

February 11, 2009 – Community Council Meeting

## Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chrissy Voskerichian 7:33PM

January Minutes were read, approved and filed.  
Financial Statement was read, approved and filed.

The Board, 109 Precinct members and Special guests were introduced

### Cop of the Month and Precinct Award

Inspector Whalen awarded the Cop of the Month to PO James Alexander and PO Edward Raniola for their efforts on 1/13/09 at 147 Street and Northern Blvd to apprehend the suspect in a knife assault of the three individuals. Final charges against defendant David Williams are 1 count of Murder and 2 counts of Attempted Murder. The officers were further commended for their use of verbal commands rather than force to subdue the suspect.

The Precinct awarded a commendation to Teddy Wegner for her face painting efforts at the 109 Precinct Children's Christmas Party.

### Monthly Crime Statistics

Inspector Whalen accounted for the past 30 days: 1 murder, 1 rape, 17 robberies, 21 felony assaults, 29 burglaries, 82 grand larcenies, 34 grand larceny auto(GLA), representing a 23% increase over the same time last year.

Extra attention was paid to a Chinese food robbery pattern which yielded 2 arrests by Lt Schaeffer and 2 anti-crime officers who recognized the suspect on the street from description. A street robbery pattern led to the apprehension of a suspect. A burglary arrest today on Utopia Pkwy may lead to the clearing of additional cases.

Grand larceny is up 20%: 20 involved credit card or identity theft; 9 involved tire and rim theft with the Infiniti the most popular model targeted; 23 involved unattended property.

### Guest Speakers

Barbara Foote, the Blood Donor Recruiter for New York Hospital, Queens spoke about the importance of blood donation in the local community. NY Hospital, Queens is an acute trauma center serving 100,000 annual emergency room patients and using 12,000 pints of blood per year. She indicated a willingness to work with community groups to coordinate drives and directed people to the web site [Queensblooddonor.org](http://Queensblooddonor.org) for information on currently scheduled drives.

Dr. Peter Barra, the Medical Director of Flushing Hospital spoke about the causes, treatments and effects of hypertension and the importance of regular screenings and medication compliance.

### Council News

Senator Padavan invites all members to attend his swearing in on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Holy Cross High School at 3:00p.m.

During the past month the council visited the Holly Civic, attended the CB 7 District Cabinet meeting, has lunch and met with the executive board of the Hindu Temple and Cord Meyer Developers of Bay Terrace. The council will continue to attend civic meetings and reach out to local businesses.

The Council now has a web site which may be accessed at [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com). Enter the zip code 11355 and then click on 109 Precinct Community Council. Meeting minutes, notices, contact numbers of local elected officials and other pertinent information will be available.

#### Calendar of Events

Defensive Driving Course – March 8. Class is fully booked. If you are registered bring \$17 fee in cash or check to the class, please arrive by (9:45 am to allow for registration).

March meeting will be at the Precinct and will feature Jennifer Manly of the Mayor's CAU and a representative of NYPD Transit as the guest speakers.

April meeting will be held at the Police Museum in lower Manhattan. Bus transportation will be provided leaving from the precinct at 5:30p.m. A tour of the museum will be followed by a general meeting and hors d'oeuvres. Sign up sheet was circulated.

May meeting will be held at the precinct with a Supreme Court Judge and Mediation specialist scheduled as the guest speakers.

June meeting will be an end of the year barbeque at the precinct with a 6:30 or 7:00p.m. start time.

#### Audience Questions

Members of the audience raised questions or commented on issues such as making literature available to Senior centers re: self protection; day laborers; need to be vigilant against identity theft; Kissena Park vandalism and enforcement; truck storage on street of College Point; staffing at 109 Precinct; and a request for a traffic light at 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kissena Blvd near PS 163.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.