

September, 2014 District Manager's Report

Highlights from the DSC Meeting (6/11/14):

OEM –New York City Office of Emergency Management reported on Emergency Planning and Response, OEM develops contingency plans and protocols that guide New York City's response to natural and man-made emergencies, from extreme weather to power outages. The plans focus on three components of a disaster: preparedness, initial response, and recovery. Each plan and protocol:

- Describes a coordinated, flexible response to the hazard
- Defines agency roles and responsibilities
- Guides agencies through key decisions and actions to mitigate effects on people, critical infrastructure, and City operations

The purpose of these plans is to minimize the effect of hazards on New York City and, following a disaster, to return residents to their daily routines as quickly as possible. The agency enlists subject matter experts from all City agencies and other non-City groups to advise on aspects of each plan. This engagement with key stakeholders is essential to creating actionable plans that will be used during emergencies.

When a plan is activated, OEM coordinates the actions of City, state, federal, and nongovernmental agencies, to ensure the plan is effectively carried out. Large-scale citywide emergencies, like a transit strike or coastal storm, can require the collaboration of dozens of agencies and thousands of emergency responders. Smaller incidents, such as localized power outages or water main breaks, may only require a handful of agencies to complete restoration.

Incident Monitoring:

OEM's response role begins with around-the-clock monitoring of conditions in the City. OEM's **Watch Command** tracks incidents affecting New York City 24 hours a day, seven days a week by monitoring radio frequencies used by the City's emergency responders, local and national news, weather conditions, and 911 calls, among other communications channels. Watch Command also maintains the City's communication link with local, state, and federal agencies, and notifies City officials when incidents or issues of concern arise.

During emergencies that involve multiple agencies, it is OEM's responsibility to coordinate involved participants and collect accurate information so that decision making and resource allocations are carried out efficiently. Watch Command handles most of the City's emergencies that require OEM coordination. However, once a major emergency or special event becomes so

large or prolonged that it requires centralized coordination and multi-agency representation, OEM activates the City's **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**. With space for more than 130 representatives from local, state, and federal agencies and private and nonprofit entities, the EOC functions as a central clearinghouse for information coordination, resource requests, and decision making. The City's EOC is always activated on some level through Watch Command.

[Learn more about Watch Command](#)

[Learn more about the Emergency Operations Center](#)

Emergency Alerts:

During an emergency, OEM works to ensure agencies involved in an emergency response provide a unified, accurate, and timely message to the public. OEM delivers emergency alerts and updates to New Yorkers through the following channels:

- **Notify NYC**, the City's official source of emergency events and important City services
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)**, a free emergency notification service that allows authorized government officials to send [geographically targeted emergency alerts](#) to enabled mobile devices on the AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon wireless networks
- Broadcast media using the City's emergency public communication systems
- Email alerts to subscribers
- Social media, including [Twitter Alerts](#)

Learn more about [Notify NYC](#), [WEA](#), and how OEM keeps New Yorkers [informed](#).

DOT-Summer Streets:

Summer Streets is an annual celebration of New York City's most valuable public space - our streets. On three consecutive Saturdays in August, nearly seven miles of NYC's streets are opened for people to play, run, walk and bike. Summer Streets provides space for healthy recreation and encourages New Yorkers to use more sustainable forms of transportation. In 2013, more than 300,000 people took advantage of the open streets.

Summer Streets is modeled on other events from around the world including [Ciclovía](#) in Bogotá, Colombia and the [Paris Plage](#) in France. The event is part bike tour, part walking tour, part block party—a great time for exercise, people watching, or just enjoying summer mornings. Passersby are welcome to participate in arts and crafts workshops, listen to musical performances, learn to salsa dance, eat healthy snacks, climb a 25' climbing wall, soar through the sky

on a 160' zipline and explore a 179 years voice tunnel.

