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2008 THIRD QUARTER SUMMARY

MURDER:

- ◆ There was a shooting on Windsor St on February 8, 2008, that resulted in a fatality. This incident has been ruled an accidental discharge of a weapon, not a homicide.
- ◆ The first confirmed homicide in Cambridge since March 2006 was reported on June 26, 2008. The victim, a 42-year-old Cambridge man, was found stabbed to death in the basement of a residence on Elm St. Another Cambridge man was arrested the next day in connection with this stabbing.
- ◆ No homicides were reported during the third quarter of 2008.

RAPE:

- ◆ Thirteen rapes were reported during the first three quarters of 2008. Twelve of the rapes were non-stranger incidents (eight acquaintance rapes and four domestic) and one was a stranger rape. None of the incidents were related.
 - **Acquaintance Rapes** are non-domestic rapes committed by someone who knows the victim. They include rapes of co-workers, schoolmates, friends, and other acquaintances. This category includes “date rapes.”
 - **Blitz Rapes** are stranger rapes in which the rapist assaults the victim on the street with no prior contact. Generally, the suspect “comes out of nowhere.”
 - **Contact Rapes** are stranger rapes in which the suspect contacts the victim and tries to gain his/her confidence before assaulting him/her. Contact rapists typically pick up their victims in bars, lure them into their cars or houses, or otherwise try to coerce the victim into a situation in which they can begin their assault.
 - **Domestic Rapes** involve rapes between spouses, romantic partners, and family members.
- ◆ Two Somerville residents were sentenced in their respective Cambridge rape cases in mid-April. On April 14, 2008, Zelalem Mezgebu was sentenced to 10 years in state prison on counts of aggravated rape, indecent assault, and armed robbery in connection with a New Year’s attack in Cambridge in 2007. And on April 23, 2008, Manfred Elangwe was sentenced to 8-12 years for raping and assaulting a resident in the Cambridge homeless shelter where he worked in 2004.

ROBBERY:

First Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Street robberies were up by one incident (4%) over last year’s first quarter.
- ◆ After dropping by nearly half from 2006 to 2007, commercial robberies evened out in 2008 with 8 incidents, the same number that was reported in 2007.
- ◆ There were a few scattered juvenile-related street robberies in the area of the Cambridgeside Galleria over the first quarter, but otherwise no definite patterns emerged during this time period.
- ◆ The only commercial robbery patterns to exist in Cambridge during the first quarter involved two regional bank robbery patterns, one of which resulted in an arrest.

Second Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Street robberies during the first half of 2008 were up 15% over the same time period in 2007. This increase should be tempered by the fact that 2007's first-half robbery total was the lowest in over five years.
- ◆ A street robbery pattern developed in mid-May in and around the Area 4 neighborhood. Officers made an arrest in this pattern in late June, which effectively ended the problem.
- ◆ Nine commercial robberies were reported in the second quarter of 2008, representing an 11% decrease from the 2007 first-half total of 19.
- ◆ Twelve of the seventeen commercial robberies reported during the first half of 2008 were bank robberies. All but one of these bank robberies have resulted in arrests.

Third Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Street robberies in the first three quarters of 2008 were up by five incidents (6%) over the same time period in 2007. Conversely, commercial robberies were down 12%.
- ◆ Arrests were made in eight street robberies and two commercial robberies.
- ◆ A brief street robbery pattern emerged in the Harvard Sq area in early September and resulted in an arrest. No commercial robbery patterns emerged in the third quarter.

See the Pattern Analysis section for more information on robbery trends.

ASSAULT:

Synopsis of the First Three Quarters:

- ◆ Aggravated assaults in 2008 are up by 23 incidents when compared to the first nine months of 2007, translating to a 13% increase.
- ◆ Domestic assaults increased the most, rising from 45 incidents in the first two quarters of 2007 to 62 in 2008, a 38% increase.
 - Domestic assaults made up 30% of the aggravated assaults in the first nine months of this year.
 - Area 4 experienced the highest number of incidents with thirteen assaults.
 - Romantic partners, ex-romantic partners, and spouses accounted for a majority (65%) of the relationships involved in these domestic incidents.
- ◆ Acquaintance assaults also registered a notable increase, rising from 24 incidents in the first nine months of 2007 to 32 in 2008, a 33% increase.
- ◆ Slight decreases were reported in bar/alcohol-related assaults, juvenile/gang incidents, unprovoked incidents, and assaults between homeless individuals. Affrays/brawls increased by five incidents and workplace incidents increased by one.

BURGLARY:

Commercial Burglary: First Quarter

- ◆ Commercial breaks in the first quarter dropped by more than 50% from 35 incidents in 2007 to 15 in 2008. Of those 15 reported incidents, 5 were attempts where entry was apparently not gained, 3 were smash-and-grabs in which the perpetrator smashed a window or door for quick access, and 1 was an inside job perpetrated by a current or former employee.
- ◆ Only one commercial break resulted in an arrest. A Malden man was arrested after he broke into a construction site and stole copper materials in January.

Commercial Burglary: Second Quarter

- ◆ Commercial breaks thus far in 2008 are down nearly 50% from the first-half total in 2007. Of the 40 incidents reported during the first six months of 2008, 11 were attempts, 6 were smash-and-grabs, and 3 were inside jobs.
- ◆ A brief pattern of commercial breaks emerged in East Cambridge and Inman/Harrington in mid-June. The pattern involved social clubs and restaurants in the area and came to an end in late June.
- ◆ Two Cambridge males were arrested after breaking into the *Garment District* in May.

