



# WORKPLACE VIOLENCE ACTIVE SHOOTER

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS IN THE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT

A COALITION PERSPECTIVE



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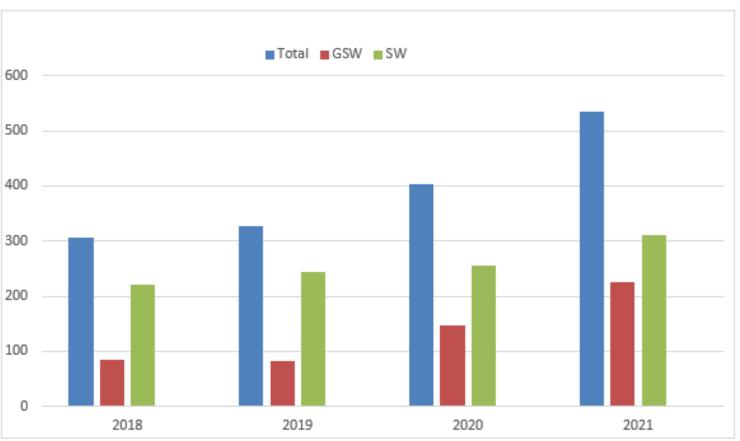
Issuing Trigger Warnings in an Age of Mass Shootings -Sapiens.org

# Jacobi Geography



### Data – Trauma

Jacobi Penetrating Trauma Stab Wound (SW)& Gunshot Wound (GSW) Totals 2018-2021



Note. Jacobi Penetrating Trauma Statistics from 2018 to 2021. Garcia, C. (2022). Jacobi Medical Center

Trauma Data [PowerPoint slides] Trauma registry NTRAC.

# Data –Workplace Violence

Statistics on Jacobi Workplace Violence Reported Occurrences

Type of Incident	2018	2019	2020	2021
Type 1 - No Relation to Workplace	6	0	4	0
Type 2 - Patient/Customer / Client	79	97	62	77
Type 3 – Employee/Co-Worker	19	15	12	19
Type 4 – Personal/Family Member	0	0	0	0
Total Report Occurrences	104	112	78	96

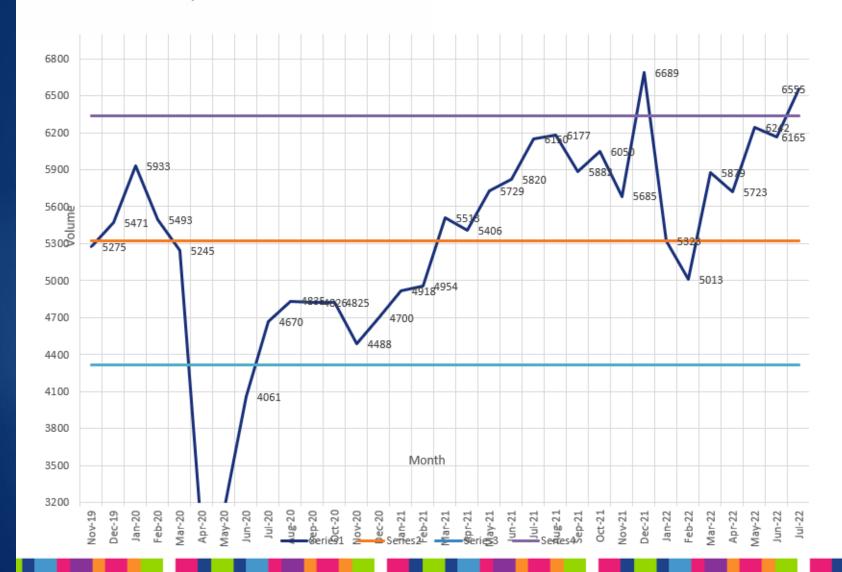
Note. From Statistics on Jacobi Workplace Violence Reported Occurrences and Injured Employees by Title and

Year 2018 to 2021. Campbell, K. (2021). Jacobi Medical Center Hospital Police Workplace Violence Statistics

Report.



