



## **MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER**

Good Evening Community,

As you are aware, the National Weather Center has forecasted snow and rain for the area starting after midnight, Wednesday 3/6 until Thursday night 3/7. The Forecast calls for snow fall up to 1-3 inches with wind gusts reaching 40 mph. This will cause low visibility as far as getting around. Please prepare yourself and your family. Please make every effort to run all your errands before the snow.

March 10 is Daylight savings time; please remember to turn your clocks one (1) hour ahead as well as check your batteries in your home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to assure battery life.

The High Holy Days are approaching and the 70th Precinct will be fully operational and ready to assist your needs. Please remember to call 911 only for emergencies and 311 for non-emergencies.

The Precinct has several NYPD programs listed below that we want you to stay aware of:

Law Enforcement Explorers Program: Law Enforcement Explorers is a program designed to educate young men and women, ages 14-20, about law enforcement. A uniformed member of the service in the precinct acts as the on-site Post Advisor for the Explorer Program. The program focuses on six areas: career, service, leadership, social, fitness and outdoors. The Explorers Program encourages young people to pursue a law enforcement career. There are currently close to 4,000 Explorer posts within the NYPD. If you have, or know of a youth that will benefit from this program, please contact Police Officer Slade at (718) 851-5524.

Crime Prevention Vehicle Programs: These programs are offered Free of charge by the New York City Police Department.

Combat Auto Theft (CAT): Owners of vehicles who state that the auto is not normally operated between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Decals are affixed to the rear side windows of the registered vehicle. Owner signs a waiver giving police the authority to stop vehicle if it's seen being operated during program hours. If proper identification is produced by the operator, the police will end the stop. Vehicle owners can register their vehicle at the local precinct.

Security Survey: Security Surveys are an analytical security appraisal of a residence or business, which includes recommendations on how to upgrade, your present security. A private home, for example, may only entail locks, doors, windows and an alarm system. A corporate facility may require addressing a much wider range of needs, such as closed circuit television, electronic access control, fencing, security lighting, mail handling and visitor screening procedures. The survey will address security vulnerabilities and outline corrective measures.

Vin Etching: Vin Etching is a chemical process that permanently etches the vehicle identification number on the glass of the vehicle. This serves to deter theft and trace stolen parts.

Operation ID: The NYPD offers a free program – “Operation ID” - whereby a unique serial number is engraved on all portable valuable electronics and the owner’s information is registered with the Police Department. This program can be implemented by contacting our Crime Prevention Officer, or the Community Affairs Unit direct at 718-851-5504 or 718-851-5557.

70 Precinct Community Affairs  
(718) 851-5557



## **FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER**

Good Afternoon Community,

As you are aware, the New York Weather Center has issued a Blizzard Storm Watch for the area starting Friday afternoon, 2/8 until Saturday evening, 2/9. The Forecast calls for heavy snow fall up to 18 inches with wind gusts reaching as high as 50mph. This will cause low visibility as far as getting around. It is expected that there will also be some flooding in the area, so please prepare yourself and your family. Please make every effort to run all your errands before the storm, such as food shopping, charging up your electrical devices and buying batteries for your flashlights.

The 70th Precinct is fully operational and ready to assist your needs. Please remember to call 911 only for emergencies and 311 for non-emergencies. We are making every effort to respond to the many calls we are receiving and are trying to prioritize them accordingly. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and REMEMBER, the safety of all members of the community is our number one priority.

**NOTE:** If you see any downed trees or branches, please call 311, unless there is an emergency then call 911. If you see downed electrical wires, do not go near them. Treat all downed wires as if they were live. Never attempt to move or touch them with any object. Be mindful that downed wires can be hidden from view from tree limbs, leaves or water. Downed wires can lie in puddles of water ranging anywhere from a couple of feet or a few blocks. This can create a very dangerous condition and can cause electrocution if you step in the puddle. Please avoid stepping into any puddles if possible. You can report downed wires to Con Edison at 1-800-75-CONED, 311 or through the Precinct. If power lines fall on your vehicle while you're inside, REMAIN inside the vehicle and await emergency personnel.

\* If you have an Elderly neighbor, please check in on them, and assist them if needed.

### **BURGLARIES**

In the event of a major storm or serious weather condition, we understand that members of the community will seek shelter elsewhere or stay with relatives or friends. The 70th Precinct has recently seen an increase in Burglaries where the method of entry has been to enter windows from fire escapes or unlocked windows from the side or rear of houses. Below are some helpful tips to secure your homes and businesses;

- Tip #1- is to think like burglars do. So now look around and evaluate other aspects of your home security. Are you providing an easy way in? Open vents or crawl spaces? Dog doors? Did you leave a ladder outside? Burglars could use it, or climb a nearby tree, to get in an upstairs window.
- Tip #2- Of course the front or back door is the most common point of entry for a burglar. Remember to use a deadbolt. Burglars also look for unlocked ground floor windows, especially on the side of your home or backyard.
- Tip #3- Don't advertise that you're away. Burglars look for clues like uncollected newspapers and mail. Cancel or postpone deliveries until you return home. Unshoveled driveways imply that there is nobody home and makes your home more vulnerable for a Burglary.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social Media is now part of our lives, and is especially fun around the holidays.



- Tip #4- Be careful about what you post! If you post your travel schedule across the internet, this will make your home more vulnerable for a Burglary. Please pass this information to your friends and family.
- Tip #5- Beware of identity theft. Thieves will gather your key financial info, like your SSN and credit card number, as well as your money.
- Tip #6- Be Neighborly. Neighbors can do a great job of looking out for each other. Ask them to keep an eye on your home. Encourage neighbors to report suspicious behavior.