Held between 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, Summer Streets extends from the Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park, along Park Avenue and connecting streets, with easy access from all points in New York City, allowing participants to plan a trip as long or short as they wish. All activities at Summer Streets are free of charge, and designed for people of all ages and ability levels to share the streets respectfully.

Summer Streets is a project of the [New York City Department of Transportation](#).

Agency Updates:

MTA – Reported on Planned Service Changes for the No. 1 train line effective 11:30p.m. Friday to 5a.m. Monday (August 15th – 18th); No trains will run between 96th St. thru 242nd St.

Travel Alternatives - Free shuttle buses operate in three segments:

- Broadway between 96th Street and 168th Street (local and express);
- On St. Nicholas Ave. between 168th Street and 191st Street;
- On Broadway between 207th St. and 242nd St. stations

26th Pct. – P.O. Harper reported a homicide on Monday, August 11th, 2014, at approximately 2:30 a.m., at 1420 Amsterdam Avenue within the confines of the 26th Precinct. The incident involved a domestic dispute between the victim, the victim's mother and the boyfriend of the victim's niece. According to the victim's mother, her daughter, granddaughter and granddaughter's boyfriend arrived unannounced at her apartment at approximately 2 in the morning from a night of partying with the intentions of spending the night. The victim's mother informed her uninvited guests that they could not stay at her place due to their intoxicated state and a lack of appropriate sleeping accommodations. Upon being informed that they will not be allowed to stay, words were exchanged between the victim's mother, the victim and the victim's niece's boyfriend. When they were asked to leave by the victim, the victim's niece's boyfriend became angry and shot the victim three times. The victim expired from his injuries at the scene. Perpetrator is currently at large (see attached Comp Stat).

Since the Take Down of Gang Members from the two housing developments (Manhattanville and Grant) overall crime has decreased (see Stats)

It was also reported that burglaries are on the rise and the following precautions should be taken to safeguard your apartment and home:

- Secure all windows and doors;
- Install and lock secondary locks;
- Do not leave your electronics (laptops, ipads, etc) near your windows in plain view;
- Install only FDNY approved safety gates on fire escapes or ground level windows.

Your local precinct Crime Prevention Unit offers a walk-through of your home and a list of security recommendations to help prevent your chances of being burglarized, call your local precinct and ask the crime prevention officer for this FREE service.

DEP Reported - Commissioner Emily Lloyd announced the appointment of Eric Landau as the new Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs. It was stated that Mr. Landau joins DEP from the Prospect Park Alliance, where he worked as VP of Government and External Affairs and Special Assistant to the President. It was also reported that the Community Garden on 153rd Street will remain a Community Garden, and the Wilson Major Morris Community Center are coordinating all activities at the garden.

Human Rights Commission – Reported the New York City Human Rights Law is one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation.

- The Law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on race, color, creed, age, national origin, alien age or citizenship status, gender (including gender identity and sexual harassment), sexual orientation, disability (including pregnancy), marital status, and partnership status. Interns, whether paid or not, are considered employees under the law.
- In addition, the Law affords protection against discrimination in employment based on unemployment status, arrest or conviction record and status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses.
- The Law affords additional protections based on lawful occupation, family status, and any lawful source of income. The City Human Rights Law also prohibits retaliation, bias-related harassment, and bias-based profiling by law enforcement.

The New York City Commission on Human Rights is charged with the enforcement of the Human Rights Law, Title 8 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and with educating the public and encouraging positive community relations. The Commission is divided into two major bureaus -- Law Enforcement and Community Relations:

- The Law Enforcement Bureau is responsible for the intake, investigation, and prosecution of complaints alleging violations of the Law.
[Learn more about the Law Enforcement Bureau](#)
- The Community Relations Bureau provides public education about the Human Rights Law and helps cultivate understanding and respect among the city's many diverse communities through its borough-based Community Service Centers and numerous educational and outreach programs.

