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Friends –

I write to give you an update on public safety in the Village as we enter the holiday weekend.

This week, I have conferred with our Nassau County Legislator, the Leadership of our “Three North” Precinct, our POP team and the Detectives handling the Shore Road burglary. Here is what you should know.

In addition to the progress being made in the last six months on policing (new POP team stationed right here in Manhasset on Community Drive, a separate “Three North” Precinct Commander for our sector, among other things), the following additional progress has been made since my last report:

- Addition of NCPD “COPE” Unit - In March 2016, the NCPD established the Community Oriented Police Enforcement (“COPE”) team. This team was established centrally for all Precincts in order to supplement and add capacity to our POP Officers (Problem Oriented Policing). So the POP team now has additional resources available to it. COPE units are able to spend time attacking problems in depth, beyond the 911 call, at the request of POP Officers, trying to avert future problems,
- 40 New Police Officers to be Added to Our Precinct – Next week, on May 31, 2016 (Tuesday) the new class of 183 NCPD Police Officers will graduate and later be distributed to the Precincts. Leadership tells me that our Third Precinct is expected to receive 40 net, new officers in that process. It is not yet clear how many will be assigned to our “Three North” sector or how many may be assigned to expand the POP team or COPE team. However, increases in these community policing resources is our expectation. If you attended our community meetings with NCPD in January or March, you know that this is what we were told to expect in June.

This represents *very good news* and *continued progress* toward getting additional policing in our community. Further, we continue to work with the County and NCPD toward that goal.

On the Shore Road burglary, NCPD detectives are developing the evidence and forensics and it is too early to make any conclusions.

I have asked for more frequent and visible patrolling in general, and especially over this holiday weekend. I am seeing that additional patrolling in and around our Village. That will be multiplied if you call 911 when/if you see anything suspicious. 911 calls are no longer just for emergencies; it is the preferred method of receiving and recording policing needs and incidents.

Good progress is being made and our Village supports our NC Police. Let’s be confident, engaged and vigilant. As always, your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted.

Ken