

COMMUNITY ALERT

Gate security at Fort Totten will be discontinued on Sunday, March 1, 2009.

Fire Commissioner Scoppetta is taking this action in response to the Mayor's recently announced budget cuts. Termination of the security contract will endanger Fort Totten and the surrounding community.

Both FDNY and NYPD house units on Fort Totten which have high security needs. To go into detail would be irresponsible but suffice it to say that these units deal with matters pertaining to terrorism and criminal investigation.

Without security there will be burglary and vandalism concerns at night. In addition, the abandoned old buildings, many of which are part of the Historic Monument Trust, would be prime targets for arson. Nighttime criminal activity in the Fort will spill over into Bay Terrace.

Completely removing security guards from Fort Totten's front gate is ill-advised and will eventually cost the city more in terms of increased vandalism, burglary, arson, crimes involving violence and police services. This action poses a real threat to the safety of our community.

Call 311 – Tell Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Scoppetta to maintain the gate security at Fort Totten.

**If necessary, a protest rally will be organized.
Everyone's support is needed!**



The Bay Terrace Community Alliance is a neighborhood coalition of concerned citizens committed to preserving our quality of life.

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