Commercial Burglary: Third Quarter

- ◆ Commercial breaks through the first nine months of 2008 were 51% lower than the number reported during the same time frame in 2007, dropping from 111 to 54.
- ◆ No commercial break patterns emerged anywhere in the city during the third quarter.

See the Commercial Burglary Pattern Analysis section for a review of this crime.

Residential Burglary: First Quarter

- ◆ Residential burglary experienced a 28% drop from the first quarter of 2007 to the same period in 2008, decreasing from 138 incidents to 100. Eighteen of the housebreaks in 2008 were attempts where entry into the victims' homes was not gained.
- ◆ Far fewer serious housebreak patterns were reported in the first quarter of 2008 in comparison to the same time period in 2007. The affected neighborhoods in 2008 were West Cambridge in the first pattern, Cambridgeport and Riverside in the second pattern, Mid-Cambridge in the third pattern, and Agassiz and Peabody in the fourth pattern.
- ◆ Laptops, jewelry, cash, MP3 players, and digital cameras were the top five targeted items of housebreaks in the first quarter.
- ◆ Twelve people were arrested for residential burglary during the first quarter. One more arrest was made in connection with 2007's Area 4/Inman Harrington housebreak pattern. Multiple other arrests were made, including four for domestic-related incidents.

Residential Burglary: Second Quarter

- ◆ Residential burglaries in the first half of 2008 dropped by 28% from the number of incidents experienced in the first half of 2007. There have been 180 housebreaks reported thus far in 2008, while there were 250 reported during this time frame in 2007.
- ◆ A similar decline in residential burglaries was reported when comparing the second quarter alone in 2007 and 2008. There were 112 housebreaks from April to June in 2007, while only 80 incidents were reported from April to June in 2008 (a 29% decrease).
- ◆ Two main areas experienced housebreak patterns during the second quarter. In April, a pattern involving the thefts of electronics and jewelry emerged in Peabody and the border of West Cambridge, and in mid-June, a pattern from 2007 targeting laptops re-emerged in the Inman/Harrington and Area 4 neighborhoods.

Residential Burglary: Third Quarter

- ◆ Residential breaks were down 21% in the third quarter of 2008. There were 80 fewer housebreaks reported in the first nine months of 2008 than there were during this time frame last year.
- ◆ Three notable housebreak patterns took place in the third quarter. Both housebreak patterns that had emerged in the second quarter continued into the third quarter, and an additional pattern emerged in North Cambridge. Arrests were made in two of these three patterns.
- ◆ In total, seven people were arrested for residential burglaries during the third quarter.

See the Residential Burglary Pattern Analysis section for a review of these patterns.

LARCENY:

First Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Larcenies in the first quarter of 2008 experienced an overall increase of 22% in comparison to last year, due in large part to increases in larcenies from motor vehicles, buildings, and residences.
 - Larceny from motor vehicle patterns developed along the Mass Ave corridor between Peabody and Agassiz, along Franklin St, Peabody St, and Flagg St in Riverside, and in Cambridgeport along Allston, Fairmont, and Magazine Streets.
 - As in 2007, the most significant larceny trend of the first three months of 2008 continued to be the theft of GPS Navigation systems from motor vehicles. The larceny of these systems is a national trend. They are popular targets for theft because they can be expensive and they are easy to steal, resell, and conceal.
 - A pattern of Honda tire thefts also emerged during the first quarter of 2008.
- ◆ A pattern of larcenies from residences emerged in January when multiple residents on Harvard St reported the thefts of delivery packages from outside their homes. One arrest was made in connection with this pattern in March.

Second Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Larcenies in the second quarter of 2008 dropped by 17 incidents compared to the second quarter of 2007, registering a 2% decrease.
- ◆ Larcenies in the first half of 2008 increased by 8% when compared to the first half of 2007 (89 more incidents). This rise can mostly be attributed to increases in larceny from residences (up 34 incidents, or 52%), larceny from persons (up 15 incidents, or 11%), and larceny of bicycles (up 13 incidents, or 20%).
- ◆ Larceny from motor vehicles, which has been the driving force behind the larceny totals for the past 18 months, declined by 1% (4 incidents) from the first half of 2007 to the first half of 2008. Despite this drop, larceny from motor vehicles continues to represent the largest percent (37%) of the larceny total.
- ◆ A pattern of larcenies from persons emerged in Harvard Sq in early May and lasted about a month. Twelve thefts of wallets, purses, and other personal property were reported in restaurants and bars in the area.

Third Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Larcenies during the first nine months of 2008 are up by 1% (27 incidents) over the same time period in 2007. Larcenies from motor vehicles experienced the most notable decrease with a drop of 8%, or 71 incidents. The most noteworthy increase occurred in larcenies from residences, where 51 more incidents were reported in 2008, equaling a 46% increase.
- ◆ Despite the drop in larcenies from motor vehicles this quarter, this crime still represents the largest percent of the larceny total with 37%. Patterns of this crime emerged in Mid-Cambridge, Peabody/Agassiz, and in the periphery of Harvard Sq during the third quarter
- ◆ In July and August, Harvard Sq experienced a rash of similar bicycle thefts. A suspect was arrested in August and the pattern subsided.

For more Larceny details, see the Pattern Analysis section.

AUTO THEFT:

First Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ Auto thefts dropped to their lowest first quarter level in at least four years in 2008, decreasing by 42% from 2007. Mid-Cambridge reported the most auto thefts in this time period, with 9 (23%) of the incidents.
- ◆ Nearly 70% of the stolen cars have been recovered to date, with the majority recovered outside of Cambridge.
- ◆ No definite patterns could be distinguished during the first quarter.