## Jacobi JMC ED Adult Volume

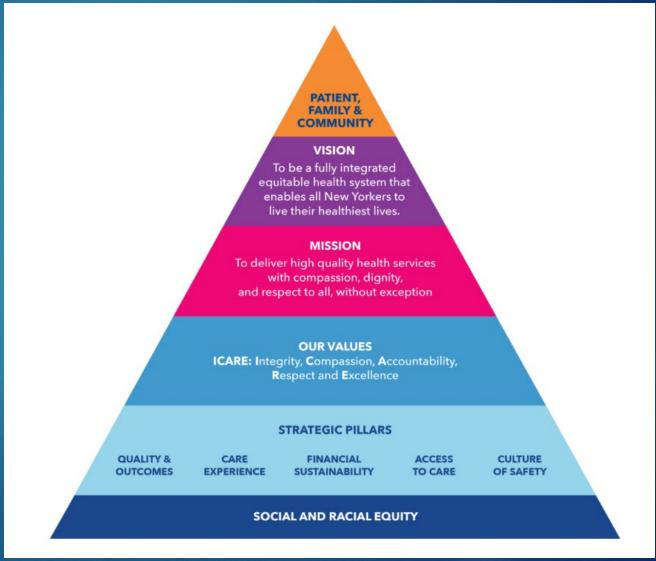


Historical Average: **5400** patients/month 2021 Average: 5750 patients/month 2021 7% increase year on year 2022 running @121%! 6555 July 22

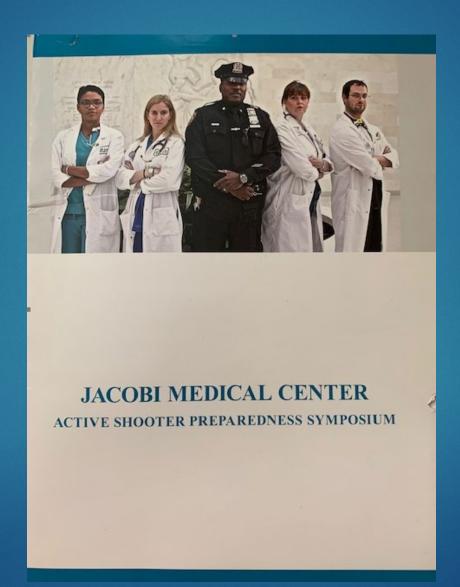
6689 pts in December busiest month in In 2.5 years.

Nml=@65k/yr @5400/month 2022 projection: @70K/yr @5850/month Paradox of Balancing Our Corporate Values with Safety...

Hospital Environment
Welcoming and
Inviting



# 2015 Symposium / Active Shooter Drill



#### 2017 Bronx Lebanon – Bronx Care

BRUNX=LEBANON\_HOSPITAL\_BENTIER

The New York Times

#### Doctor Opens Fire at Bronx Hospital, Killing a Doctor and Wounding 6

#### By Sarah Maslin Nir

June 30, 2017

A disgruntled doctor armed with an AR-15 rifle and wearing a lab coat went on a rampage on Friday in the Bronx hospital where he had worked, killing a doctor and wounding six other people — five of them seriously — before setting himself on fire and shooting himself in the head, the authorities said.

# 2018 BEPC Training with FEMA CERT Teams

By Patrick Rocchio

O comments Posted on June 28, 2018



Jacobi personnel at the workshop to help prepare for an active shooter situation: (l-r) Chris Mastromano, hospital CEO; Janice Halloran, director of emergency preparedness; Mike McMorrow, director of hospital police; Barabra Deiorio, public relations director and Joanne Sampson, hospital director of human resources.

Photo by Odette Scofield

# Jacobi prepares for possible 'active shooter' scenario

A local hospital is preparing for a scenario that it hopes will never happen.

Jacobi Medical Center held an Active Shooter Preparedness event on Wednesday, June 13 that was open to the community and the hospital's Community Advisory Board on what individuals can do to protect themselves and others in case of a mass-shooting incident.

The event comes on the heels of the one-year mass shooting anniversary at Bronx Lebanon Hospital. The June 30, 2017 incident left two people dead and several wounded when a disgruntled former doctor opened fire.