### **INTERIOR LIGHTS**

- Tip #7- Complete darkness in your home suggests that nobody is inside. Exterior lights (especially the motion-activated type) are a great deterrent. Put interior lights on a timer, so they'll come on in the evening if you're away. Be mindful to keep curtains and shades down as to not advertise personal property in your home such as electronics or jewelry.
- Tip #8- Please do not leave hidden extra keys outside your home. The locations of these keys are more obvious than you would think. Also, please don't post your address on the keychain. This will again, make your home a target. Provide a family member or friend with an extra copy of your house keys.

### **USE YOUR ALARM & CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEMS**

- Tip #9- Alarm & Camera Security systems today can do much more than just sound an alarm or take surveillance - some have integrated fire, smoke, carbon monoxide and flood monitoring. Call your alarm company to ensure you are taking advantage of all the features offered.
- Tip #10 - Arm your Alarm & Security System. Even the best alarm system is no help unless you use it. When you leave, remember to arm the system in "Away" mode, to engage all your sensors.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP**

Please don't drive or walk into moving traffic while talking or texting on your cell phone, this can cause a very serious accident. Also, we encourage that during the course of this storm, you refrain from any unnecessary travel. We are anticipating very hazardous road conditions and ask that you please remain in your homes unless there is an emergency. In the event your vehicle gets stuck in the snow, please do not abandon the vehicle in the roadway. This will prevent emergency vehicles from responding to calls for assistance.

### **CAR BREAK-INS**

We are aware that there have been numerous car break-ins reported in the past few weeks. In order to prevent your vehicle from being broken into, below are a few crime prevention tips:

Don't leave wallets, cell phones, lap tops, credit cards or any other valuables in your vehicle visible once you park your car or truck. Thieves are always looking for the opportunity to remove your personal belongings. Make sure all doors are locked, remove the circle mark caused by your suction cup if you have a GPS system. This will suggest that an expensive electronic device is present inside your vehicle and makes it more vulnerable to be broken into. Some criminals look at the dashboards of cars. If they see the cigarette lighter is missing or the cover is open on the power outlet, this will suggest the possibility that it



has been taken out to accommodate a battery charger or power adapter for an electronic device. They're willing to take a chance that the device is not far away - maybe stored in the glove box or center console. So, when they don't see a cigarette lighter in a car, some thieves will break the passenger side window, and search your car, hoping to find some valuables inside.

### **GAS LINES**

It has come to our attention that gas lines are beginning to get long as we have seen in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. We ask that you be patient and respectful to your fellow motorists and recommend filling up your vehicles at a quarter tank or below to help reduce the volume of vehicles at gas stations. An over-abundance of vehicles can cause a major traffic congestion not only at the pumps but in the streets creating a hazardous condition for motorists.

### **NYPD I-PHONE APPLICATION**

The NYPD has recently launched an official application for the iPhone, the App is called NYPD. We are asking you to spread the word to your neighbors and encourage them to download this useful application.

Below you will find some points that may assist you in answering questions about the app, and to help you spread the word -

- 1) The direct link to the actual application is available here: <http://goo.gl/YOGXM> (shortened)  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/nypd/id587943117?mt=8> (full link)

It provides its users with interface icons for each of the following:

- Wanted Posters
- Submit Tips
- Crime Videos
- Breaking News
- NYPD Facebook
- Inside NYPD Videos
- Crime Statistics
- Precinct Boundaries
- Join NYPD

### **OPERATION ID**

Almost 1/3 of all laptop thefts occur during the course of a Burglary. Once a thief is in your home, small portable electronic items are easily removed and often easily sold. Would you buy a second-hand laptop if it had a NYPD ID number engraved on it? Engraving items make it harder for criminals to dispose of valuables thru dark-market channels, and may even deter theft. It can also help reunite you with your lost property.

The NYPD offers a free program – “Operation ID” - whereby a unique serial number is engraved on all portable valuable electronics and the owner’s information is registered with the Police Department. This program can be implemented by contacting our Crime Prevention Officer, or the Community Affairs Unit direct at 718-851-5504 or 718-851-5557.

On behalf of myself and members of the 70th Precinct, we wish all members of the community a safe weekend as we get thru another major storm. We thank you in advance for your support and patience.

*Inspector Eric Rodriguez*, Commanding Officer, 70th Precinct

*Captain James Palumbo*, Executive Officer, 70th Precinct



## **DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Good Afternoon Community,

This month's 70th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be 7:30pm on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 175 Lawrence Avenue. We look forward to seeing you there.

Holidays are high season for Scam Artists, especially Confidence Artists. A confidence trick is an attempt to defraud a person or group after first gaining their confidence by exploiting characteristics of the human psyche. Consumers are typically in a generous mood, and often distracted. Be wary of strangers approaching you asking for something that may ordinarily raise suspicions. A favorite holiday scam involves someone approaching you in a parking lot with a gas can looking to "borrow" some money for gas. Security is better equipped to handle stranded motorists.

also; NYPD never asks for money over the phone!

### **Traffic Safety**

Pedestrians, please be attentive while crossing the street. Although your cell phone text may be important, it's not worth your life.

Drivers, please wear your seatbelt and stay off your cell phones while driving.  
And, don't drink and drive!

### **Burglary Tips**

It is important to emphasize some key burglary prevention tips:

- Look around your home. Review your landscape and lighting, you do not want to create an opportunity for a burglar to gain entry thru an unlit or hidden area.

- Look at your home from the curb - can you see any weaknesses? Sometimes if you think like a criminal you will see things you would not have normally noticed.

- Garages (both attached and unattached) should be locked at all times. Detached garages have a variety of tools (and ladders) that can be used for entry and attached garages provide a burglar a hideaway to work.