Second Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ During the second quarter of 2008, 74 auto thefts were reported in Cambridge, bringing the total number of auto thefts thus far in 2008 to 112. This represents a 20% drop from the total number reported during the first half of 2007.
- ◆ Every neighborhood reported at least one auto theft during the second quarter, but the largest numbers of incidents were reported in Area 4 (11 incidents), Peabody (9 incidents), and Inman/Harrington (8 incidents).
- ◆ A pattern of Honda thefts began to emerge during mid to late June in the upper half of Cambridge. The six vehicles stolen to date were all recovered.

Third Quarter Synopsis:

- ◆ There was one fewer auto theft reported in the first three quarters of 2008 than there was in the first three quarters of 2007. There have been 187 auto thefts thus far in 2008.
- ◆ Cambridgeport experienced the most auto thefts in the third quarter with 15 incidents, followed by Mid-Cambridge with 11 and West Cambridge with 8.
- ◆ Honda thefts continued to be a problem in the third quarter. Citywide, 28 Hondas were stolen in July, August, and September.
- ◆ Year-to-date, 77% (or 144) of the stolen vehicles have been recovered.

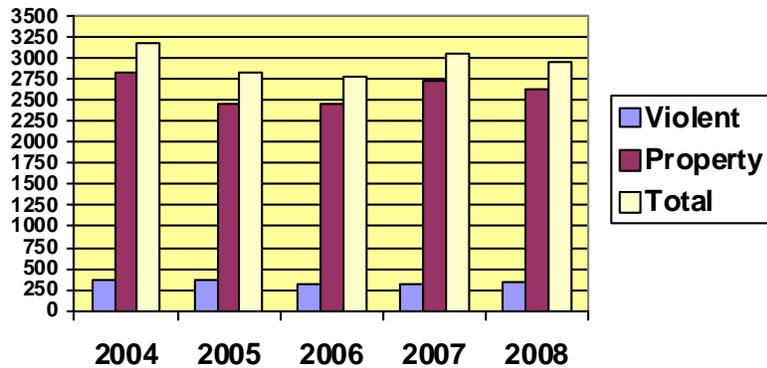
CRIMES REPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE

January 1 to September 30, 2008

Part I Crime	2005 1/1-9/30	2006 1/1-9/30	2007 1/1-9/30	2008 1/1-9/30	% Change 07-08
Murder	3	2	0	1	Inc.*
Rape¹	10	6	20	13	-35%
Stranger	3	0	3	1	-66%
Non-Stranger	7	6	17	12	-29%
Robbery	177	144	110	112	+2%
Commercial	55	28	26	23	-12%
Street	122	116	84	89	+6%
Aggravated Assault	174	174	182	205	+13%
Burglary	502	479	484	347	-28%
Commercial	110	134	111	54	-51%
Residential	392	345	373	293	-21%
Larceny	1748	1760	2067	2094	+1%
Building	408	279	325	322	-1%
From Motor Vehicle	416	566	850	779	-8%
Person	258	235	245	260	+6%
Bicycle	185	168	184	211	+15%
Shoplifting	293	251	271	263	-3%
Residence	136	191	112	163	+46%
MV Plate	29	25	30	50	+67%
Services	15	12	13	21	+62%
Misc.	8	33	37	25	-32%
Auto Theft	213	194	188	187	-1%
Total Violent	364	326	312	331	+6%
Total Prop.	2463	2463	2739	2628	-4%
Index Total	2827	2789	3051	2959	-3%

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage.

**5 Year Crime Comparison
January - September**



¹ Rape numbers are preliminary.

Highlights:

Third Quarter in Review

Overall, total index crimes in the first nine months of 2008 have decreased by 3% in comparison to the same time frame in 2007. Property crime has decreased by 4%, while total violent crime is up 6%.

The crime that experienced the most notable increase this year was larceny from residences, which rose by 46%. This crime has been driven up by an increase in three categories: guest theft, mail theft, and curtilage theft (items stolen from a yard or the outside of a house). All three of these categories doubled in comparison to 2007. Another notable increase occurred in aggravated assaults, which rose by 13%. Domestic assaults increased by 17 incidents over this time period last year, accounting for 30% of the total number of aggravated assault incidents so far in 2008.

Burglary has seen a decrease of 28% in 2008. This can be attributed to a substantial 51% drop in commercial burglaries and a 21% decline in residential burglaries. Cambridge has not seen an established commercial burglary pattern thus far in 2008, and residential breaks have dropped due to the eradication of multiple housebreak patterns that plagued 2007. Arrests were made in connection with 28 of the burglaries.

CRIMES REPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE

Part II Crime	2006 1/1-9/30	2007 1/1-9/30	2008 1/1-9/30	% Change 07-08
Narcotics	115	126	86	-32%
Malicious Destruction Total	509	519	498	-4%
Attempted Theft	8	19	13	-32%
Business (Other)	28	19	25	+32%
Business Window	45	35	26	-26%
Car (Other)	87	106	82	-23%
Car Window	125	150	106	-29%
Graffiti	67	52	87	+67%
House Window	38	23	18	-22%
Pinstripping	41	28	33	+18%
Residence (Other)	31	28	42	+50%
Tire Slashing	36	47	58	+23%
Revenge	3	12	8	-33%
Fraud Total	305	276	348	+26%
Embezzlement	4	7	8	+14%
Counterfeiting	10	1	12	Inc.*
Identity Theft	76	60	86	+43%
Forgery/ Uttering Total	173	168	199	+18%
Bad Check	43	19	15	-21%
Forged Check	25	23	23	No change
ATM/Credit Card	99	113	126	+12%
Miscellaneous Forgery	6	13	35	+169%
Con Game Total	42	40	43	+8%
Big Carrot Con	5	0	4	Inc.*
Cash Shuffle	6	4	3	-25%
Pigeon Drop Con	0	1	0	Inc.*
Charity	2	1	3	Inc.*
Other Internet Related	18	18	14	-22%
Miscellaneous Con games	11	16	19	+19%
Sex Offenses Total	49	59	87	+47%
Annoying & Accosting	11	14	12	-14%
Indecent Assault	10	19	32	+68%
Peeping & Spying	7	7	1	-86%
Prostitution and Soliciting	4	0	3	Inc.*
Indecent Exposure	17	19	39	+105%
Disorderly Conduct	39	35	36	+3%
Drinking in Public	20	18	24	+33%
Extortion/Blackmail	2	1	1	No change
Hit & Run Accidents	475	462	439	-5%
Kidnapping	5	5	6	+20%
Liquor Violations	9	4	2	-50%
OUI	35	45	46	+2%
Threats	186	198	189	-5%
Trespassing	39	38	23	-39%
Weapons/Gun Violations	51	40	28	-30%
TOTAL Part II Crimes	1839	1826	1813	-1%

