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Cambridge Police Remove Nearly a Dozen Firearms from City Streets



May 27, 2011 – Since the beginning of 2011, Cambridge Police have removed 11 firearms from city streets. In comparison, 12 firearms were recovered during all of 2010.

“I am extremely proud of the thorough work of our officers,” said Cambridge Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas.

“Police work is dangerous. Anything we can do to reduce the number of guns on the streets helps to protect citizens from violent crime and makes the city safer for both those who live and work in the city and the police officers who work selflessly to serve and protect.”

Many of the firearm recoveries were initiated when police stopped suspects for other offenses.

“The increase in the numbers of guns recovered is not itself an indicator that there were more guns on city streets,” said Lieutenant Daniel Wagner, Commanding Officer of the Cambridge Police Department Crime Analysis Unit. “The reason more guns have been recovered this year is directly attributable to the efforts of our officers and detectives who were able to locate and remove these weapons from city streets during varying, and often dangerous, situations. This hard work, coupled with the implementation of predictive policing techniques and intelligence-based deployment of resources through our BridgeStat initiative, is responsible for the marked increase in firearm recoveries we have seen so far this year.”

Violent crime in Cambridge is down 2% compared to 2010 figures and 13% when measured against the 5-year weighted average for the first 15 weeks of the year.

For more information about crime trends in Cambridge, view the monthly BridgeStat report from the Cambridge Police Department available at <http://www2.cambridgema.gov/CPD/publications/BridgeStat.cfm>.

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