# 2019 Ongoing Active Shooter Preparedness Trainings (ALICE)



# 2020 COVID -19



# 2021 (July) Armed Patient in CPEP



# 2021 (September) ED False Alarm



### 2022 (January 12) Armed Patient in Radiology



# January 25, 2022

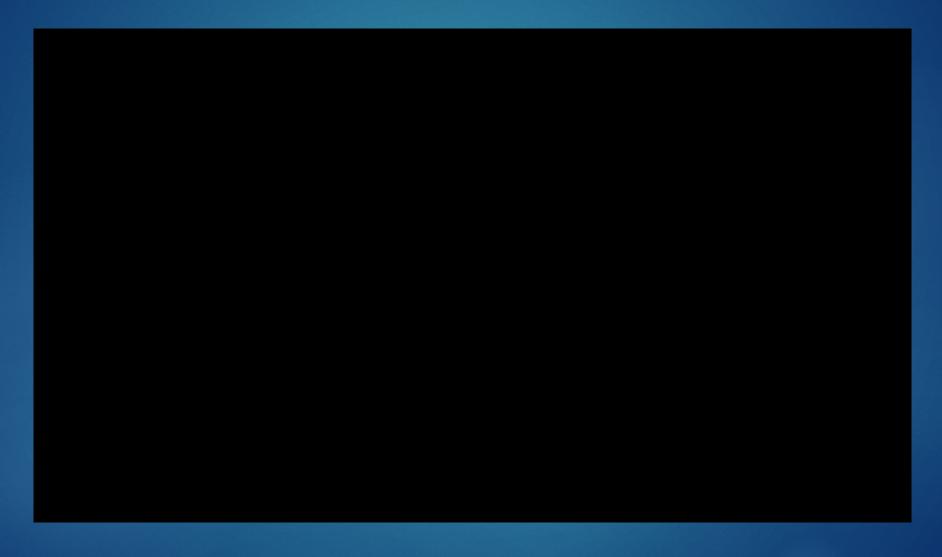
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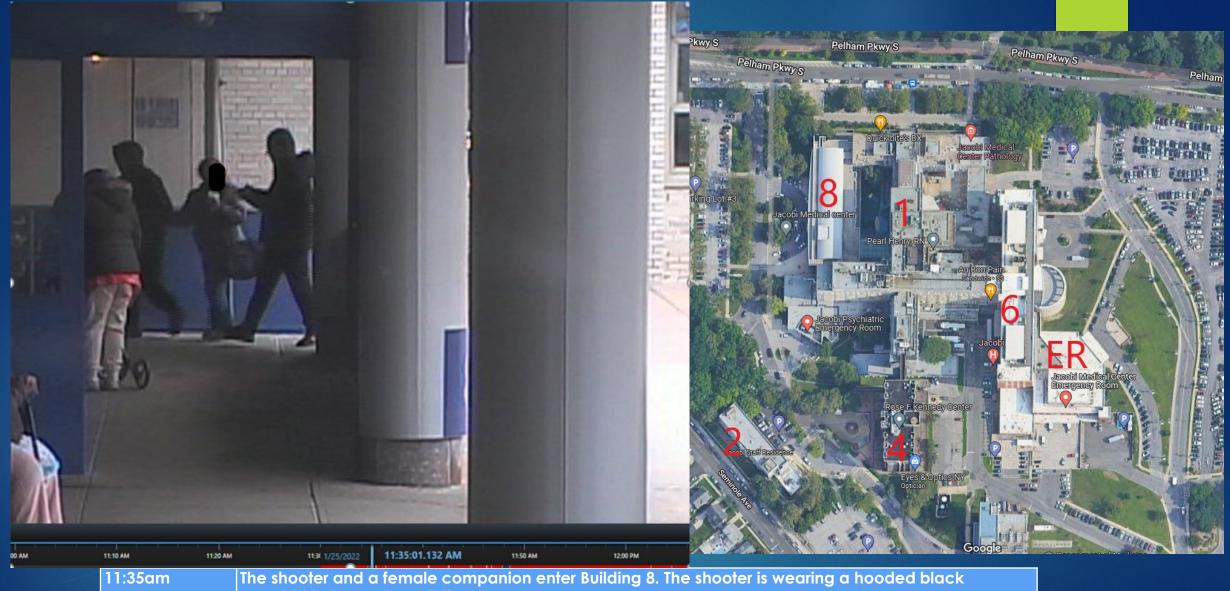
Shooting inside Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx wounds man:

**VIDEO** 



## Surveillance Video





The shooter and a female companion enter Building 8. The shooter is wearing a hooded black sweatshirt. They enter Building 8.

The shooter and a female companion visit several outpatient clinics in building 8 attempting to register for care.