Highlights: Third Quarter in Review

There were 13 fewer Part Two crimes in the first nine months of this year than there was during the same time period in 2007. This translates to a 1% decrease.

Overall, malicious destruction incidents decreased by 4%, with the largest decreases appearing in attempted auto thefts, revenge incidents, and broken car windows. The malicious destruction categories that experienced substantial increases were graffiti (up 67%) and residence and business other (up 50% and 32% respectively). The increase in graffiti can be partly attributed to officers taking a proactive approach and filing a report when they come across graffiti in the city.

Reflecting the recent downswing in the economy, there has been a rise in fraud incidents, up by 26% due to an increase in credit card/ATM card thefts and identity theft where people open accounts in another person's name. Stolen wallets often lead to fraudulent Internet purchases and withdrawals from the victim's bank account.

Sex offenses have risen by 47%, which can be attributed to increased enforcement of the transient population in and around Central Sq. In 92% of the indecent exposures, the offense was related to public urination or masturbation; only 8% were the result of flashing. An arrest was made in 28% of all sex offenses.

Weapon/gun violations include illegal possession and discharge of a weapon. Nine of the twenty eight weapon and gun violations resulted in an arrest. A majority of the arrests were for illegal gun possessions.

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to statistically misleading percentages.

THIRD QUARTER 2008 PATTERN ANALYSIS AND POLICE RESPONSE STRATEGIES

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES DOWN IN 2008:

Residential burglaries are down 28% in 2008, dropping from 373 incidents in the first nine months of 2007 down to 293 incidents this year. Similar to 2007, laptops, jewelry, cash and small electronics (MP3 players, digital cameras, etc.) continue to be stolen most frequently in 2008.

The upper and lower halves of Cambridge each experienced housebreak patterns during the second quarter. In the upper half, a pattern emerged along Concord Ave just outside of Harvard Sq in the second quarter and continued into the third quarter. This pattern involved daytime breaks, and the main targets were electronics and jewelry. A majority of the incidents took place at individual residences within large condo/apartment complexes. No arrests were made, but once a possible suspect was named in the pattern, the incidents soon dissipated.

Also in the upper half of the city, a pattern emerged in North Cambridge in mid-August. The breaks took place mainly in the overnight/early morning hours, often when residents were home asleep, and targeted laptops, iPods, and other electronics. After two suspects were named and a Malden juvenile was arrested, this pattern came to a close in mid-September.

In the lower half of Cambridge, a housebreak pattern that had been prevalent for most of 2007 re-emerged in the Inman/Harrington and Area 4 neighborhoods in mid-June and continued well into the third quarter. The breaks involved entry through windows, particularly ones that had air conditioning units in place. The main targets were laptops and other small electronics. Patrol units and specially designated detectives were focused in this area and multiple arrests led to the end of this pattern in late September.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES ON THE DECLINE:

Commercial burglaries in 2008 dropped by over 50% from 111 incidents in the first half of 2007 to 54 in 2008. In the third quarter alone, there were 34 burglaries reported in 2007 while there were only 17 reported in 2008. No definite patterns developed during the third quarter of 2008, but two incidents did result in arrests.

In the first arrest, on July 1st a homeless man was taken into custody after he smashed the window of the *Green Corner Restaurant* on Mass Ave and stole the cash register drawer. In the other incident, two juveniles from Cambridge were arrested after they broke into the King Open School on Cambridge St on July 8th.

STREET ROBBERY NUMBERS REMAIN CONSISTENT:

There were 29 street robberies in the third quarter of 2008, down three incidents from the previous year's third quarter. Total year-to-date is 89, up 5 from last year's total of 84 in the first nine months. Arrests were made in eight of the incidents in the third quarter, bringing this year's total to 33 arrested persons.

A majority of the street robberies reported during the third quarter did not appear to be related, but there were a few possibly related incidents. In early July, there were two similar street robberies reported in the Danehy Park area. The incidents occurred around 8:00 p.m. and involved the unarmed thefts of a wallet and a purse. No arrests were made and no other similar incidents were reported in that area. In mid-September, there were two similar unarmed robberies in the area of Harvard Sq. A Lynn man was arrested after he was caught using credit cards that were stolen in one of the two robberies.

