



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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What is BridgeStat?

BridgeStat is a multi-layered, dynamic, intelligence-based approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvement, and personnel and resource management based on four distinct principles – accurate and timely intelligence, effective tactics, rapid deployment, and relentless follow-up and assessment. At the core of our approach is a philosophy that fosters teamwork and creative problem solving. Police personnel hold bi-weekly meetings to devise strategies and tactics to solve problems, reduce crime, and ultimately improve quality of life in our community.

Through BridgeStat, the Cambridge Police Department produces a monthly public report to the community on current police priorities in terms of crime, traffic, community concerns, and disorder issues in the city. This is made available on the Cambridge Police Department's website at www.CambridgePolice.org/BridgeStat on the first Friday of each month.

Beginning iterations of BridgeStat included information relating to historical trends, a breakdown of crimes by type, strategies CPD is deploying to deal with crime patterns that have been identified, and tips for how citizens can protect themselves and help reduce crime in Cambridge. Recent versions have included more advanced predictive analysis, with detailed information about future patterns police expect to see, as well as steps police and citizens can take to prevent these possible scenarios from emerging.



BRIDGESTAT ADVISORY: Based upon ongoing analysis of the probability of future events, this strategic advisory indicator presents a ranking of ongoing criminal activity & disorder problems in the City.

Actions Required

An active, ongoing pattern. - Events are occurring on a near predictable basis. The situation now requires immediate response rather than prevention.

- **Housebreak Hot Spot Clusters in Area IV and Cambridgeport – Weekdays between noon and 4:00PM – increase since beginning of the month**
- **Retaliatory Violence – North Cambridge - Area 4 Shootings**
- **Larceny from Person – Harvard Square - 50% increase – upcoming events**

CompStat Watch

A pattern or trend that has emerged and has a high probability of future events, but there is not enough data to predict future events. These items should be monitored on a daily basis for updates and revisions. If the series is upgraded, controlling strategies and tactics should be implemented.

- **Pattern Interdicted – West Cambridge – Larcenies from Motor Vehicles – overnight - Saturation Patrol / Surveillance strategy – appeared to have eradicated this series but sporadic incidents still occur during overnight hours on the weekends on periphery of Square .**
- **Pattern /Emerging – Larcenies from Motor Vehicles – Agassiz and Peabody on weekend overnights– chronic problem resurfaces**
- **Series /Emerging – Cambridgeport – tire thefts – Regional Pattern**

Seasonal Trend Forecasts

Collaborating on preventative strategies and tactics to prevent seasonal patterns and trends from reemerging in Cambridge

- **Seasonal Forecasts for the Fourth Quarter are in progress – next BridgeStat**



Part I Property Crime

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	4 Week Snapshot				Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/2 - 8/29	8/30 - 9/26	Change		2010	2011	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	55	52	-5%		324	408	26%	358	14%
Commercial Break	5	7	40%		64	70	9%	72	-3%
Housebreak	50	45	-10%		260	338	30%	286	18%
Larceny	191	196	3%		1904	1687	-11%	1939	-13%
Larceny (Misc)	0	1	IN-CALC		15	23	53%	23	0%
Larceny from Building	19	24	26%		272	293	8%	277	6%
Larceny from MV	58	52	-10%		592	422	-29%	689	-39%
Larceny from Person	18	27	50%		244	206	-16%	242	-15%
Larceny from Residence	16	14	-13%		139	147	6%	141	4%
Larceny of Bicycle	53	38	-28%		313	291	-7%	242	20%
Larceny of Plate	3	1	-67%		29	34	17%	34	0%
Larceny of Services	2	3	50%		23	20	-13%	20	0%
Shoplifting	22	36	64%		277	251	-9%	271	-7%
Auto Theft	13	17	31%		124	125	1%	160	-22%
Total Property Crime	259	265	2%		2352	2220	-6%	2456	-10%