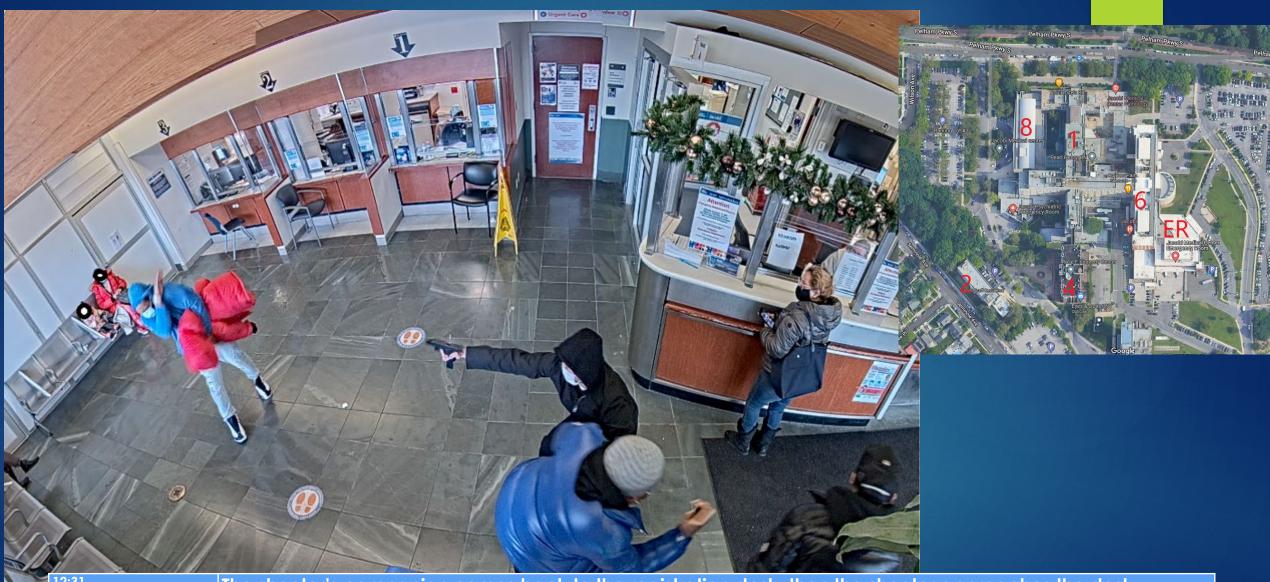




11:43	The shooter and his companion are redirected to the Emergency Department.
11:52	The shooter and his companion return back in the Building 8 lobby, the female companion speaks to Hospital Police officer, possible wayfinding question, before the shooter and his companion walk towards the Emergency Department.
11:54	The shooter and his companion enter the Emergency Department Waiting Room.



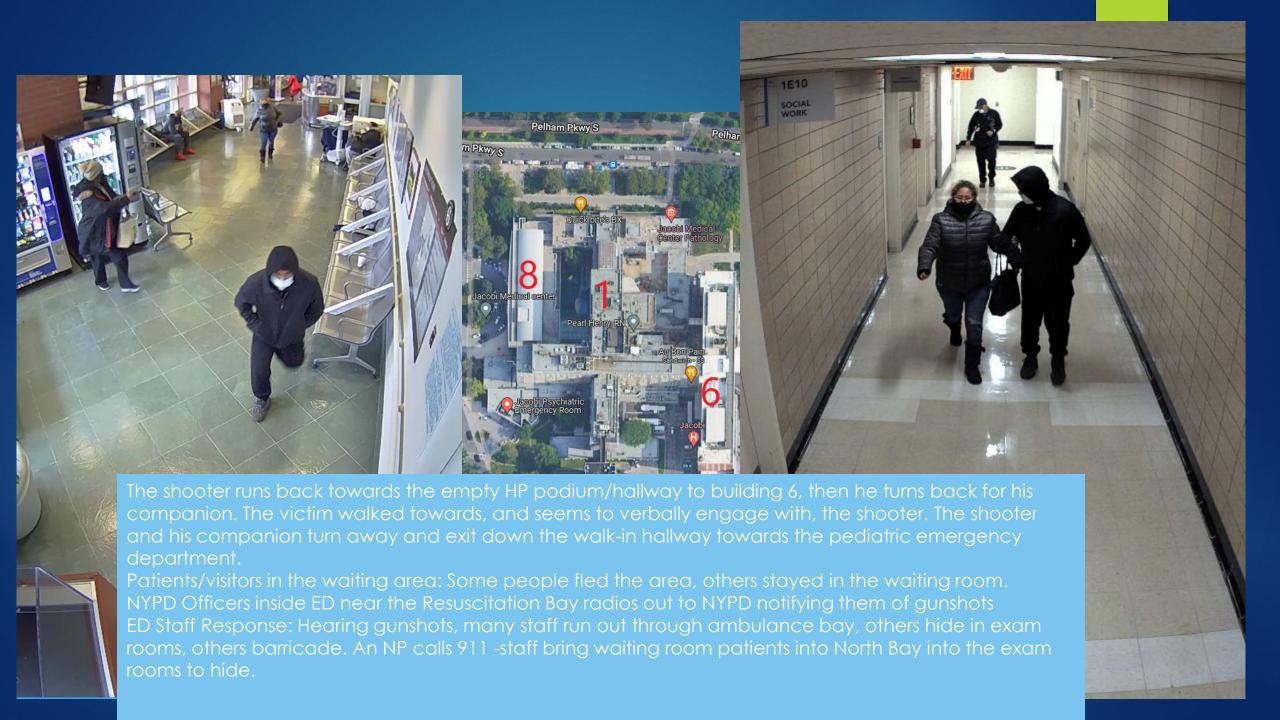
		The victim, (who had arrived at Jacobi via another portal of entry at 11:47am) moved to left side of waiting
//		area to fill out paperwork (standing).
	12:03	The shooter is observed pacing next to the ED walk-in automatic doors.
	12:04	The shooter and his companion go to the right side of waiting room to sit and fill out registration paperwork.
		The shooter's companion returns the clipboard to the arrival desk and the shooter returns to the door area,
		pacing. The victim stays on left side of waiting area, takes a phone call.
	12:12	The shooter is given his ED wristband by the Greeter RN.
	12:13	The shooter takes the gun out of his waistband and slips it in his pocket. He goes and sits by the ED walk-in
		door, next to the plant.