COMMERCIAL ROBBERIES – REGIONAL BANK ROBBERY PATTERNS:

Commercial robberies in the first nine months of 2008 were at their lowest level since 2001, with only 23 incidents reported thus far. Of the six commercial robberies reported in the third quarter, one-third were bank robberies, one of which resulted in the arrest of a Cambridge man. The other bank robbery was part of a pattern of bank robberies occurring mainly in Boston; no one was arrested in this pattern. In the four other commercial robberies of the third quarter, a New York man was arrested after shoplifting at the Galleria and forcefully pushing past a loss prevention officer to flee; a juvenile was arrested after robbing the attendant at a Mobil gas station in North Cambridge; a suspect was named but no arrests yet made in a robbery of the Shaw's Supermarket on White St; and an employee of Rosie's Bakery on Mass Ave was robbed at knifepoint as he was opening the store one morning. All four of the non-bank robberies took place in September.

LARCENIES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES – FOCUS ON GPS THEFTS:

There were 307 larcenies from motor vehicles reported in the third quarter of 2008, bringing this year's total thus far to 779. This total is down 8% from the number reported during the first three quarters of 2007 (850 incidents). Roughly 44% (or 343) of the larcenies in 2008 have targeted GPS Navigation systems. One of the main concerns is that people are continuing to leave their GPS systems unattended in plain view on car dashboards, making them easy targets for thieves that may be casing the area.

During the third quarter, the highest concentrations of these larcenies were in Mid-Cambridge, the Peabody/Agassiz border area, and the periphery of Harvard Sq. Mid-Cambridge experienced a pattern of car breaks that began in June and continued into late July. This pattern consisted mainly of midday breaks involving smashed windows and the thefts of GPS systems, stereos, and visible electronics. A suspect was arrested after he was seen breaking into a vehicle on June 30th, but the pattern continued for a few weeks afterwards.

Clusters of larcenies from motor vehicles in the Harvard Sq area have been seen sporadically throughout the year. From late April into early June, there were 14 or more possibly related larcenies from motor vehicles in the periphery of Harvard Sq. GPS systems, radios, and cell phones were the targets in these breaks, a majority of which took place during the daytime or early evening hours. More recently, a similar number of larcenies were reported in the periphery of Harvard Sq in September. These breaks took place during two separate time periods; midday and overnight/early morning hours. The main targets in these breaks were wallets, purses, and loose change. Another pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles emerged slightly north of Harvard Sq, this time targeting mainly GPS systems. These breaks began in mid-September along the border between the Peabody and Agassiz neighborhoods and have continued into the fourth quarter. One arrest was made and multiple suspects named in the breaks both in Harvard Sq and the Peabody/Agassiz area.

The citywide problem of Honda tire thefts and vehicle thefts that emerged in the first two quarters of 2008 has continued into the third quarter. Tires have been stolen from Honda Civics, Honda Fits, and Acuras throughout the city, mainly during the overnight hours, and Honda/Acura vehicles have been stolen only to be recovered later with much of the interior/mechanics stripped from the vehicle.

CAMBRIDGE POLICE RESPONSE STRATEGIES

The Cambridge Police Department utilizes a number of different strategies and tactics to identify and interdict crime patterns and trends. *Problem Oriented Policing* is a technique that is employed to combat long-standing crime problems. With POP, the Department analyzes situations, responds employing an array of suitable strategies, and then assesses the outcome of these actions. The community

is kept abreast of emerging hotspots in their neighborhoods through scheduled monthly meetings. In more serious cases, a crime alert is dispatched to the affected area.

If ongoing target crime patterns arise, various patrol responses are deployed. Some officers are used as decoys, surveillance units cover potential suspects, and patrol cruisers are directed to specific locations for deterrence and suppression of criminal activity. Regardless of the response strategy, the safety of all citizens remains paramount to the Cambridge Police Department.