Decals for Businesses – We Do Not Discriminate if you are buying, we are selling: The Human Rights Commission's anti-discrimination campaign – decals for street-level stores, which read: "We Do NOT Discriminate. If you are Buying, We are Selling" – is part of the Commission's intense educational effort to inform businesses of the City's comprehensive

Human Rights Law and inform shoppers of all protected classes under the law that they are welcome to shop at the business free from discrimination.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY) reported: That there has been a dramatic increase in the number of clothing bins illegally placed on public sidewalks. In response the DSNY has been working diligently to tag and remove problem bins. A Bill has also been introduced by City Council Speaker Melissa Mark Viverito to enhance DSNY's enforcement authority.

The clothing donation bins seen on city sidewalks have garnered a lot of attention articles have appeared in the [New York Times](#), [The Atlantic](#), [WNYC](#), the [New York Post](#), among others. According to Local Law 31 of 2007, it is illegal to place collection bins on any public sidewalk, on any city property, or on any private property without consent of the property owner. These bins are not only obstructive, but they frequently overflow from improper management and provide little or unclear information about what happens to the donations. Many are placed by for-profit textile recyclers.

Reporting Illegal Bins

Illegal bins can be reported to 311 or via an online [form](#). Once tagged, the company has 30 days to remove the bin. After that time, the bin will be confiscated by Sanitation, which will recycle the metal and donate or recycle the contents.

Other Options

[re-fashionNYC](#) is New York City's official clothing reuse and recycling program, in partnership with Housing Works. Apartment buildings with 10 or more units, office buildings, and select commercial establishments are eligible to host a free re-fashionNYC bin for clothing and textile donation or recycling.

[NYC Stuff Exchange](#) is a free online tool to search, by neighborhood or throughout the City, for locations to donate, sell, or buy used clothing.

MBPO reported:

“Poor Doors” must end and is working to revise the City's Inclusionary Housing Zoning system to ban the practice of a two-door system in developments that are receiving tax incentives or other bonuses. The Borough President also feels as New York City ramps up construction of affordable and middle-income housing under Mayor deBlasio, it's imperative that new developments uphold the values of fairness and diversity that make our city great.

Paid Sick Leave may now be taken by NYC Employees – MBP Gale Brewer stated after years of fighting, New York City residents may now take a paid sick day to care for themselves or an immediate family member, up to an annual limit of five days each year. For further info. please visit the MBP's website at www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/paidsickleave.

Presentations on the City Budget Process and Land Use & Zoning are available on the MBP's website, and as part of the ongoing support of Manhattan's 600 Community Board Members, the BP's office has mounted several special-topic training sessions over the past two months on their website and can be review and/or downloaded at <http://on.nyc.gov/1srV2L3> learn more about how the city work or even apply to become a Board member next February.

FDNY – Reported 19 Structural fires (see Stats);

George Bruce Branch – Reported the following:

- Annual Summer Reading Celebration & Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament for teens ages 12-18;
- Teens' Summer Reading Party will be held on Thursday, August 14th 3p.m. to 5p.m;

DCA(Department of Consumer Affairs) – Reported Julie Mennen was appointed Commissioner of DCA on May 5th, 2014, it was stated Commissioner Mennen would be working closely with Small Businesses strategizing on how to improve businesses on the local level. **City also announces “Small Business First” Initiative to Simplify Regulations and Reduce Fines** DCA joins several City agencies in a new effort to help businesses avoid violations by simplifying rules, improving services to immigrant populations, and increasing transparency. (see attached Press Release).

30th Pct. – P.O. Roberto Castro introduced himself as the newly appointed Community Affairs Officer, and state crime is down overall with the exception of the most recent murder on Tuesday, August 12th, a shooting took place in the confines of the 30th Pct. at the n/w corner of West 147th Street and Amsterdam Ave. The victim a male Hispanic 22 years old, was fatally shot once in the head. Thus suspects fled in a vehicle and are currently at large. The 30th Pct. Detective Squad has several leads and will have more details when they become available.

Upcoming Events:

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