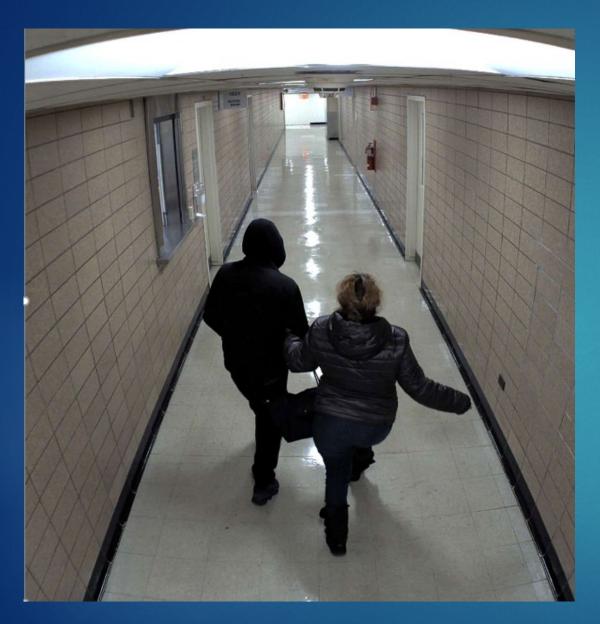


12:31

The shooter's companion comes back to the registration desk, then the shooter approaches the desk, looking at the victim across the waiting room. He draws his weapon and fires his extended clip firearm four times towards the victim.

The entire shooting took three seconds.





Staff Running and directing others away from gunfire







The shooter and his companion re-enter the Building 8 atrium, arm in arm.



The shooter and his companion exit Building 8, and get into a taxi and drive off campus.

#### Immediate Actions:

- ► Staff: RUN/HIDE/FIGHT
  - Clerk Call to HP
  - Numerous Calls to 9-1-1 (including a radio call from NYPD officer being seen in ED)
  - Call to FDNY Chief for Situational awareness/eventual EMS diversion



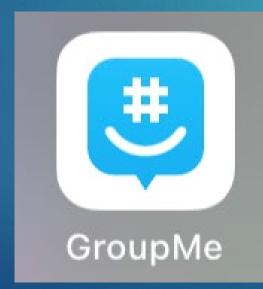
Life-Saving Trauma Care for the shot patient NYPD detail assigned to follow case to OR / PACU