SOME TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY

PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

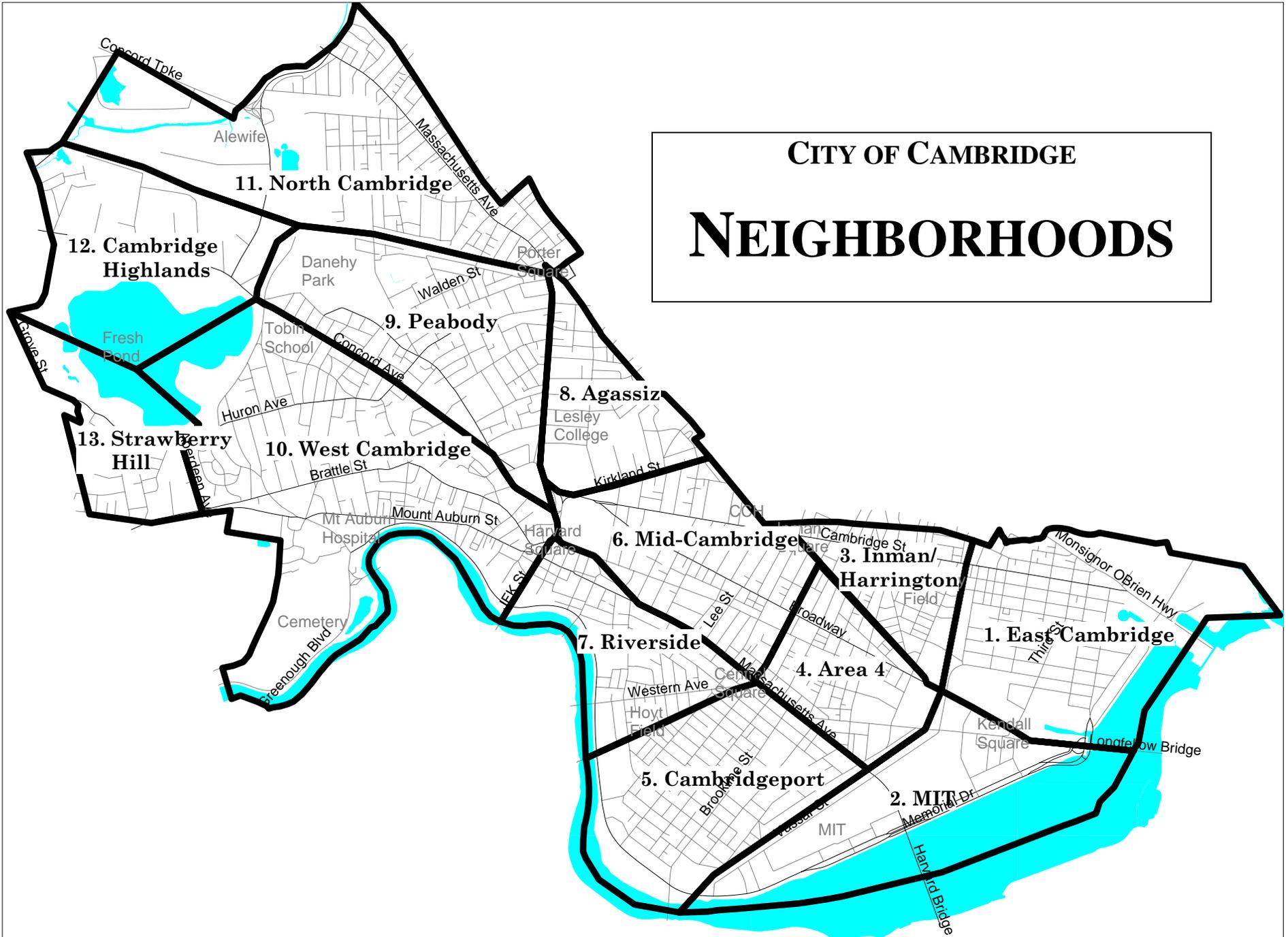
- **Try “casing” your own home, at night and during the day.** Attempt to gain access to your home when the doors and windows are locked and “secure.” Make sure you have some identification on you in case your neighbors call the police.
- **Doors should be made from strong wood or metal and should be locked with a deadbolt.** Install guards on windows that prevent them from being raised more than a few inches.
- If you live in an apartment building that has a main entryway, make sure that security is enforced at the main door. **Never prop open the door or let someone in behind you.** Report residents who do this to your landlord.
- **When you go away**, even for the evening, leave a light or two on (perhaps on a timer) as well as the television or radio.
- **Consider buying motion sensor** lights outside your home and out of reach so the burglars cannot unscrew the light. Also, buy variable light timers to activate lights in your home.
- **Request a Cambridge Police Department Residential Security Survey**, which provides a general assessment of the vulnerability of your residence. For more information, call (617) 349-6009.

PREVENTING LARCENIES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

- **Use common sense when leaving your vehicle unattended.**
- **Make sure all valuables are out of sight.** If you cannot bring valuables with you when you leave the car, at least move them to the trunk or under the seat where they will not be seen. Leaving expensive items out in the open creates an easy target, attracting thieves that may be casing the area.
 - ★ *This is particularly important with GPS systems, laptops, and iPods.* ALWAYS remove detachable GPS systems from dashboards and windshields. Make sure to remove all bases as well, and if possible, clean the dashboard or windshield to remove any indication that a GPS system was there.
- **Lock all doors when leaving the vehicle.** Thieves often pull door handles looking for unlocked cars.
- Larcenies from motor vehicles are crimes of opportunity and can be easily prevented. **Always hide or remove your belongings, lock your car, and take your keys.**
- **If your vehicle is broken into, please report it to the police**, even if nothing significant was taken or no serious damage resulted from the incident. The more information we have about these crimes (including locations, damage, and items stolen), the more likely it will be that we can stop the people who are committing them.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

NEIGHBORHOODS



FIVE-YEAR NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME COMPARISON

NEIGHBORHOOD 1: East Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	24	57	29	17	23
Street Robbery	13	13	12	10	12
Auto Theft	42	19	19	19	12
Larceny from MVs	49	40	73	109	114
Malicious Destruction	62	64	45	77	64
Drug Incidents	8	13	5	14	12

NEIGHBORHOOD 2: M.I.T. Area

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	2	2	1	1	0
Street Robbery	2	2	1	1	4
Auto Theft	13	3	6	4	4
Larceny from MVs	11	10	16	21	29
Malicious Destruction	7	10	4	3	4
Drug Incidents	0	1	1	2	0

NEIGHBORHOOD 3: Inman/Harrington

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	43	26	35	45	45
Street Robbery	4	12	17	10	4
Auto Theft	35	16	20	11	20
Larceny from MVs	40	22	39	70	26
Malicious Destruction	56	53	45	60	51
Drug Incidents	11	9	13	15	11

NEIGHBORHOOD 4: Area 4

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	49	28	40	64	34
Street Robbery	25	19	27	16	15
Auto Theft	30	19	19	25	21
Larceny from MVs	51	31	50	87	52
Malicious Destruction	70	60	49	46	75
Drug Incidents	12	29	38	31	18

NEIGHBORHOOD 5: Cambridgeport

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	40	52	49	51	20
Street Robbery	23	23	11	13	8
Auto Theft	41	29	21	24	23
Larceny from MVs	69	62	54	87	96
Malicious Destruction	127	64	62	62	62
Drug Incidents	13	22	18	23	8

NEIGHBORHOOD 6: Mid-Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	68	64	59	42	41
Street Robbery	9	13	8	6	5
Auto Theft	23	24	22	23	28
Larceny from MVs	71	49	67	103	81
Malicious Destruction	49	72	38	48	30
Drug Incidents	5	15	10	13	9