Part I Violent Crime

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	8/2 - 8/29	8/30 - 9/26	Change	2010	2011	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	0	1	IN-CALC	1	0%
Rape	1	1	0%	25	20	-20%	24	-17%
Robbery	4	9	125%	96	95	-1%	113	-16%
Commercial Robbery	1	4	300%	14	22	57%	18	22%
Street Robbery	3	5	67%	82	73	-11%	95	-23%
Aggravated Assault	24	27	13%	194	191	-2%	192	-1%
Total Violent Crime	29	37	28%	315	307	-3%	330	-7%



Part I Total Crime

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	8/2 - 8/29	8/30 - 9/26	Change	2010	2011	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	29	37	28%	315	307	-3%	330	-7%
Total Property Crime	259	265	2%	2352	2220	-6%	2456	-10%
Total Part I Crime	288	302	5%	2667	2527	-5%	2786	-9%



Crime in Cambridge: 1/1/11 to 9/27/11

- Serious Crime **slipped 5%** when compared with the first nine months of 2010 and posted an **impressive 9% decline** when measured against the 5-year weighted average for this time frame. The majority of this decrease can be attributed to the overall decline in larceny (-11%) where there have been 217 fewer thefts reported in 2011.
- A detailed analysis of all statistics indicates that there were 132 fewer **property crimes recorded so far in** 2011 to record a **6% decrease** when compared with the 9 months of last year. **Property crimes** registered a **decline of 10%** when measured against the 5-year weighted average for a time span between 1/1/11 and 9/27/11. Over the first 9 months of 2011, there have been 8 fewer violent crimes reported in Cambridge, which translates to a 3% downward turn. When measured against the 5-year weighted average, violent crimes are 7% below the projected number of 330 for the time period from January 1st to September 27th.
- The decline of **larceny from motor vehicles at 39%** below the 5-year weighted average for this target crime continues to drive the entire crime index on a downward spiral. There were **170 fewer thefts** from vehicles through 9/27/11 when compared with the same time period in 2010. **The majority of property crimes were down when measured against the previous four week period with the expected spike in larceny from person (50%) coinciding with the return of students in Harvard Square.**



Crime in Cambridge: *4 week review*

Declining Violent Crimes:
Murder
Rape

As in previous BridgeStat releases, **Murder and Rape** recorded declines or no changes when measured against the previous 4-week snapshot.

Declining Property Crimes:
Housebreaks
Larceny from MV
Larceny of Bicycles

The three targeted property crimes registered significant reductions in Cambridge when compared with the previous four weeks. Burglary was down 5% with housebreaks dropping by 10% with no new patterns identified. Larceny from motor vehicles continue their impressive declines for the year with a 10% drop for the four weeks and 29 percent reduction for the year.

Increasing Violent Crimes:
Robbery
Assault

Robbery jumped from four to nine incidents when measured against the previous month. This can be attributed to the two recent bank robberies, which increased commercial robbery stats by 300% when compared to the previous four weeks. There were two additional street robberies recorded. Aggravated Assault increased by three incidents with no substantial trend identified. However, several incidents recently following a high school football game and immediately after high school dismissal indicate that after school activity should be monitored.

Increasing Property Crimes:
Commercial Breaks
Larceny from the person

Commercial breaks jumped by only two incidents after a very low August total was posted – regional patterns deserve monitoring. As expected, larceny from persons jumped 50% with the return of students to Harvard Square – best time frame appears to be early week, mid-afternoon in coffee shops.