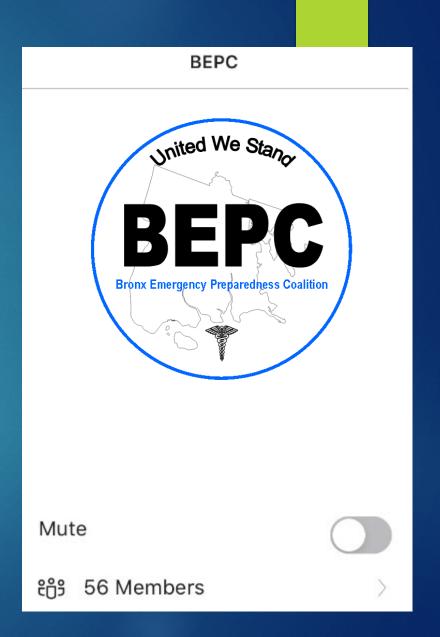
# HP/NYPD Review of Local Surveillance Cameras to track path of shooter out of the building



#### Coalition Communication

- Activation of "GroupMe" Text Group
- Confirmation of Active Event
- Offerings of Support as needed
- Emotional Support and camaraderie





# Continuity of Operations/Creativity

HP and NYPD Soft Lockdown of Campus entrances/exits

NYPD closed down adult waiting area, re: preservation of crime scene

Walk-In patients redirected to Ambulance Entrance

Waiting area closed by NYPD until midnight, then remained closed overnight for floor care, cleaning, bullet hole repairs,

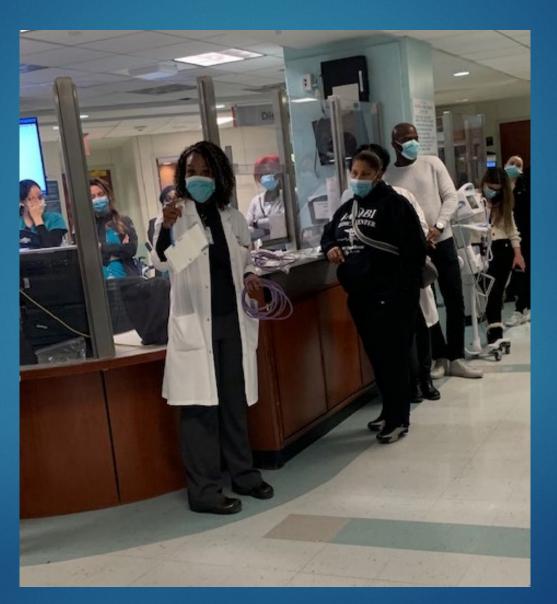
etc.







# Staff Huddles/Debriefs



#### Borough President, Local Politicians, Mayor visits with staff



Photo from Bronx Times

# Jacobi Medical Center shooting suspect arrested after signing in

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Wednesday, January 26, 2022





# The weeks following:

- ► Helpline for Staff to send suggestions
- Executive Debriefs and Vulnerability Assessments
- Revisiting Communication Plans and Pathways
- Promotion of Everbridge Enrollment
- Reinforcement of Plain Language Initiative –Staff Awareness

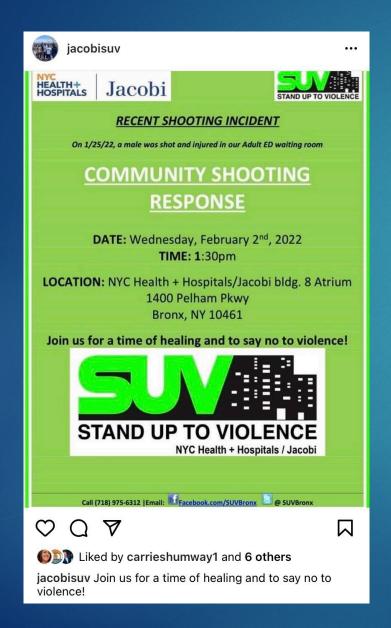
# Staff Reactions to Traumatic Incident

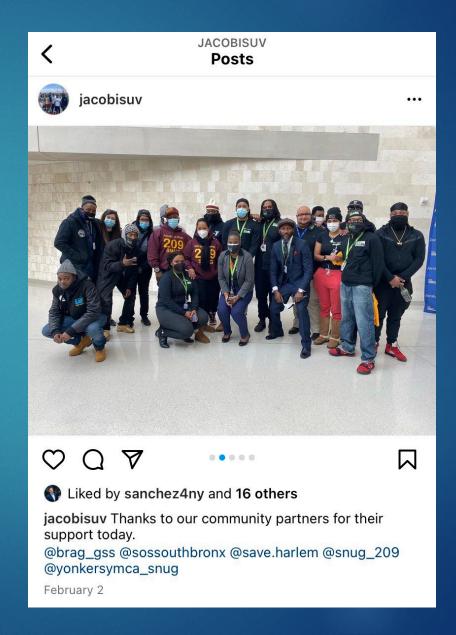
- Fear, Anger, Anxiety
- Safety Concerns
  - Violence in the community
- **Proud**
- ▶ Staff Continued to come to work

