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## Mayor Maher & Commissioner Haas Observe Youth Police Academy

**July 27, 2010** – Participants in the Youth Police Academy investigated mock crime scenes today at the Cambridge Police Department while Mayor David P. Maher and Commissioner Robert C. Haas looked on.

Mayor Maher and Commissioner Haas observed the participants as they investigated their mock crime scenes and were excited by the care and attention the students paid to their tasks.

“I think it’s wonderful for these young people to have an alternative for the summer that keeps them off the streets and, in many cases, exposes them to what it’s like to be employed for the first time,” said Mayor Maher.



“It’s great to see Cambridge youths able to work alongside and cooperate with police officers,” Commissioner Haas said, “Many young people are afraid of the police, but this program gives them a chance to interact and build relationships with officers that help change their perceptions while teaching them valuable skills.”

The Youth Police Academy is a 6 week, 100 hour instructional program designed to expose participating Cambridge youths, ages 14-18, to the various duties associated with the law enforcement profession through hands-on experience as part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.

On Tuesday morning, participants broke into groups of five and investigated three mock crime scenes. Each was assigned a specific task as part of their team: Team Leader, Photographer, Sketch Artists, Evidence Collector, and Evidence Processor.