MURDER

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

0%

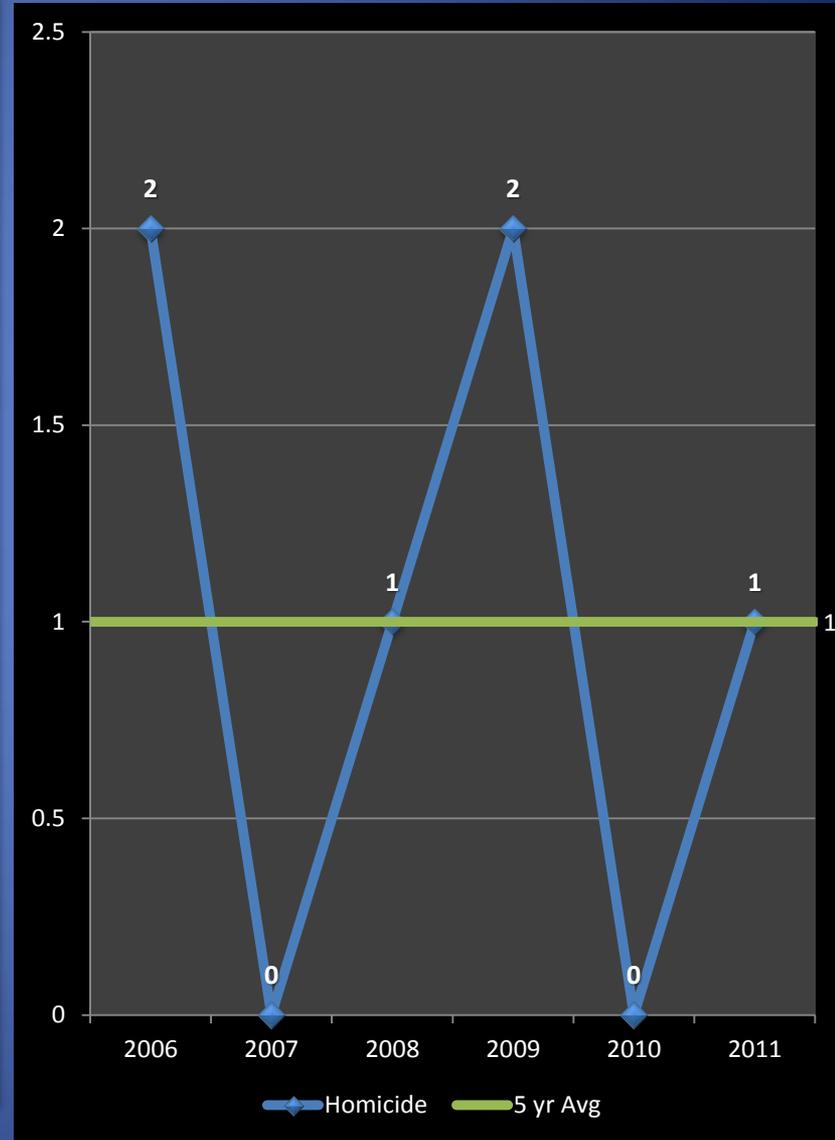
Previous Year

n/a

5 Year Average

0%

- No murders have been reported in Cambridge since the double shooting in Cambridgeport on the night of 3/12/11. In that incident, 2 victims were transported to area hospitals where 1 of the victims was pronounced dead. The other victim survived.
- While no arrests have been made, authorities do not believe the shooting was a random incident. This investigation remains ongoing.
- There have been 5 murders that occurred during the month of September in Cambridge since 1990. The latest of these incidents was the unsolved murder in Central Square on September 18th, 1999.
- **According to the FBI, there were 14,748 persons murdered across the United States in 2010. This was a 4% decrease from the 2009 estimate. In 2010, there were 4.8 murders per 100,000 inhabitants. Compared with 2006 rate, murder decreased 17.4 % on the national level. Since 1990, Cambridge has averaged 2 murders per year.**