- If you are going away use a timer for your lights to give the appearance you are home. Be sure to stop deliveries of papers and have a neighbor check your mail and packages.

- If you have an alarm system - USE IT! Unfortunately most homeowners become lax and do not turn the system on. It does you no good if it is not in use.

- Lock your windows - not every burglar uses the door, and unlocked or open windows make for easy entry.

Out of sight, out of mind - keep blinds closed, or valuables out of sight from the windows. You don't want to make your home a showcase for burglars!"

70th Precinct Community Affairs



Sunday, November 11, 2012

Hello From The 70th Precinct,

**Veteran's Day is today**, the 70th Precinct honor our nation's military men and women who have serve our Country, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

There are a few items we would like to bring to your attention. As we attempt to recover from Hurricane Sandy and the recent Nor'easter. It has come to our attention of some issues where people are prying on others vulnerability. The following are a few issues that we would like you to be aware of:

Remember there are alot of Utility workers on the streets, please be mindful of possible scams. Make sure you check for identification. A utility worker will only request entrance into your home if you call regarding a particular problem inside your home. If you suspect something is not right with them, Do Not let them in, and call 911.

During this time there are people who will pry on our weaknesses and attempt to scam you for donations, as well as for services. Remember, donations should be done through an authorized Charity organization. These organizations don't usually do door to door collections. Remember to always check the individuals credentials.

\*\*\* One recent scam that was brought to our attention, happened to an individual on a gas line. While waiting for gas on the line the individual ran out of gas and was then offered gas to be poured into their tank from a gasoline canister which inturn was water. Though the gas lines maybe long, please have a little patience and wait on the line, it may cost you more in the end.

As of November 9, 2012, Mayor Bloomberg has implemented the Executive order of Odd/Even days for Gas. If your license plate ends with an odd number, you must get gas on an odd day of the week. If your license plate number ends in an even number, you must get gas on an even day. If your plate ends with a letter or you have vanity plates, you can get gas on an Odd day. Example; Today is November 11, therefore, today is considered an Odd day and it entitles Odd license plate holders to receive gas today.

**[AN AUTHORIZED DONATION SITE :](#)**

Resort World Casino (Former Aqueduct Racetrack)  
110-00 Rockaway Blvd ; Jamaica, NY 11420  
Next to JFK airport - Enter from 109th Street & Rockaway Blvd  
Donations can be dropped off at anytime until further notice.

**Right now there is a need for: Cleaning supplies (heavy duty garbage bags, rags, paper towels, bleach, cleaning fluids etc.) water, blankets, flashlights and batteries.**

Unfortunately this is the only location we can accept donations at this time due to various manpower and logistical constraints. If you are unable to make it to this drop off center, please explore various private sector partners that will accept your donations by visiting [NYC.GOV](http://nyc.gov) for more information, or to volunteer: <http://facebook.com/nycservice>

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding, and Remember, the safety of all members of the community is our number one priority. If you have any feedback or issues that you would like to make us aware of, please send us a reply to [70pctcommunityaffairs@nypd.org](mailto:70pctcommunityaffairs@nypd.org) or call the Community Affairs office at 718-851-5557.

Eric Rodriguez, 70th Precinct Commanding Officer



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**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

Hello From the 70th Precinct,

As you are all well aware that the weather has progressively gotten worse. The National weather service forecast that this Nor'easter storm will continue throughout the evening with heavy snow for several hours. The accumulations are already two to four inches. The wind gusts are expected to be 25- 40 MPH until midnight, then the snow should be turning to rain after midnight until about 6 AM.

Please **DO NOT** go out unless it is absolutely necessary. Walking and driving in this weather can be very hazardous. Use extra caution when you are crossing the streets. The roads are very slippery. Please note that the trees are already weakened by Hurricane Sandy, and the heavy wet snow may cause them to fall, possibly damaging electrical wires causing power outages again.

The 70th Precinct is fully operational and ready to assist your needs. Please remember to call 911 only for emergencies and 311 for Non-emergencies. We are making every effort to respond to the many calls we are receiving and are trying to prioritize them accordingly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, and **REMEMBER**, the safety of all members of the community is our number one priority.

Eric Rodriguez  
70th Precinct Commanding Officer



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**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

Good Morning Community,

**APPROACHING NOR'EASTER STORM**

The National Weather Service is forecasting a Nor'Easter storm to hit our area late Wednesday night into Thursday bringing with it possible 40-55 mile per hour winds and 2-4" of rain. Tidal surges of 4-5' are also possible.

While New York has seen its share of these types of storms in the past, its arrival just about one week after Hurricane Sandy devastated parts of our City is cause for us to take pause and ensure some basic preparations are made - especially in tidal areas.

We ask that you ensure loose items or debris around your home are secured, and any tree limbs that were affected by Sandy be removed or secured.

Stock up on essential food and water supplies if possible, and fuel your vehicles when you can (we know the lines are long!)

Make a plan - ensure family members know how to contact each other and where to meet should communication be difficult.

Check your flashlights and make sure they have a supply of batteries.

If you use candles, use them with care - keep them away from any flammable objects (curtains etc) and never use them unattended - particularly when sleeping.

Do not use your stove or oven to provide heat - Carbon Monoxide is deadly and open flames are even more dangerous.