NEIGHBORHOOD 7: Riverside

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	35	26	20	23	13
Street Robbery	16	12	4	8	5
Auto Theft	24	14	9	5	16
Larceny from MVs	31	31	30	44	50
Malicious Destruction	46	51	44	40	42
Drug Incidents	11	8	8	9	11

NEIGHBORHOOD 8: Agassiz

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	34	12	23	14	15
Street Robbery	3	3	2	3	1
Auto Theft	5	10	10	9	6
Larceny from MVs	32	19	34	72	55
Malicious Destruction	13	14	18	14	9
Drug Incidents	1	2	1	0	0

NEIGHBORHOOD 9: Peabody

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	50	40	29	45	42
Street Robbery	7	8	11	5	6
Auto Theft	41	19	35	16	18
Larceny from MVs	68	45	84	88	70
Malicious Destruction	68	56	55	59	39
Drug Incidents	7	2	3	7	2

NEIGHBORHOOD 10: West Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	32	34	29	20	30
Street Robbery	5	4	3	6	8
Auto Theft	29	20	9	22	17
Larceny from MVs	47	40	84	78	96
Malicious Destruction	51	43	47	42	43
Drug Incidents	5	4	3	3	7

NEIGHBORHOOD 11: North Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	36	44	22	42	23
Street Robbery	11	9	13	5	20
Auto Theft	30	32	17	19	15
Larceny from MVs	52	42	42	64	66
Malicious Destruction	63	76	75	46	59
Drug Incidents	14	9	13	7	6

NEIGHBORHOOD 12: Cambridge Highlands

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	1	1	3	2	1
Street Robbery	1	3	3	1	1
Auto Theft	9	3	3	5	3
Larceny from MVs	18	14	14	17	17
Malicious Destruction	34	16	12	4	10
Drug Incidents	1	1	1	1	0

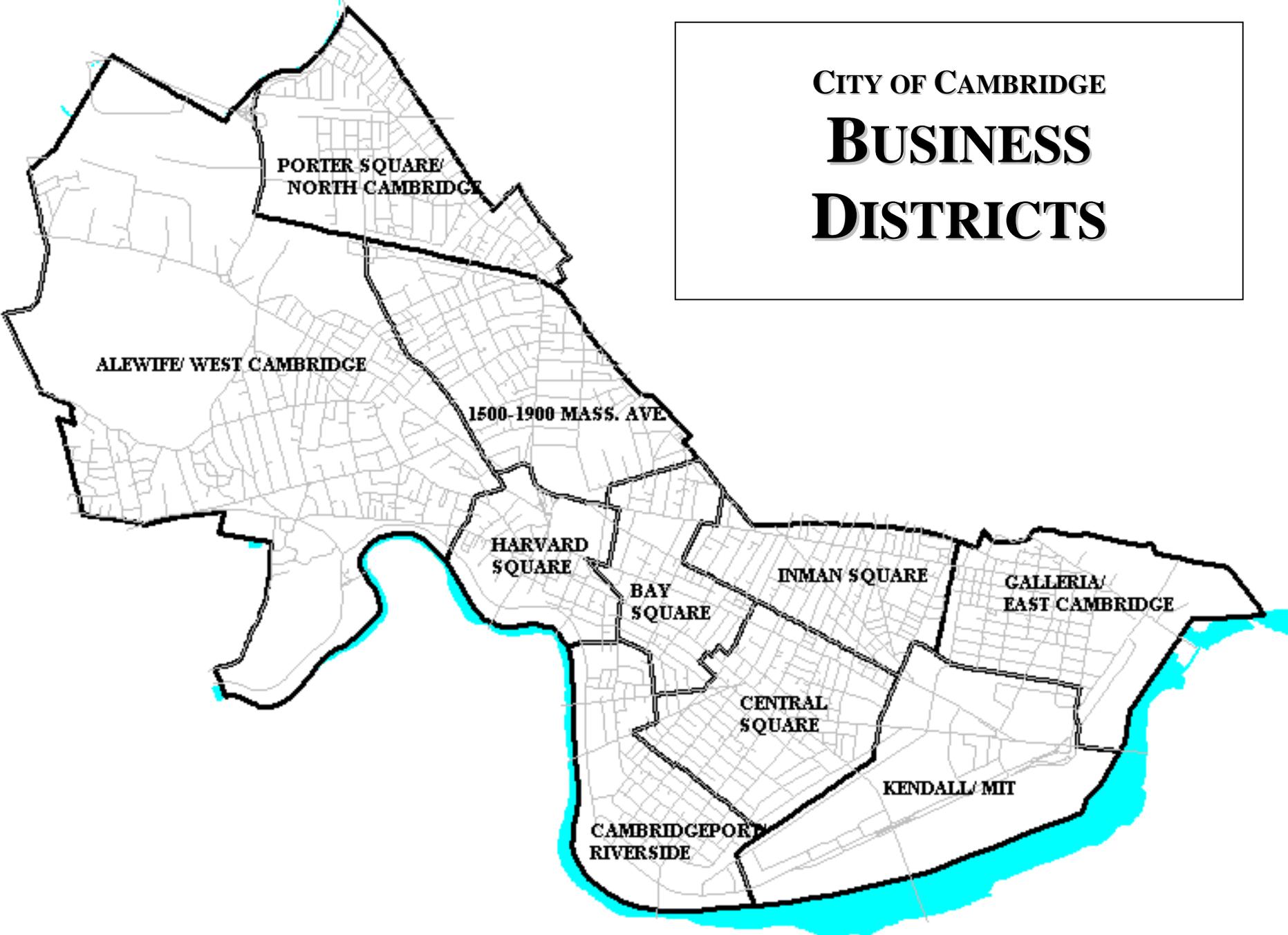
NEIGHBORHOOD 13: Strawberry Hill

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Housebreaks	9	6	6	7	6
Street Robbery	1	1	4	0	0
Auto Theft	5	4	4	5	5
Larceny from MVs	8	11	15	12	27
Malicious Destruction	12	14	14	18	10
Drug Incidents	2	0	1	1	2

