



Summary of meeting, 6 pm Monday, Feb. 16, 2017, with Police Service Area 1 officials

The meeting was held in the Philadelphia University Kanbar Center. Representing the Philadelphia Police Department were Sgt. Justin Frank and officers Kennedy and Hidalgo. Police Service Area (PSA) 1 is one of three service areas in the 39th Police District. PSA 1 covers East Falls and the Ridge/Hunting Park/Allegheny areas.

Representatives from the community included Jeffrey Baird (Philadelphia University, Director of Security), William Epstein (President, EFCC), Mary Jane Fullam (President, EF Town Watch), Jennifer Fox, James Hood, Jim Guaneri, Carla Lewandowski, Isolene Nelson, Kate Reidy and Andrea Sutherland.

Sgt. Frank said that thefts from cars continue to be a problem in PSA 1. He emphasized the importance of locking car doors and leaving no items in view inside vehicles, and said that many of the recent incidents involved unlocked cars.

Residents raised concerns about recent street robberies, garage break-ins and home property trespassing incidents. Sgt. Frank distributed the attached photos of suspects being sought in several of these cases. If these individuals are sighted in the neighborhood residents are urged to call 911 immediately. Officers Kennedy and Hidalgo are assigned to follow-up on burglaries in PSA 1.



Residents also asked for police assistance to discourage parking too close to corners and stop signs, blocking visibility and making vehicle turns difficult.

Another problem cited was high school student behavior along Henry Av. and Midvale Av. at dismissal time, including graffiti on the SEPTA bus passenger shelter at Henry and Midvale and trash at the Midvale Av. and Vaux St. stop. Mr. Epstein and Ms. Fullam said that they would address these issues with officials at the Eastern University Academy Charter School.

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