***Most importantly, check on your neighbors - especially the elderly and infirm - now, more than ever, New Yorker's need each other.***

We are here if you needs us - our Community Affairs Unit number is (718) 851-5557.

email: [70pctcommunityaffairs@nypd.org](mailto:70pctcommunityaffairs@nypd.org)





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**Sunday, November 4, 2012**

Good Afternoon from the 70th Precinct,

We hope everyone is doing well today and has taken advantage of the extra hour of sleep. Don't forget at this time, with the **time change** you should also change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Once again we would like to update the Community. As we have been reporting, **Gas lines** are still very long. Unlike the past couple of days where only a few gas stations were operating; there has been more frequency in truck deliveries, and more stations have been opening. We understand your need for gas and we understand the waits on the line. However, we ask that you please respect the businesses in the area and don't block their access points, driveways, etc. We also ask for your patience. Remember, if you can use your bicycle to get to your destinations it would be advisable, and you would be saving on gas!

Other information we would like to get to you, tomorrow the work week begins again. Lower Manhattan has had power restored, and trains are running again. However, train schedules are not going to be the norm. **Schools are also reopening**, so please be aware while driving. There are still power outages, trees and wires down, and traffic lights are out in areas of NYC. **Election Day** is Tuesday, please check to see if you will have any problems with voting. I also want to inform you that a **Nor'easter** is probably going to hit the NYC area by Wednesday. Please prepare yourself in case problems arise. Also, be aware that trees were weakened by the previous storm and can fall easily. Use all precautions if you need to be out driving in the storm.

Remember there are a lot of Utility workers on the streets, please be mindful of **possible scams**. Check for identifications, they don't enter your home unless you call them with a problem. If you suspect something is not right with them, **call 911**.

If there are any issues or concerns that we didn't address, please contact us at the 70th Precinct Community Affairs Office at **718-851-5557**, or [70pctcommunityaffairs@nypd.org](mailto:70pctcommunityaffairs@nypd.org)

Thank you all once again for your understanding and patience.

Commanding Officer of the 70th Precinct  
Eric Rodriguez



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**Friday, November 2, 2012**

**Dear Community Members,**

We just want to take a moment to update you on conditions within the confines of the 70th Precinct. Some traffic lights are still out in our area and there are still some wires down, These conditions still make parts of the area dangerous to navigate. so please be careful. Power is still out in many areas of NYC. These conditions make it much more dangerous for pedestrians to walk around. We will have extra personnel at night to handle issues that arise from these outages. Also please be mindful of possible scams such as phony Con Ed and National Grid workers, Check for Identifications. They Normally don't enter your home unless you called them with a problem **inside** your house. if you suspect something is not right with them, **call 911.**

We also spoke about the gasoline shortages around the area, and understand many people are low on gas; however we still need to have a free flow of traffic. We are asking everyone not to block **sidewalks, driveways or double and triple park.** These violations cause many issues for traffic flow and restrict us from getting gas trucks to their destinations. If you can use your bicycles to go shopping or to get to your destinations it would be advisable, and also you would be saving gas !

**The safety of all members of the community are our number one priority.** We are attempting to get everything as close to normal as possible and will continue to update you as events unfold. Once again, Thank You for your understanding, and we have all of you who were affected, or have family and friends who were affected in our thoughts and prayers.

We too are assisting some of our personnel who have been severely effected by this storm. We really appreciate your kind words and support.

**If you have an emergency call 911. All other issues, Please call 311.**

**Eric Rodriquez  
Commanding Officer of the 70th Precinct**



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**Thursday, November 1, 2012**

Dear Community Members,

Again we just wanted to keep you updated. As we said earlier, and as many of you have experienced; there have been massive traffic backups around the area. Several restrictions were put in place and we ask you to check on these restrictions if you are traveling tomorrow.

We also spoke about the gasoline shortages around the area, and understand many people are low on gas; however we still need to have a free flow of traffic. We are asking everyone not to block sidewalks, driveways or double and triple park. These violations cause many issues for traffic flow and restrict us from getting gas trucks to their destinations.

As far as the trees blocking the street, we believe that all streets in the precinct are passable. If you have a tree blocking your street, we ask you to please inform us so we can notify the proper agency. We are fortunate to not have lost power in this area and we are working closely with the Elected officials, other agencies, Community boards, civic associations, Precinct council, Religious leaders and our liaisons to expedite some of the issues we face. We thank all of them for their assistance.

I want to thank the recipients of our emails for forwarding the emails to their groups and friends. We speak about police and community partnership and because of the communication, we have been fortunate that our problems aren't as severe as others. If you have any feedback or suggestions on this email system or know others in the community who want to receive them please reply to us. In the event of an emergency , remember to call 911, and for other issues, please call 311.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding. Lastly we at the 70th Precinct have you all in our thoughts and prayers; and understand many of our family and friends are dealing with personal tragedies. We pray for them.

Thank you again.

Deputy Inspector Eric Rodriguez, Captain James Palumbo and members of the 70 Precinct.



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**Thursday, November 1, 2012**

**Good Afternoon,**

Just a quick update on issues pertaining to the community. There are massive traffic back ups around the city, also restrictions going into Manhattan, so please adhere to those rules. It will probably take a couple of hours to get to Manhattan.

Another issue is gasoline. Most gas stations in the area are out of gas and the stations with gas have very long lines. We are in the process of speaking with gas stations personnel to get a better idea of when they will have more gas.

We at the 70th Precinct are fully operational and want to operate as normal as possible, so please call **911** for any Emergency and **311** for Non-Emergencies.

Also; If there is any feedback or issues that you want us to know about just send us a reply or call our **Community Affairs at (718) 851-5557**.

I understand the frustration some might have, but we ask for patience during this difficult time. Conditions are improving every hour. Your safety is of paramount concern. Thanks again.

**Eric Rodriquez  
70th Precinct Commanding Officer**



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**Wednesday, October 31, 2012 (1 of 2)**

**Dear Community Members,**

I know we sent out a message recently, however after surveying the area again our major issue that we want you to be aware of is dealing with fuel.

