Mayor Maher, Councilor Toomey, & Commissioner Haas Attend 2010 Cambridge Youth Police Academy Graduation

August 13, 2010 – Cambridge Mayor David P. Maher, Councilor Timothy J. Toomey, and Commissioner Robert C. Haas joined friends and family members on Thursday, August 12th to celebrate the accomplishments of the seventeen Cambridge teenagers who successfully completed the Cambridge Youth Police Academy.

Both Mayor Maher & Commissioner Haas made brief remarks to welcome those in attendance and congratulate the youth who participated.

“I am very proud of these graduates.” Mayor Maher said. “I think this is a wonderful program that not only helps teach youth about police work, but about responsibility and hard work as well.”

Commissioner Haas echoed Mayor Maher’s congratulations, saying, “The Cambridge Police Department is proud to be able to offer the Youth Police Academy to teens in Cambridge, and it is remarkable to see how these young people have grown throughout the summer during this program. They learned many valuable skills by working with our officers and got a taste of what serving the City of Cambridge is like.”

The Cambridge Youth Police Academy is a 6 week, 100 hour instructional program designed to expose participating 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.

Cambridge youths involved in the program participated in classroom instruction and hands-on workshops, demonstrating the various procedures and techniques of real police work.