POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK

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From:

Commanding Officer, Criminal Justice Bureau

To:

RNC Coordinator

Subject:

MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE NYPD MASS ARREST/PRISONER PROCESSING SUB-COMMITTEE

1. On Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Mass Arrest/Prisoner Processing Sub-Committee held a meeting in the Criminal Justice Bureau conference room. A list of those in attendance is attached. The following items were discussed:

- A pier located on West Street that was previously used by the MTA may be available for use as an arrest triage site.
- Fencing could be installed to confine prisoners.
- While arrests will be made by members of Task Force and the Mobile Field Forces, any police officer can make an arrest.
- A supervisor will be assigned to each prisoner wagon.
- Efforts should be made to get prisoner wagons back in service as soon as possible.
- The training video to be produced by the Video Unit should show the Polaroid photograph being taken of both the arresting officer and the prisoner.
- When appropriate, persons arrested will be processed for a DAT.
- No summonses will be issued.
- The Brooklyn House of Detention may not be appropriate as a triage site. The prisoner wagons will be out of service for too long.
- The armory on Lexington Avenue may be used as a triage site. One drawback is that vehicles cannot be driven into this armory.
- "Mass Arrest Information Report" reluctance to introduce a new form during the RNC.
- MAPC has an "Intake Sheet" that will be used to compile prisoner related data.
- Regarding prisoner property, the Property Clerk Division is flexible. Once definitive plans have been established, the Property Clerk Division will determine how to best deal with prisoner property.
- Once promulgated, the Property Clerk Division would like a list of planned events.
- MAPC will probably be open 24 hours a day, starting Friday August 27, 2004.

- All arrests will be processed in the MAPC located in One Police Plaza.
- Improvements are being made to the MAPC to improve its arrest processing capabilities.
- The Brooklyn and Queens Houses of Detention could be used to lodge prisoners awaiting processing.
- The auditorium of One Police Plaza will not be used to lodge prisoners.
- The security detail for One Police Plaza will need to be increased when the MAPC is open.
- No defense attorneys in MAPC.

Issues to be resolved:

- CJB is going to propose that a new pedigree sticker be used for mass arrests.
- Staffing the DOC Houses of Detention.
- For DAT's, will property be vouchered or will it be returned to the defendant?
- Supervision and staffing of the arrest triage site.
- To expedite processing of prisoners at MAPC, will vouchers be typed or handwritten.
- How many DOC buses will be available?
- CJB needs to develop a Power Point presentation on arrest processing to give to the Police Academy.
- Legal Bureau will ascertain if more than one prisoner can be placed in a cell at the DOC Houses of Detention.
- 2. The meeting was informative and raised many important issues. Future meetings will be held to develop procedures and provide solutions for the issues noted above.

3. For your information.

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