Gas stations are being sought out all over the tri-state area from many people. We understand the need to get around, however some consumers are double and triple parking causing backups.

Please try to not drive if you do not have to and please understand we need to have traffic flow to get our communities back to normal sooner. Elected Officials are working with us on many of these issues and we thank them.

Also; there are announcements in the last hour regarding Subway and Bus Service. Please check for this information through your media outlets.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Eric Rodriquez  
70th Precinct Commanding Officer



**Wednesday, October 31, 2012 (2 of 2)**

**Dear Community Members,**

We just want to take a moment to update you on conditions within the confines of the 70th Precinct. There are approximately 22 trees down blocking streets in the area. Some traffic lights are out and there are still wires down in the area. These conditions still make parts of the area dangerous to navigate.

Also, there are areas of Manhattan and Brooklyn closed down due to devastating effects caused by Hurricane Sandy. These closed areas are causing major traffic backups. Ocean Parkway going toward Manhattan is moving very slowly. Power is still out in many areas of NYC.

As we found out last night, it is possible that Con Edison will turn power off in our area at times also. We will have extra personnel at night to handle some issues that arise from these outages.

We are aware that today is Halloween and kids become anxious to have some fun, but with some of the conditions we spoke about, the safety of all members of the community are our number one priority. These conditions make it much more dangerous for children to walk around. We are attempting to get everything as close to normal as possible and will continue to update you as events unfold.

We once again, Thank You all for your understanding and we have all of you who were effected or have family and friends effected in our thoughts and prayers.

We too are assisting some of our personnel who has been severely effected by this storm. We really appreciate you kind words and support.

**If you have an emergency call 911. All other issues, Please call 311.**

**Eric Rodriquez  
Commanding Officer of the 70th Precinct**



**Tuesday, October 30, 2012 (1 of 2)**

**Dear Community Members,**

Hurricane Sandy has caused severe Damage around New York City and also within the confines of the 70th Precinct. Many trees have fallen and there are live wires down in the neighborhood. Please try not to go out if you don't need to. Driving around is dangerous. Traffic lights are also out, please use extra caution when crossing the streets.

The wind is not as severe as yesterday, but the trees are still vulnerable to falling, as they have been weakened from the storm.

We are making every effort to respond to the many calls we have received and are trying to prioritize them as much as possible. **If you have an emergency, please call 911 and non-emergency call 311.**

I want to Thank You all for your cooperation, assistance and support during this time. I also want to thank the Police Officers of the 70th Precinct for their efforts under such difficult conditions.

We are proud of the 911 Operators. Cellular service and phone services have not been the best, however we will make every effort to keep you informed of the situation.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**70th Pct Commanding Officer  
Eric Rodriquez**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2012 (2 of 2)**

**To All Community Members,**

The Worst of Hurricane Sandy has passed; the storm has left devastating damage to our community.

The 70th Precinct is operating in full capacity and has been working around the clock to get everything back to some sort of normalcy.

The Police will get to everyone who has called for an emergency, so please be patient.

We urge you not to come outside today if you don't have to, it is still very dangerous. Debris, trees and possible live wires are covering many of the streets so please try to stay indoors unless it is absolutely necessary.

Be Safe and Thank You for your understanding and assistance.

**70th Precinct Community Affairs  
(718) 851-5557**



**Monday, October 29, 2012**

**Greetings from the 70th Precinct Commanding Officer,**

As of now, the Weather Forecast states Hurricane Sandy is 310 miles South East of New York City. We ask that you take this Hurricane very seriously and to please evacuate your home if you are in the city's low lying areas, also known as "Zone A" which are all Coastal areas. At around 5pm, most areas will have hit their High Tides and major flooding will begin. We urge you not to leave your home if you do not need to.

Again, The 70th Precinct have Officers out in full capacity to assist you in a police emergency, but please check on your neighbors in need, especially the Elderly. By helping each other, we will get through this!

**Survival Tips**

- . Keep Family records like Wills, Passports and insurance policies in a waterproof, Portable Container.
- . Stock Family Games and Books for yourself and children.
- . Don't park your vehicle under a tree to prevent vehicle damage.
- . If driving, avoid areas where flying and falling items are moving.
- . Don't step in water if there is down electrical wires, treat the wires as live.
- . Pick-up all Prescription and No-Prescription medicines in advance.

**The nearest evacuation centers are:**

**1- PS 249, which is located at 18 Marlborough Road ( Rugby Road and Caton Ave)**

**2- IS 246 , which is located at 72 Veronica Pl ( Snyder Avenue and Albermarle Road)**

**Please Call 311 for fallen trees/branches and non-emergency situations. Thank you.**

Eric Rodriguez  
Inspector





**Sunday, October 28, 2012**

**Greeting from the 70th Precinct Commanding Officer,**

As you are already aware of the upcoming hurricane that is heading in our direction, we are sending you this email to inform you that the 70th Precinct will be running in full capacity during this time and will be here to assist you as needed.

The Weather Forecast has predicted that "Hurricane Sandy" will move up the East Coast from 6 AM Monday through 6PM Tuesday, and has the potential to be a very devastating storm. Though the storm is expected to have heavy down pours of rain, it will be combined with wind gusts from 40- 70 MPH. With this in mind, we ask that you prepare yourselves and your family for a safe ride through this storm.

It is likely that there will be some flooding, but due to the intense winds we can expect power outages, fallen trees, and flying debris.

Mayor Bloomberg has ordered a mandatory evacuation for all residents in the city's low lying areas, also know as "Zone A", which will be all Coastal areas. In Brooklyn South that would include the Coney Island and Manhattan Beach areas.

