

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**Committee Minutes
Special Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 27, 2017**

In Attendance

Patricia Baker, CB9, Comm. Chair	Geoffrey Davis, District Leader
Linda Beth Lawson, CB9, Comm. Member	Rabbi Eli Cohen, Jewish Community Council
Scott Matthews-Novelli, CB9, Comm. Member	Sandra Sanchez, FDNY
	Hortensia Anderson, American Red Cross
	Garfield Richards, American Red Cross
	Karen Chambers, District Attorney's Office
	Desmond Andrews, Community Resident

Public Safety Committee Chair Patricia Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Discuss Outline of January 25, 2018 Public Safety Forum

Topic: Keeping Senior Citizens Safe

Reasons/Issues: Vulnerable community, increasing fires (including death), robbery, assault, fraud, identity theft.

Format: Multiple panels to discuss specific issues. Prepared questions, then Q&A from the audience.

- 3 hours total
- Opening: Short Film (possibly AARP)
- 3 Topics (each vendor present ~10-15min, then general Q&A on each topic with presenters ~10-15min)
 - o Criminal Safety (NYPD)
 - o Fire Safety & Emergency Preparedness (FDNY & American Red Cross)
 - o Fraud Prevention (DA's Office & USPS)
- Reception time interspersed between presentations (~10-15min)
- Vendor tables with information (all presenters)

Panelists

- NYPD:
 - o Focus: discussing protection and safety

- FDNY: fire safety, prevention (alarms), handouts, mailing lists, scheduling alarm installation (non-NYCHA), Get Alarm (district-specific presentations)/Sound the Alarm (based on high fire frequency metrics) program information
 - o Focus: heating and cooking best practices, fire safety planning
- American Red Cross: alarm installation, coordinate with tenant/block associations, Citizen Preparedness Corps, CPR,
 - o Focus: fire alarm distribution, citizen preparedness (backpack)
- District Attorney's Office
 - o Focus: complaint and litigation process with regards to fraud;
- United States Postal Service (possible)
 - o Focus: fraud process
- Crown Heights Jewish Community Council
 - o Focus: General benefits (Medicare, heat)

Vendors

- All presenters, AARP, Dept of Aging, HRA (adult protective services), JASA, legal organizations (civil legal services)

Drafting Flyer

- Senior citizens can be directly contacted
- CB9 staff & Chair Baker can draft

Drafting Invites to Elected Officials

- CB9 & Chair Baker staff can draft

Drafting List of Community Organizations to be Invited

- Churches
- Senior Citizen Programs
- CB8 and CB13

Transportation

- Possible coordination with Heart to Heart on bussing senior citizens to the event
- Reach out to churches: First Baptist, St Marks, St Gabriel's
- NYPD/NCO provide transportation at a pick up station
- Shalom Center
- Senior Citizen Centers
- AARP
- Dept of Aging
- Figure out options for both to and from

Motion to *adjourn the Public Safety Committee Meeting* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott Mathews-Novelli
 Executive Secretary
 December 27, 2017