### Emotional Support for Staff

- Helping Healers Heal
  - ▶ 48 encounters which included:
  - >29 debriefs = 382 staff members
  - ▶4 events = 114 people
  - ▶ 15 units rounds (these are not quantified)
  - Total excluding rounds = 496

#### SUV Community Shooting Response





# Opportunities Identified by staff and leadership:

- Physical Safety Updates
- Staffing Plans
- Technology Upgrades
- Communication: Activation, Enrollment, Tools

#### Physical Changes:

- ► Metal Detector at ED Walk-In entrance
- Metal Detecting "Wanding" of Ambulance arrivals



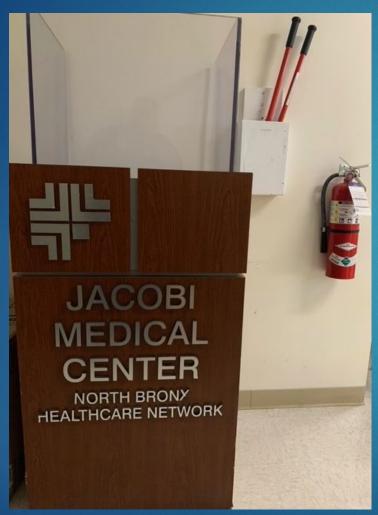


- Decreasing Entrance Availability portals of entry staff vigilance, ID cardaccess for outer buildings
- Additional ID Card Access Restricted Doors and elevators





# HP PODIUMS Nov 2021 vs Oct 2022





Bullet Resistant Hospital Police Podiums

### Current State October 2022

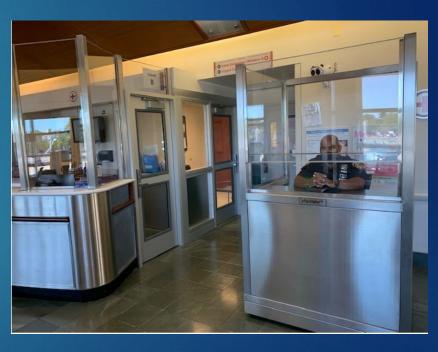




## ED Arrival Desk July 2021 Nov 2021 Oct 2022







- Walk-In Triage Redesign –safety and infection-prevention centric
- Bullet-Resistant glass

## ED Registration Windows Nov 2021 vs Oct 2022









#### Staffing Changes:

NYPD 49th Pct AED Waiting Room Post (Intermittent)



► Hospital Police

**BHAs** 



- ► Technology changes:
  - Everbridge
  - ►SOS alerts



#### Ebony Welch Help is on the way!

Your alert from Jacobi, Building: 6, Floor: 01, Wing/Room: B25 was sent to the Jacobi Hospital Police Command Center.

If you are at a different location, please provide your updated details or indicate you have activated a false alert below.

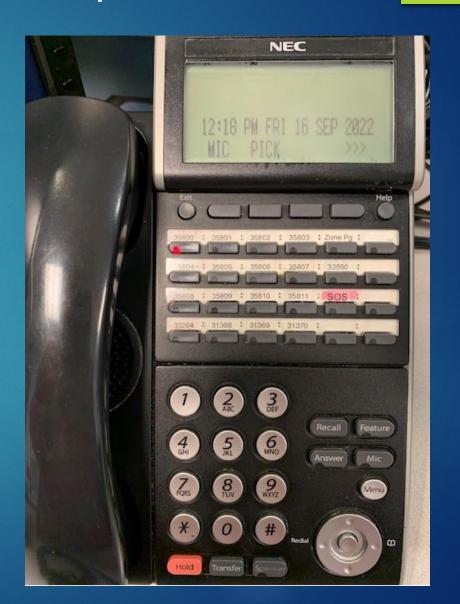
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Details of your location/emergency or indicate a false alert...

This is a test

Submit Updates or Indicate a False Aler





## Everbridge

Promotion of staff enrollment in Everbridge



**Emergency Notification System** 

Sign up to get Emergency Alerts!