**As we prepare for the storm, please keep these safety precautions in mind:**

- **Stay home if you can, and have enough non-perishable food and water for approximately three days**
- **Stock up on necessary essentials such as; flashlights, batteries, first-aid kits**
- **Tie-down loose items in your yards, such as; furniture, decorations, garbage can, bbq grills, gas tanks, solar lights and flag poles**
- **Gas up your vehicle and have cash on hand in case of power outages**
- **Fill your bathtub with water for flushing the toilets**
- **Charge up your Cell phones and mobile devices**

Note: If you see any downed trees or branches, please call **311**, unless there is an emergency then call **911**.

If you see downed electrical wires, do not go near them. Treat all downed wires as if they were live. Never attempt to move or touch them with any object. Be mindful that downed wires can be hidden from view, from tree limbs, leaves or water. You can report downed wires to Con Edison at 1-800-75-CON-ED, 311 or through the Precinct. If power lines fall on your vehicle while you're in it, stay inside the vehicle and await emergency personnel.

During the height of the storm, stay away from windows and avoid using elevators. If you don't have to go outside, PLEASE DON'T.

**\* If you have an Elderly neighbor, please check in on them, and assist them in this preparedness.**

**\*\*The nearest evacuation center in the confines of the 70th Precinct is PS 249, which located at 18 Marlborough Road. ( Rugby Road and Caton Ave)**

**\*\*\* As of today, October 28, 2012, the Subway system will start to shut down at 7:00PM, and the last buses will run until 9:00PM. LIRR and Metro-North Railroad will run their final trains at 7:00PM. Grand Central Terminal and Other Metro North station buildings will be closed at that time also.**

Eric Rodriguez  
Deputy Inspector



## **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



### **TRICK OR TREAT: Safety Tips for Halloween!**

The New York City Police Department wants to remind you that Halloween is one of the most enjoyable days of the year for many children, but parents should be aware of the potential risks that can affect children who are not supervised properly. Trick-or-treaters should always have adult supervision, even if they are traveling in a group of friends, to ensure that the only scary experiences children have are those associated with the spirit of Halloween. The following recommendations are for parents and guardians:

- An adult should always examine Halloween treats before children eat them. Never eat pre-opened or unwrapped Halloween foods.
- Costumes should be flame-retardant and should allow children to walk freely without tripping. Children's ability to see, hear and move should not be impaired by unwieldy masks.
- Make certain that any face paint or make-up used on skin or costumes is non-toxic.
- Extra care should be taken on streets and at crossings, especially at dusk, and after dark. Children should carry a flashlight and wear reflective or bright-colored clothing at night.
- Emergency, identification information should be placed discreetly inside clothing of small children, in case of accidental separation.
- Avoid having children wear their names outwardly on clothing or jewelry which may allow a stranger to call them by name and appear to know them.
- As always, children should be cautioned to avoid strangers, as well as poorly-lit areas and homes of people they do not know.

Halloween treats should only be consumed if they are packaged appropriately. Parents can help protect their children by making sure that treats are wrapped in their original, unbroken packages – do not allow children to have loose candy, open glasses or bottles, fresh fruit, or homemade goods. If after eating a Halloween treat there is evidence that it may have been tampered with, or if it has a strange taste, or if a child feels sick, parents or guardians can call the NYC Health Department's Poison Control Center. The Poison Control Center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year, for emergencies and advice at (212) POISONS (764-7667), (212) VENENOS (836-3667) for Spanish language speakers, or (212) 689-9014 for TDD users. The National toll free number, 1-800-222-1222, connects to the nearest poison control center.

In case of emergency, dial 911. For non-emergencies, dial 311.

Help the NYPD fight terrorism. Report suspicious activity to the COUNTER TERRORISM HOTLINE:  
1-888-NYC-SAFE (1-888-692-7233)



## SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

### Greetings from the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct,

This summer we want everyone to be safe and to keep in mind all of the important safety tips that we have provided over the past months. Be assured that the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct will have full patrol coverage for the summer and we look forward to serving you. We would like to inform you that the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct has a new Captain. Her name is Ebony Washington. She is originally from the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct and looks forward to working in this community. Captain Harrington has moved on in his career to another unit in the Police Department and we wish him well.

If you plan on going away for the summer; please safeguard your home by following these safety tips.

**DOORS:** Check your doors and door frame. Should they be repaired or replaced? All exterior doors should be either metal or solid core wood (1 3/4" thick). Glass or thin wood panels, in or near the door, can be protected by installing polycarbonate glazing and secured with one way screws.

**AIR CONDITIONERS:** Should be secured to the window opening to prevent being pulled out or pushed in.

**WINDOW GATE:** On the first floor or on any emergency exit window (fire escape), a gate should be one that has been approved by the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals. (This gate is commonly known as the "ferry" or "safety" gate and is operated by a latch and not a padlock or combination lock).

**GARAGE:** Secure an attached garage as you would your dwelling as it is an access point into your house. Other structures such as an unattached garage, tool shed and storage areas should be locked with high quality security devices that are properly installed.

**LIGHTING:** Illuminate the perimeter of your house, especially the door areas with enough light to see a silhouette. Lights that are too bright will hamper viewing. Install the light fixture out of reach, and in a tamper and weather resistant housing.

**SHRUBBERY:** Should be cut or designed so that it does not obstruct viewing from inside or outside. Keep a clear view to provide maximum visibility and little concealment.

