



THE POLICE COMMISSIONER
CITY OF NEW YORK

May 31, 2018

Honorable James S. Oddo
Staten Island Borough President
10 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301

Dear Borough President Oddo:

I am writing in response to your correspondence on behalf of a constituent who suggests that the Hit and Run Alert System incorporate notifications for other emergencies.

The Hit and Run Alert System, enacted pursuant to a New York City Council law, transmits information to enlist the public's assistance in identifying motor vehicle operators who flee the scene of a collision without reporting.

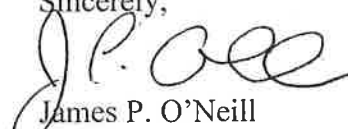
The system your constituent suggests already exists. In May 2009, the city of New York implemented Notify NYC as a means to communicate localized emergency information quickly to city residents. In addition to sending e-mails, text messages, tweets and telephone calls, the emergency notification office has the ability to activate NYC's Emergency Alert System (EAS) which sends information immediately via television and radio. Additionally, supplementary technologies are always being evaluated as they become available.

Notify NYC staff work within the dedicated emergency notification office which is a part of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Watch Command, which constantly monitors emergency activity in New York City and the metropolitan area. Since its inception, Notify NYC has sent out thousands of notifications about local emergencies. You may wish to advise your constituents to register for Notify NYC. They can register multiple email addresses, text message accounts and phone numbers to receive New York City advisories.

I am pleased that we are able to collaborate to make this city safer for everyone. We appreciate your dedication to the residents of New York City and look forward to working with you in the future. Collaboration between local stakeholders, particularly elected officials, and our local command staff, is one of the most effective means for bringing about a lasting reduction in crime and addressing the concerns of neighborhood residents and business owners.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. As always, I appreciate your continued support of the New York City Police Department.

Sincerely,


James P. O'Neill
Police Commissioner