125TH STREET

TIME: 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

For more information or for an appointment, contact (212) 531-1609.



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WCS's staff members in New York City and around the world work to change attitudes toward nature and help people imagine wildlife and humans living in harmony. If you're talented and committed to making a difference for wildlife and wild places, we'd like you to join our efforts!



- Bronx Zoo
- Central Park Zoo
- NY Aquarium
- Prospect Park Zoo
- Queens Zoo

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