Tue, Jan 25, 3:11 PM

Jacobi Emergency Department Secured

The Jacobi Emergency Department has been secured and a police investigation is currently ongoing. Please resume your assigned activities across the campus and avoid the Emergency Department unless assigned to that location.

### POIs/HVPs

Patient of Interest, High Visibility Patient

▲ Yesterday	
Cox, Reeca Pedestrian struck	Thu 10:36 PM
Claudio, Anna *Update* POI - GSW	Thu 10:10 PM
Claudio, Anna *Update* POI - Pedestrian struck	Thu 10:09 PM
Cox, Reeca Pedestrian struck	Thu 9:56 PM
Cox, Reeca Cardiac arrest	Thu 9:44 PM
Claudio, Anna POI - GSW	Thu 9:43 PM

Name:

Sex/Age: 33

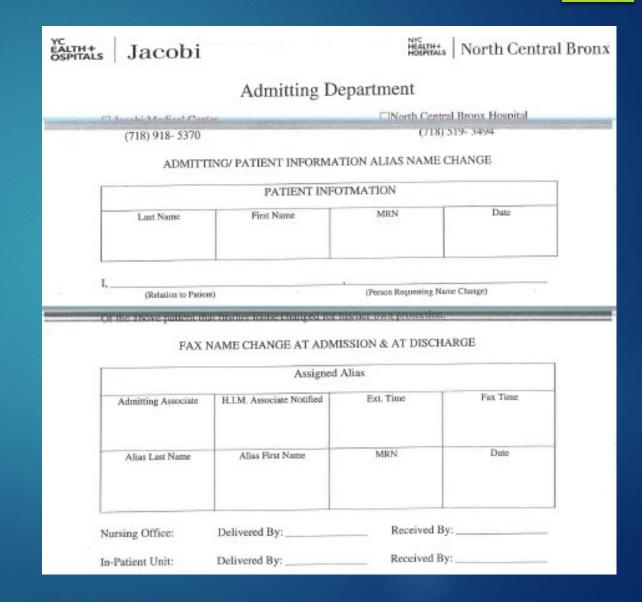
MR#: T

Presenting complaint or C/O: Patient arrived via FDNY EMS for hematoma to forehead s/p pedestrian struck.

Incident Location: Eastchester Road / Bronz

 $\textbf{Disposition:} \ \ \text{Patient is currently in the Adult Emergency Room trauma room } \ \ 3$ 

- Behavioral changes
  - ► Alias and Name changes



# Partnership Between Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Police

-Staff & Community Training







# Collaboration with H+H Central Office Emergency Management & the H+H Hospital Police Academy



## The Bronx Emergency Preparedness Coalition welcomes

#### **MHSDA Security Management Services**

for a facilitated Discussion & Hands-on Training L. E. A.R.N.

Active Shooter Preparedness and Healthcare Response

Strategies for Violent Workplace Incidents

BEPC Member Organizations: Send 2-3 participants to join us on May 11, 2022 9a-1pm

@ Jacobi Medical Center, 1400 Pelham Parkway S, Building 4, 2nd Floor Conference Center Bronx, NY 10461



**BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED** 

Sign up through QR Code





Bronx Emergency
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(BEPC) Training in partnership
with with Metropolitan
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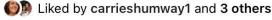
**Boost post** 











bepc.nyc @bepc.nyc Active Shooter Preparedness
Healthcare Strategies Training held today at
@nychealthsystem - bringing together
#emergencypreparedness professionals from across
#thebronx to #beprepared #nyc #bronxweek @bronxweek
@sbhbronx @montefiorehealthsystem @calvarycare
#northcentralbronxhospital #kingsharbor
#jacobimedicalcenter #bepc @nysdoh thanks to
#mhsdasecurity for your thought-provoking presentation!

View 1 comment

May 11

#### What's still to come?

- Visitor Management System, Passage Point Guest Tracking Tool
- **Turnstiles**
- Automated Personal Alert Systems
  - ▶911Cellular
  - **▶**Pinpoint









# Transparency: Sharing Experiences & Les<mark>son</mark>s Learned

- In-Person Training are open to partnering agenciesattended by coalition security and EP leaders
- ▶2/24/22 GNYHA EPCC
- >9/22/2022 NYP Emergency Management Symposium
- NYCHCC Emergency Preparedness Symposium
- ▶11/3/2022 HESGNY Expo

## Join Us!

In-Person Active Shooter Preparedness Class



Sign-Up HERE



#### Questions?

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#### Thank you!