

## Zoom Meeting: February 9 at 7:30 PM



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## UPDATES FROM THE 105 PRECINCT

Captain Douglas Moodie, Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct, addressed a variety of topics at the Community Council meeting held on January 28th.

Congratulations to Officer Jonathan Pesce, who received the "Officer of the Month" award for December, for the arrest of an individual with three outstanding warrants who was found in possession of stolen mail and a counterfeit key that opens mail storage boxes. Officer Pesce was one of our NCO officers and is now a member of the Q-Team, which focuses on 311 calls and quality-of-life issues.

Overall, there were 1016 major crimes in the 105th Pct in 2025, vs 1109 in 2024, a decrease of 8%. For the most recent 28-day period, crimes are down 9.6% compared to the same period last year. Burglaries have decreased sharply since arrests were made last July. The average response time to calls for crimes in progress was 4 minutes, 28 seconds, the 13th best time of the 78 precincts in NYC. This time is down from 13 minutes a year ago. For the most recent 28-day period, there were 156 calls to 311 in the precinct, with an average response time under 50 minutes.

In the most recent 28-day period, 18 vehicles were stolen in the precinct, including 8 Hondas and 6 Toyotas. Five vehicles were recovered. The biggest crime problem now is grand larcenies, mostly vehicle-related, in the overnight hours. Thefts of air bags, catalytic converters and tires and rims, along with personal property left in autos, remain a stubborn problem. In the past month, 54 airbags have been stolen in the precinct, all from Honda vehicles except 1 from an Acura. This problem is not limited to the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, but our proximity to highways and bridges makes us an easy target. Typically, thieves come from the Bronx, steal a car (usually a Honda or Toyota Highlander), put stolen license plates on the vehicle, and use it to commit crimes. To address this issue, the 105th Pct. has added extra patrols on the midnight tour, using marked and unmarked vehicles, focusing on areas where crimes occur most frequently. You can help by calling 911 immediately if you see or hear something suspicious, especially late at night. The response time will most likely be quick, based on the resources being deployed

### Creedmoor Civic Feb. 9 Remotely Held

#### GUEST SPEAKERS: Representatives from Local Mental Health Organizations

Topic: Creedmoor Civic Association February 9th Meeting

Time: Feb 9, 2026 07:30 PM: Join Zoom Meeting

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overnight. Steering wheel locks are a deterrent to both vehicle and airbag thefts. Please lock your cars and do not leave valuable personal items in your car (wallets, handbags, computers, etc.).

We welcome Captain Eric Cintron, the new Executive Officer. He replaces Captain Mario Recinos, who has been transferred to the 101st Precinct in Far Rockaway. Best of luck to both Captains Cintron and Recinos.

### SPACE HEATER SAFETY

The FDNY requires space heaters to be placed on flat, non-flammable surfaces at least 3 feet from curtains, furniture or bedding. Units must be UL certified, plugged directly into a wall outlet (not an extension cord), and turned off when sleeping or leaving the room.

🌸 *Happy Valentines Day* 🌸

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## AROUND THE TOWN

Condolences to the family of Bobby Persaud of 242 Street on on his recent passing.

## MEDICARE COST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT SNAP FEB 9

The Medicare Rights Center will make a presentation on possible savings to Medicare and drug-related expenses on Monday, February 9 at 11 am at the SNAP Center, located at 80-45 Winchester Blvd, on the Creedmoor Hospital campus. Enter via the Hillside Avenue entrance. Sponsored by SNAP and Council Member Linda Lee.

## SIGN UP FOR PRE-K AND 3K ENDS FEB 27th

Children born in 2023 are eligible for the NYC 3K program. Those born in 2022 are eligible for Pre-K. Both programs are free for NYC residents. Sign up at [myschools.nyc](http://myschools.nyc), or call 718-935-2009.

**TIP: Shovel out the connection to fill up your heating oil tank!**



Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2026 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Message

We hope you are coping as well as you can with this brutal winter. Thanks to all who have shoveled out fire hydrants or helped their neighbors in some way.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Commanding Officer, Captain Douglas Moodie, frequently attends our civic meetings to keep us updated and to answer questions. The precinct has held several community events over the past few months, including a program for young men on January 19 and a "Galentine's Day" event for young ladies on February 7th. Thanks!

At our February 9th Zoom meeting, we will welcome representatives from organizations that provide mental health resources. Access to treatment is crucial, but it is also important to reduce the stigma and isolation associated with mental illness, and to support families.

Your neighbor,

*Michael O'Keeffe*

## JANUARY CIVIC MEETING TOPIC: RECOVERY FROM FIRES AND WATER EMERGENCIES

Our guest speaker was Newlin Peng, Managing Director of Paul Davis Restoration of NY and NJ. The company was founded in the 1960's and has had an office on Braddock Ave since 2008. They work with many insurance companies and are often on the preferred provider list to remediate various conditions. Newlin said that you can request your insurance company to use a particular restoration company. It is important to ask if a restoration company is certified by the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) to properly manage fire and water damage, as well as mold and biohazards.

Newlin's first and most important message was to check your homeowner's insurance coverage. It is recommended that you have sufficient coverage to rebuild your house and to cover replacement value of contents. Also, check if temporary living quarters and mold remediation are covered. (Note: One of our members recently called his insurance company, increased his coverage, and got a \$400 reduction of his annual premium).

Newlin stated that remediation of smoke damage and odors requires specialized equipment and knowledge. You may have smoke damage 1 or 2 houses away from a fire. You can make an insurance claim even if your property was not physically damaged. A house may sustain water damage from a fire, a plumbing problem, or a leaking roof. It is important to address this as soon as possible, to minimize mold damage.