**IDENTITY THEFT:** Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America today. Identity theft requires only a few pieces of valid personal information. With them, thieves can apply for and receive credit cards or debit cards in your name. Your credit can be quickly damaged and your efforts to correct these problems can become a nightmare. The acquisition of key pieces of identity, such as name, address, date of birth, social security number and mother's maiden name, enable the impersonation to occur. This information allows the identity thief to commit numerous forms of fraud which include, taking over the victim's financial accounts, opening new bank accounts, purchasing automobiles, applying for credit cards, loans, social security benefits, renting apartments, and establishing accounts with utility and telephone service providers. The identity thief has many ways to gain access to your information. It can be obtained from uncollected mail sitting in your mailbox, personal information carelessly thrown in the garbage, dishonest retail or restaurant employees or by the theft of your wallet or pocketbook.

*What to do if you become a victim of identity theft:*

- Notify the Police.
- Contact all creditors, by telephone and in writing, to inform them of the situation.
- Alert all banks to flag your accounts and to contact you for unusual activity. Change all passwords and PIN numbers.



- Document all contacts and keep copies of all correspondences.
- Contact the Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.
- Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles to have a new license number issued in your name.
- Call the nearest U.S. Postal Inspection Office.
- Call the Federal Trade Commission's identity theft hotline at 1-877-438-4338 and file a complaint.
- If you are the victim of identity theft, call each credit bureau with a national database and ask to have a "Fraud Alert/Victim Impact" statement placed in your credit files. Also request that all creditors contact you before they open any new accounts in your name. The following contact information is provided to assist identity theft victims:

1. Equifax [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com) 1-800-685-1111
2. Experian [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com) 1-888-397-3742
3. Trans-Union [www.tuc.com](http://www.tuc.com) 1-800-916-8800

- If you are a victim of check fraud, you should contact the following:

1. Telecheck 1-800-710-9898
2. Equifax 1-800-437-5120

**Also; Are you careful with your mobile phone?**

Electronic devices are attractive targets for thieves due to their high resale value. Electronics such as iPhones, iPods, Android devices and Mobile Phones as well as Nooks and Kindles are the most common types of stolen property in New York City – *even more than currency!* Mobile Phones alone account for 81% of all electronic device thefts.

***So what can I do?*** Remain alert and aware of your surroundings when using your device, don't leave your device unattended and always use the security features of your phone (pin lock, find my iPhone etc..) For more information on preventing theft, or for other crime prevention and personal safety tips visit our website: [www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org](http://www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org)

**Fireworks are Illegal**

NYPD is **REWARDING** up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons possessing or distributing fireworks. If you use fireworks, you or someone else can get seriously hurt. If you have fireworks we can arrest you, your car can be confiscated or your business can be closed.

\*\*Concerned citizens can anonymously report the delivery, sale or storage of fireworks to:

**911** for crimes in progress or **311** to just provide information. Your Safety Comes First.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm, is the **70<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting** located at 157 Lawrence Avenue. There will be no meetings in the month of July and August.

Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm, **National Night Out Against Crime** will be held at the Parade Grounds located at Caton Avenue & Argyle Road.

**Enjoy your Summer.** ☺ We look forward to a safe and eventful summer.

**70<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Unit**

**(718) 851-5557**



## **SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings from the 70th Precinct,

As the Spring approaches, please read below safety tips which can help you have a safe summer.

**Safety tips for senior Pedestrians:** Get off to a safe start before you leave the house.

- Wear light or bright colored clothing so drivers will notice you. This is especially important in the winter months when people often wear dark colored coats, and it gets dark earlier.
- Always stop at the curb and wait for signal.
- If the pedestrian signal show stop, wait for a Walk signal before you cross the street.
- Hold your hand up high or even wave at the driver. If you're not sure the driver sees you, let the car go by.
- Don't cross in-between cars, cross at the crosswalk.
- Keep Scanning as you cross for turning or oncoming vehicles.
- Treat a driveway as if you are on a road.
- Be aware of high curbs, uneven sidewalks, and icy or slippery pavement.
- If you taking medication that makes you drowsy or dizzy, walk with someone who is alert or wait until you feel more alert.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help when needed.
- **BE ALERT!** Always be aware of what's happening around you, and what might happen next.

As the weather gets warmer we would all like to open our windows to bring in fresh air, but please be cognizant of locking your house windows and doors when you leave your home to prevent any opportunity of a break-in. Use motion lights at night if possible. If you go on vacation, tell a neighbor to remove circulars and mail from your mailbox or front porch. Don't leave valuables near an open window where an unknown person can reach in and take it.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

As school concludes, please be aware that more children are outside running and playing ball. Please drive cautiously, watch for children coming in the street in between cars or chasing a rolling ball. Refrain from talking and texting on your cell phone while driving.

While walking outside we want you to be very observant of your surroundings, don't carry your I-pad, cell phone or other electrical devices out in the open. Don't carry large amounts of cash if you don't have to. If you are robbed, don't be a hero. Let the robber have your property and try to remember what the robber looks like. Remember sex, race, skin coloring, age, height & weight, clothing, voices, scars, tattoos and nicknames used. This can prevent a robbery or help us catch the perpetrator.

\*\*\*70th Precinct will be hosting a Blood Drive Wednesday, May 30, 2012 in front of the Precinct from 12:30 pm-6:00 pm, Please come out and donate. Thank you.

\*\*\*Wednesday, May 30, 2012 is the next 70th Precinct Community Council Meeting at 7:30 pm at 175 Lawrence Avenue.

70TH Precinct Community Affairs, (718) 851-5557



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**70<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT  
BROOKLYN  
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## **MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings from the 70th Precinct,

As the weather gets warmer we would all like to open our windows to bring in fresh air, but please be cognizant of locking your house windows and doors when you leave your home to prevent any opportunity of a break-in. Use motion lights at night if possible. If you use your fire escape window, make sure you relock it when you leave, especially at night. If you go on vacation, tell a neighbor to remove circulars and mail from your mailbox or front porch. Don't leave valuables near an open window where an unknown person can reach in and take it. If you're not sure if your home is secure enough, we do Security Surveys to see where you can make improvements. Call (718) 851-5504 to make an appointment.

