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Cambridge Police Department Honors Officers at 8th Annual Awards Ceremony

Cambridge, MA – On May 27, 2010, over two hundred friends, family members and city dignitaries gathered in the Kresge Auditorium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to honor the remarkable work done by citizens, personnel, and sworn officers that helped make the City of Cambridge a safer and more welcoming community in 2009.

Master of Ceremonies Frank Pasquarello opened the ceremony by welcoming those in attendance and calling upon the Cambridge Police Honor Guard and M.I.T. Police Honor Guard to post the colors.

Following a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Sergeant Detective Pauline Carter-Wells of the Cambridge Police Department, Reverend Michael E. Drea of St. Paul's Parish gave the invocation.

After a moment of silence honoring past members of the Cambridge Police Department who passed away, M.I.T. Chief John DiFava welcomed everyone to M.I.T. and Mayor David P. Maher thanked the Cambridge Police Department for their “service, hard-work, and professionalism.” He also noted that he was grateful to the department for their good work and for “making our city look good all the time.”

Commissioner Robert C. Haas then thanked all of those in attendance, especially those from the city and other departments because the work we do is “all about partnership, all about collaboration.”

Manager Robert W. Healy then addressed the audience and remarked that he has “never been as proud of the Cambridge Police Department as I am today.”

Over one hundred awards were presented at the ceremony, honoring citizens, civilian personnel, and officers from M.I.T., Harvard University, Somerville, Everett, and the Massachusetts State Police who aided their comrades at the Cambridge Police



Department to help serve and protect the residents of Cambridge. A full list of awards and recipients can be found on the [Cambridge Police Department's website](#).

The Allen T. McPherson Citizen Service Award was presented to Dr. Brendan Norwood, Mr. William Mergendahl, Mr. Larry W. Stone, Mr. Michael A. McDonald, and Mr. Peter J. Brown for their selfless work helping their fellow citizens and aiding the Cambridge Police.

The Herbert Halliday Lifesaving Ribbon was awarded to Officer Thomas J. Grainger, Officer Cameron O. Deane, Officer Michael J. Carter, Officer Nicholas J. Mochi, Jr., Sergeant David M. Brown, and Sergeant James M. Crowley for their heroic and lifesaving actions while in the line of duty.



Other notable awards were presented to:

- Ms. Holly Bernier, *Ruth and Carl Barron 2009 Non-Sworn Employee of the Year*
- Detective Steven B. Magalhaes, *2009 Specialist of the Year*
- Lieutenant Joseph L. Wilson, III, *2009 Superior Office of the Year*
- Detective Brian O'Connor, *2009 Detective of the Year*
- Officer Michael J. Logan, *2009 Officer of the Year*

The Cambridge Police Department would like to thank all of those who attended the event and made the ceremony, especially Manager Robert Healy, Mayor David Maher, Councilors Sam Seidel and Timothy Toomey, Jr., Cambridge Fire Chief Gerald Reardon, and M.I.T. for hosting the event.

For a full list of the awards presented and their recipients, visit:

http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/8th%20Annual%20Award%20Program%20Book%202009.pdf