

Minutes for April 25, 2017
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

The minutes to the March 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Cop of the Month Award

PO Zena Brooks and PO Glen Hansen received the April Cop of the Month Award.

Emergency Service Unit

Sergeant Doug Walden and Detective James Coll, from the Emergency Service Unit, described the work they do as part of the ESU. ESU is a citywide unit, and Walden and Coll are assigned to the ten precincts that make up Manhattan South. Although they do tactical work and function similar to the SWAT teams that one finds in other cities (with heavy vests and helmets and so forth), they emphasize that their primary resource is negotiation. Each of the 350 members of the ESU is an EMT, a paramedic, or a physician's assistant. Their medical background is crucial to virtually everything they do. They respond to everything from hostage situations to subway track rescues to reports of exotic, wild animals in New York City apartments.

Homeless

DI Papamichael spoke about the homeless situation in the precinct and how the officers work with that population each day.

Traffic

Captain Zaffiro addressed community member concerns about traffic, parking, and bicycle lanes, and answered numerous questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.