RAPE

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

0%

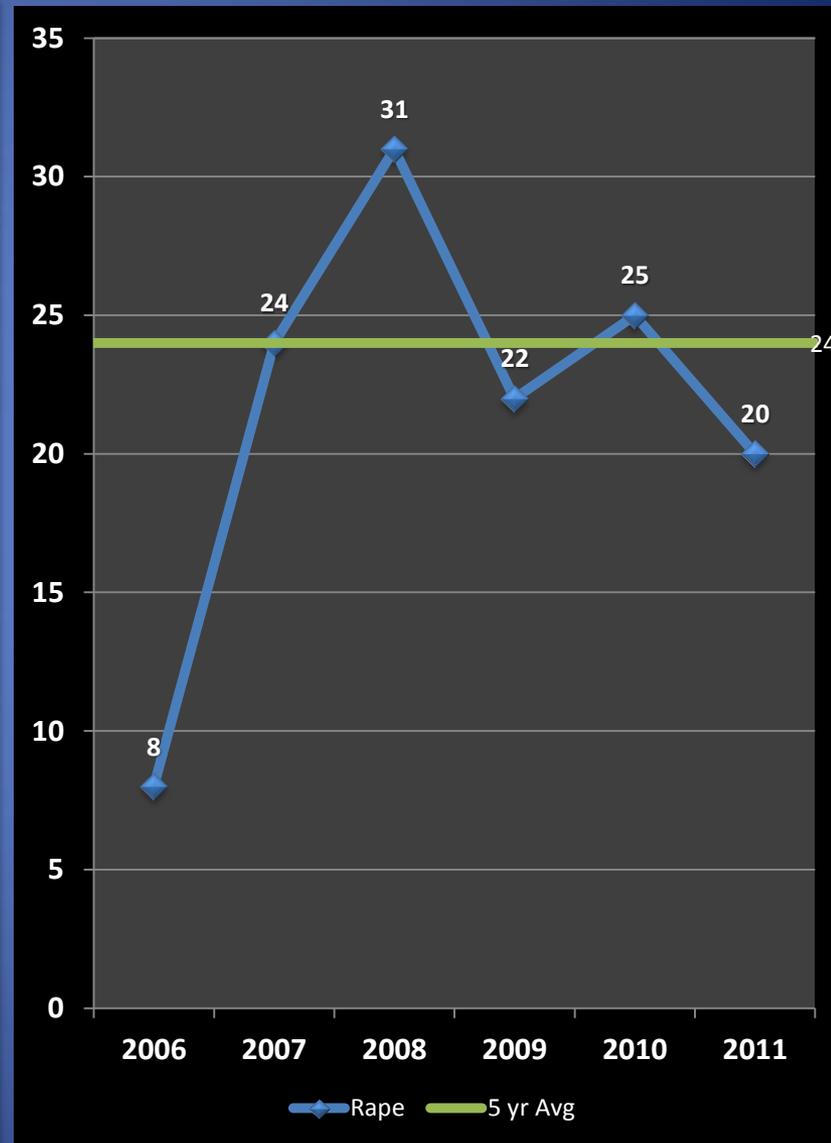
Previous Year

-20%

5 Year Average

-17%

- There were 20 sexual assaults reported between 1/1/11 and 9/27/11. The 3 sexual assaults this summer in Cambridge have all been classified as acquaintance rapes. **8 of the 20 incidents reported in 2011 actually occurred prior to this year.** 1 of the rapes is a past incident from the mid 1990s.
- **12 of the incidents involved acquaintances, four were domestic situations, 2 involved a contact scenario with the offender being someone the victim had met in a public place, and the 1 stranger-to-stranger rape was recorded on the night of 6/18/11. The most recent, which took place on 9/3, has not been classified and remains under investigation.**
- **Cambridge residents should be aware that there is an ongoing pattern of late night sexual assaults on the Esplanade in Boston. This series of 4 incidents over the past 2 years has been linked through DNA to a single suspect and extra patrols have been added to this area on weekend nights.**





Regional Sexual Assaults

Boston (Esplanade) Attacks

- Using forensic evidence, State & Boston police have determined that the suspect that attacked two women on the Esplanade in June and July is the same man who attacked a woman in Joe Moakley Park on South Boston in July 2006.
- The suspect is described as a BM, 28-32yrs, 5'10, 220lbs and muscular build.
- The assaults have all been in the early morning or late evening hours on a weekend. They have been generally in the Kenmore Square area of Boston.