Neighborhood Crime Comparison Table January-September 2008													
Crime	East Camb	MIT	Inman	Area 4	Camb-port	Mid-Camb	River-side	Agassiz	Peabody	West Camb	North Camb	Camb Highlands	Straw-berry Hill
Auto Theft	12	4	20	21	23	28	16	6	18	17	15	3	5
Drug Incidents	12	0	11	18	8	9	11	0	2	7	6	0	2
Housebreak	23	0	45	34	20	41	13	15	42	30	23	1	6
Larceny from Building	48	11	14	30	30	36	28	17	10	53	31	14	0
Larceny from MV	114	29	26	52	96	81	50	55	70	96	66	17	27
Larceny from Person	39	9	14	33	31	22	42	9	11	33	10	5	2
Larceny from Residence	18	0	10	22	24	25	10	4	17	9	20	0	4
Larceny of Bicycle	14	2	19	23	22	24	27	7	19	17	33	2	2
Larceny of Plate	8	1	3	7	4	4	9	4	2	1	5	1	1
Larceny of Services	0	1	4	4	0	0	3	0	1	3	2	2	1
Mal. Dest. Property	64	4	51	75	62	30	42	9	39	43	59	10	10
Street Robbery	12	4	4	15	8	5	5	1	6	8	20	1	0

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BUSINESS DISTRICTS



FIVE-YEAR BUSINESS DISTRICTS CRIME COMPARISON

BUSINESS DISTRICT 1: East Cambridge/Galleria

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	79	67	62	49	38
Larceny from Person	24	34	30	27	37
Commercial Burglary	2	14	22	23	9
Commercial Robbery	6	8	2	0	4
Shoplifting	112	106	69	94	127
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	63	40	58	31	50

BUSINESS DISTRICT 2: M.I.T./Kendall Sq./Lower Broadway

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	23	28	23	22	29
Larceny from Person	9	5	8	11	13
Commercial Burglary	5	6	12	1	3
Commercial Robbery	3	1	0	1	2
Shoplifting	0	3	3	2	2
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	10	15	5	9	16

BUSINESS DISTRICT 3: Inman Square/Harrington

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	26	26	20	16	22
Larceny from Person	12	9	19	19	17
Commercial Burglary	8	11	15	16	7
Commercial Robbery	4	17	3	3	4
Shoplifting	2	3	2	5	3
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	33	24	31	31	40

BUSINESS DISTRICT 4: Central Square Area

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	58	72	47	79	59
Larceny from Person	62	70	70	59	78
Commercial Burglary	27	11	21	14	13
Commercial Robbery	8	11	3	1	3
Shoplifting	54	78	82	80	52
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	79	59	59	54	56

BUSINESS DISTRICT 5: Cambridgeport/Riverside

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	18	18	8	11	11
Larceny from Person	3	3	6	9	10
Commercial Burglary	1	3	5	0	1
Commercial Robbery	1	4	2	0	0
Shoplifting	6	12	15	11	6
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	9	19	27	15	20

BUSINESS DISTRICT 6: Bay Square/Upper Broadway

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	46	32	16	12	25
Larceny from Person	13	8	6	12	10
Commercial Burglary	2	15	6	5	2
Commercial Robbery	2	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	3	3	1	1	1
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	19	22	19	25	36

BUSINESS DISTRICT 7: Harvard Square

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	74	63	31	50	48
Larceny from Person	88	96	62	55	53
Commercial Burglary	15	11	13	11	5
Commercial Robbery	5	2	0	8	2
Shoplifting	51	39	41	40	41
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	39	26	24	28	29

BUSINESS DISTRICT 8: Massachusetts Avenue (1500-1900 block)

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	34	41	16	22	25
Larceny from Person	9	8	14	14	18
Commercial Burglary	8	14	7	10	3
Commercial Robbery	3	1	2	3	1
Shoplifting	1	3	4	5	2
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	27	25	25	32	26

BUSINESS DISTRICT 9: Porter Square/North Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	24	23	27	18	25
Larceny from Person	15	8	13	18	9
Commercial Burglary	2	13	20	13	6
Commercial Robbery	4	6	9	5	4
Shoplifting	23	19	16	21	7
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	23	27	25	25	30

BUSINESS DISTRICT 10: Alewife/West Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2007	Jan-Sept 2008
Larceny from Buildings	56	38	29	46	40
Larceny from Person	15	16	7	21	15
Commercial Burglary	12	13	13	18	5
Commercial Robbery	9	6	7	5	3
Shoplifting	38	19	18	12	22
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	28	27	36	31	36

Business District Crime Comparison Table January-September 2008

Crime	East Cambridge/ Galleria	Mit/Kendal Sq./ Lower Broadway	Inman Sq./ Harrington	Central Sq.	Cambridge port/ Riverside	Bay Sq./ Upper Broadway	Harvard Sq.	Mass Ave.	Porter Sq./North Camb.	Alewife/ West Camb.
Larceny from Buildings	38	29	22	59	11	25	48	25	25	40
Larceny from Person	37	13	17	78	10	10	53	18	9	15
Commercial Burglary	9	3	7	13	1	2	5	3	6	5
Commercial Robbery	4	2	4	3	0	0	2	1	4	3
Shoplifting	127	2	3	52	6	1	41	2	7	22
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfei ting	50	16	40	56	20	36	29	26	30	36