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Re: Council Order No.15, dated September 8, 2008
Council Order No. 1, dated May 18, 2009
Council Order No. 10, dated June 15, 2009
Council Order No. 12, dated June 22, 2009
Council Order No. 9, dated June 29, 2009

Dear Sir:

As requested I am responding to the Council Orders listed above regarding the public safety of the citizens of Cambridge. The Department has work tirelessly with the Department of Human Services Programs (DHSP) and the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) to collaborate efforts and strategies to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the neighborhoods throughout the City.

First, the Cambridge Police Department maintains a walking patrol of the Jefferson Park Neighborhood, Fresh Pond Apartments, and Walden Square Neighborhood. This dedicated patrol coverage is in addition to the Route Cars and Sector Car that is assigned in the North Cambridge area. At the beginning of April, the Department reinstated its patrol bicycle deployments that supplement the existing coverage to those neighborhoods that had experienced gun violence over these past few months.

In addition to our patrol resources, we have officers from the Community Relations Unit that are specifically assigned to cover our various parks throughout the city. This patrol activity takes place during the evening hours, and the officers who have this assignment have spent a predominant amount of time in those park and recreational areas where we have experienced problems in the past.

The Department, in collaboration with the DHSP and CHA, conducted a door-to-door campaign of the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Although this project was planned long before the recent gun violence episodes, the door-to-door campaign took place immediately following the two incidents, both of which took place in the Jefferson Park neighborhood. The purpose

was to team up an officer with a member of DHSP and provide information on the various programs that are being offered during the summer months. Officers also furnished information on the two shooting incidents and were on hand to answer any questions or concerns of the residents. The management at Jefferson Park sent fliers to all of the residents pre-announcing the door-to-door visits and to advertise a community meeting that was held a few days after the door-to-door visits. A similar campaign took place at Fresh Pond Apartments (362 & 364 Rindge Avenue); Walden Square neighborhood, Corcoran Park neighborhood, and Lincoln Way neighborhoods.

On June 25, 2009 the Mayor hosted a meeting with CHA, Winn Associates (Walden Square), Federal Management Corp. (Fresh Pond Apartments), Just-a-Start, and Wasserman Management at the police station. The purpose of this meeting was to talk about developing an ongoing collaboration between the various management firms, city departments, and building resident cohesion. We also talked about the emerging crime patterns and other problems that were being experienced in the neighborhood. It was agreed that this type of forum would take on a more formal structure and be an ongoing dialogue.

Officers assigned to the Youth/Family Services Unit and Community Relations Unit teamed up with Youth Workers to provide summer programs for the youth. They included, the Cambridge Youth Police Academy which was a six week program to expose youth to the various duties associated with the Law Enforcement profession and promote leadership, teamwork, physical fitness, nutrition, good decision making and integrity. In North Cambridge there was a soccer program and at the Gately Youth Center and the Frisoli Youth Center there was the Girls Empowerment program. The Area IV Youth Center sponsored a sports camp and teen program. In addition, West Cambridge had a teen program. Attached is the summary of the City youth and officers participation in the summer community program and the summer monthly calendars of events organized through the Department's Community Relations Unit.

There is a good working relationship between the Youth/Family Services Unit, the Community Relations Unit and the neighborhood community groups. They have worked together to plan the summer programs and we will continue to attend community meetings to promote stronger ties with the residents and to provide greater involvement of the youth in the various programs offered by the City.

If you require additional information please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Haas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Robert C. Haas
Police Commissioner

2009 Summer Community-based Projects/Initiatives

Background: During the course of this past Spring/Summer, the Cambridge Police Department entered into a number of working partnerships with other city departments and social service providers for the purpose of doing an active outreach to the community. In part, these projects/initiatives were designed to build upon stronger community partnerships, encourage residents to take advantage of the myriad of programs and services that are provided by the city, and to begin to offset some of the reoccurring problems that have been experienced in prior years.