In addition; while walking outside we want you to be very observant of your surroundings, don't carry your I-pad, cell phone or other electrical devices out in the open. Don't carry large amounts of cash if you don't have to. If you are robbed, don't be a hero. Let the robber have your property and try to remember what the robber looks like. Remember sex, race, skin coloring, age, height & weight, clothing, voices, scars, tattoos and nicknames used. This can prevent a robbery or help us catch the perpetrator.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all & please be careful as you celebrate.

Don't Drink & Drive!

Also; please take advantage of our Free Operation Identification Program which is a program that registers your valuables with the NYPD by engraving identification numbers on your property (TV's, DVD players, cell phones, laptops, etc). Call our Crime Prevention Office at (718) 851-5504 to make an appointment. Ask for Police Officer DeMarco or Police Officer McGuinness and they will gladly help you.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 is the next 70th Precinct Community Council Meeting at 7:30 pm at 175 Lawrence Avenue.

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## **FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings from the 70th Precinct,

Happy Ash Wednesday to the Catholic Community, may your days of Lent be very fruitful.

As a reminder, please remove all valuables (pocketbook, wallet & electronic devices) from your car and lock the doors when leaving your vehicle. We don't want you to be a victim of a car break-in.

Please take advantage of our Free Operation Identification Program which is a program that registers your valuables with the NYPD by engraving identification numbers on your property (TV's, DVD players, cell phones, laptops, etc). Call our Crime Prevention Office at (718) 851-5504 to make an appointment. Ask for Police Officer DeMarco or Police Officer McGuinness and they will gladly help you.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 is the next 70th Precinct Community Council Meeting at 7:30 pm at 175 Lawrence Avenue. We will be celebrating the retirement of Auxiliary Deputy Inspector John Pallazollo, Commanding Officer of the 70th Precinct Auxiliary at this meeting. We want everyone to come out and help us celebrate. It will be a good time.

**HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

70TH Precinct Community Affairs

(718) 851-5557



## **JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings from the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct,

We finished January with a 3.6% reduction in crime and we will try to continue this downward trend for 2012. Although crime is down, the community must continue to be aware of their surroundings; especially while on the subway. Please don't give someone an easy opportunity to take your personal belongings, like your I-pad, I-phone or any other electronic devices.

Recently there have been complaints of stray dogs in the Midwood area by the Long Island Rail Road; the Department of Animal Care & Control has set up traps for these dogs and hopefully they will be caught soon, also the MTA will be repairing the fence in vicinity, preventing these dogs easy access. If you see these dogs, please don't approach them, call 911 and let the Police handle the situation. We have procedures in place for these types of calls.

Also; please do not leave your valuables in your vehicle while your vehicle is unoccupied. This will prevent someone from breaking into your car unnecessarily.

The weather for this week is abnormally warm, last year at this time we had over 50 inches of snow which meant less people out and about, so enjoy the temperature and be careful while you are out.

The 70th Precinct is dedicated to keeping you abreast and aware of possible scams that could endanger you and your family. Scammers can call your e-mail you or show up at your door step. Below is a list of some things for you to watch out for and some tips to help. And as always please remember.... **IF THERE IS A PROBLEM CALL THE PRECINCT at 718-851-5511. IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

- ◆ Don't give out information to unknown persons, **ESPECIALLY** –bank account numbers, social security numbers, or credit card numbers.
- ◆ If you receive a call or an email from a bank or a credit card company, **EVEN** if it is your bank or credit card company- **DO NOT** give out information. Call back the number you have on your bill or your card to verify that they need information.
- ◆ No stranger really wants to share money with you!
- ◆ If you didn't enter a lottery or a contest-you probably didn't win one! Most reputable companies will not ask you to forward money or to pay for shipping if you won a prize in a legitimate contest.
- ◆ Watch out for con artists trying to divert your attention. They sometimes work in pairs or teams and while one is talking to you, the other will pick your pocket, or remove your property.
- ◆ Be wary of illegal vendors selling goods on the street or out of vans or cars. Purchase merchandise from licensed vendors or reputable stores.
- ◆ **IF SOMETHING SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...IT PROBABLY IS!!!**

**DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR TO STRANGERS!**

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE SCAMS:**

#### **UTILITY WORKERS:**

- ◆ Claiming that your service will be shut off if you don't pay your bill in cash immediately.
- ◆ Claiming that they must get access because of an emergency situation (leak, wiring problem, etc)
- ◆ Asking to see a copy of your bill for whatever reason

In apartment buildings call your super or your management company before allowing access.

#### **STRANGERS:**

- ◆ Claiming to be a crime victim ("I was just attacked")
- ◆ Claiming that their car broke down a few feet away
- ◆ Claiming that a family member is sick and in their car
- ◆ Claiming to be looking for someone who doesn't live at your address or asking for help with finding an address.
- ◆ Claiming to be from out of town and ran out of gas.
- ◆ Requesting to use your phone because their cell phone died (trying to Gain entry to your home.)

\*Note- If you choose to help them-offer to make a phone call on their behalf from your house, without ever opening your door. If you are home alone and the stranger(s) is right outside your door-pretend you are speaking to someone else inside your house (e.g. "I'll be right there, someone is at the door).

\*If this happens to you or you become aware of this, please contact the precinct immediately. For emergency situations, dial 911. For information regarding an ongoing scam in the community; call the 70th Precinct at (718) 851-5511 or the Community Affairs Office at (718) 851-5557.