Project/Initiative	Description of Activity	Results of Activities	Next Steps
Newtowne Court/Washington Elms Community Outreach	During the course of the Spring vacation week, members of the Department of Human Services and the Cambridge Police Department (teams of 2) went to each of the residents for the purpose of describing various upcoming summer programs & other city services.	Following the door-to-door informational campaign, the Department of Human Services and the Cambridge Police Department in collaboration held a resource-information fair for both communities. Approx. 75 families attended this event.	Plan to hold an after-action review for the purpose of doing a follow on project for the next season.
Jefferson Park Community Outreach	Worked with Cambridge Housing Authority in providing advance notice of the door-to-door campaign. Setup twelve-two person teams including (1) police officer, employee from the Department of Human Services, and members of Vineyard Church. Teams went to each of the residents to furnish information and to speak about the recent violence that had taken place.	Although this project was already in the works and scheduled, there were two shooting incidents that took place just prior to the kick-off of the door-to-door informational campaign. A community meeting was also scheduled the following week of the door-to-door campaign.	In addition to the CPD/DHSP community meeting, members from both departments also attended community meetings that were held by the N. Cambridge Crime Task Force, a meeting held by the N. Cambridge Stabilization Committee, and the Civic Unity Committee meeting. Continued to work with the Resident Managers on improving crime prevention initiatives.
Walden Square Community Outreach	Similar to two prior door-to-door information campaigns, the Department of Human Services and Cambridge Police formed two-person teams to go to each of the residents.	A week or two after the door-to-door information campaign, various city departments, along with Winn Associates held a cookout and outdoor resource community meeting.	A Civic Unity Committee meeting was subsequently held for the community, where the Dept. of Human Services & Cambridge Police Dept. participated along with resident managers of Winn Associates.

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Lincoln Way Community Outreach	The Department of Human Services and Cambridge Police Department worked closely with the Cambridge Housing Authority to run a door-to-door information campaign. Two person teams went to each of the residents.	This activity was run concurrently with the Walden Square door-to-door campaign. Rather than holding a separate a resource community meeting, it was felt that a community meeting would be held at a later date.	A community meeting was organized through the Civic Unity Committee. Representatives from the Department of Human Services, Cambridge Police Department, and the Cambridge Housing Authority were represented.
Area IV Youth Center Partnership	Officers from the Youth/Family Services Unit and Community Relations Unit partnered with Youth Service Workers to do the youth programming at the Area IV Youth Center.	This program over seven weeks and had approximately 60 – 80 youth attending each day.	An after-action meeting will be held to plan for a similar project for the next season.
Frisoli Youth Center Partnership	Officers from Youth/Family Services Unit and Community Relations Unit partnered with Youth Service Workers. This involved a variety of programs designed to buildup self-esteem and promotes wellness.	There was a youth camp and girls empowerment program, which ran over seven weeks. There were 15 – 25 girls who are participated in this program. In addition, a two week golf instruction program was offered to interested youth.	An after-action meeting will be held to plan for a similar project for the next season.
Gately Youth Center Partnership	Officers from Youth/Family Services Unit and Community Relations Unit partnered with Youth Service Workers.	There were approximately 30 youth who participated in this program for the duration the program.	An after-action meeting will be held to plan for a similar project for the next season.
“Night Court” Basketball League	This program was developed by officers from the Youth/Family Services Unit, Community Relations Unit, members from the Patrol Division, and Youth Services Worker initiated this program later in the season.	The program was designed for youth between the ages of 14 – 19 years of age. Various personnel participated by coaching and management of the various teams two nights a week until Midnight. At the end of the season, there were a series of games setup with different neighborhoods around the city.	This program exceeded our expectations. There is a high probability that this program will be setup again next year, probably starting earlier in the season. This program involved a number of youth who have had prior history with the police department.

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West Cambridge Youth Camp Partnership	This again involved collaboration between CPD and Youth Workers.	There were 50 kids who routinely attended the camp.	Waiting for an after-action meeting to assess the effectiveness of the program.
Cambridge Police Youth Academy	This program was organized by the Community Relations Unit and involved 18 youth who were assigned to the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.	The participants went through six weeks, where they learned various aspects of policing (Crime Scenes, Impacts of Underage Drinking, physical fitness program, traffic enforcement, and good decision making). They also were certified in CPR and First Aid. As a final project, the participants had to complete a problem-oriented policing project.	This program exceeded our expectations, and there is a high probability that this program will take place next summer. An after-action meeting has already been scheduled to review the curriculum and possibly expanding the number of youth who would be eligible to participate.
North Cambridge Youth Soccer League	This was collaboration between the Boston Vineyard Church, CPD, N. Cambridge Crime Task Force and Youth Service Workers involving youth between the ages of 9 – 12 years old.	More than 125 kids from Fresh Pond Apartments, 402 Rindge Avenue, and surrounding communities attended this two week program.	Planning to expand this program to young adults in addition to running this program again next year.
Area IV Special Project	This was a collaborative effort between Department of Human Services and Cambridge Police Department to work with a group of youth from the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. The purpose of this project was to have a group of youth from Area IV put together a project that would be of benefit to the community.	This project ran over a series of weeks, which resulted in this group to work through a community-based project and then make a presentation to the community. It was the intent of this project to accomplish some major objectives: team building, project development; commitment to the community; and youth leadership concepts.	Assessing the feasibility of expanding this program in the next season.

May Events/Block Parties

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Area 4 Health Fair 10am-2pm Pisani Center Area 4 Clean up 9am-12pm
3 Area 4 Clean up 9am-12pm	4 116 Norfolk Congregate Housing Pool w/ cpd 2pm	5	6 Richdale Safety Walk 7:45 pm Corner o f walden and Richdale Dana Park Walk to School Day 7am	7 Senior Town Meeting 806 Mass Ave 12pm-1pm	8	9 Frash Pond Day 11am-3pm
10	11	12	13 Bicycle Committee 5:30-7:30pm 344 Broadway MIT Mayors Picknick	14 Area 4 coalition Area 4 youth center 6:30-9pm Inman Harrington Meeting 7pm WHNA	15	16
17	18	19	20 Lechmere Station Extension community Meeting 6-8pm Kennedy Longfellow auditorium North camb crime task 6pm trailer	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 CPD Awards MIT	28 North Cambridge Story Walk 5pm Start at Peabody Pedestrian Committee 6-8pm 344 braodway	29	30

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June Events/Block Parties

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Lesley University Treshold Program Safety workshop 1-4pm Senior Safety North camb 1-2pm		6 Mens Health Brunch Elks lodge/ Bishop Allen dr. 10:30am-1pm City Smart Family day/ Dana park 10-1 Family Day/Rindge field 10:30-1:30 E End House block party Corner fulk & Camb 12-4
7 Tremont Street Block Party 12-8pm	8	9	10 Cambridge Bike Committee 344 Broadway 5:30-7:30pm Peace Commission 6-8:15 51 inman 3 rd fl	11 Area 4 Coalition Area 4 youth Center 6:30-9pm	12	13 River Festival Memorial drive 12-6pm
14 Etheopian Community Reach event 4pm Vineyard church 15 notre dame ave	15	16	17	18	19	20 Hoops and Health Events/Hoyt 10:00am-8:00pm
21	22	23	24 East Cambridge Crime Prevention Plus tour of station 7:00pm 125 sixth street	25 Cambridge Pedestr Committee 344 Broadway 6-8pm	26 City Dance Party City Hall /mass ave 7-10pm	27
28	29 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	30 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field				

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July Events/Block Parties

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	2 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	3 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	4
5	6 CPD Youth Academy Begins	7	8	9	10	11 Pleasant Street Block Party 1-7pm
12	13	14	15 Area 4 Movie night Sennott Park	16	17	18 Sweet Soul Supper MIT Morse Hall 7-11pm 142 memorial dr High Street Block Party 5-9pm
19	20	21	22 Pentecostal sundaes In the park 6-8pm Behind Pisani center	23 Area 4 Field Day Donnelly Field 1-4:30	24	25
26	27 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	28 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	29 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	30 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	31 North Cambridge Soccer Camp 6-8:30 Russell Field	

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August Events/Block Parties

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Malone Prop. Cook out Green rose Park 12-3pm
	3	4 Nationa Night Out	5	6	7 Adventure day Camp 10-3pm 575 washington st newton	8 NCCTF City Cup Soccer Game 10am-12pm Russell Field
9	10	11	12	13 Youth Academy graduation	14	15 Area 4 Pride day St. Marys park 12-6pm Area 4 peace walk From greene rose To Sennott park 11am need officers
16	17	18	19 East End house Summer block party 6:30-8:30 105 spring street	20	21	22 Harwell Drive Bloc Party 12-7pm
23	24	25	26	27	28 Salvation Army Food festival 12-2pm Univer. Park common	29 Area 4 peace Party 10-2pm Washington st near Norfolk
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