Somerville Attack

- On October 2nd, a 28year old woman was assaulted as she walked in the area of Orchard Street near Davis Square/Cambridge city line. Victim reported being grabbed from behind and indecently assaulted by unknown male suspect. The victim screamed, scaring off the suspect. The suspect then fled in an unknown direction.
- SP Description: WM, 30-40's, average build (but strong), 5'7-5'9, dark scruffy beard that had some gray in it, wearing dark hoodie, (with the hood pulled up), blue jeans, and dark colored shoes (not sneakers). He also had two rings on his right hand. Very importantly, the suspect had a strong body odor.
- Anyone with information please contact Somerville Police at 617-625-1600





AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+13%

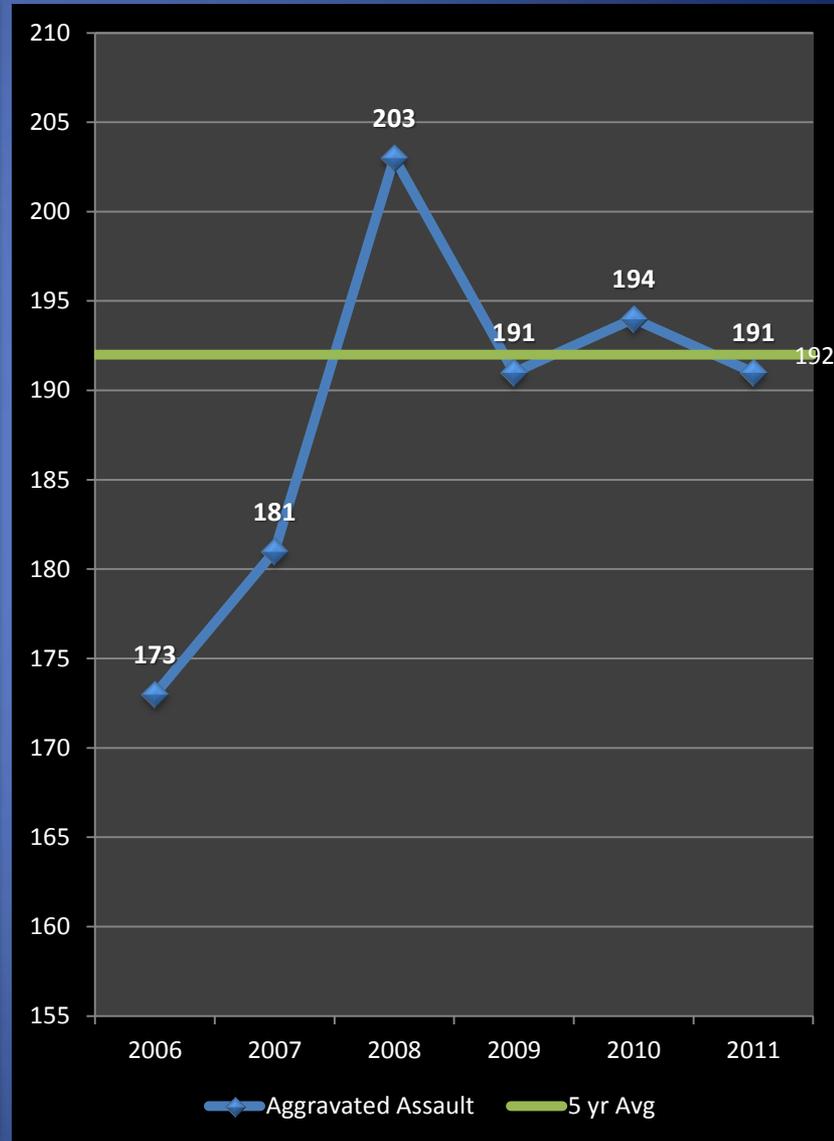
Previous Year

-2%

5 Year Average

-1%

- When measuring this violent index crime against the 5-year average for the first 9 months of the year, there has been a small decline of 2%, or 3 fewer incidents . The 5-year weighted average for this violent crime type for the first 9 months of the year is 192 incidents, so far in 2011, there have been 191 aggravated assaults.
- Breakdown of major categorizations of Aggravated Assaults in Cambridge in 2011: 31% were domestic in nature; 12% were between acquaintances; 13% were bar fights; 8% were altercations classified as juvenile/gang; 8% were homeless assaulting homeless; 5% were confrontations between merchants/patrons/shoplifters; 7% were road rage incidents.
- Since the start of the school year, there has been an increase in juvenile related assaults involving high school students in North Cambridge. The highest profile assault since the last BridgeStat was gunfire at Putnam & Calendar St. (no victims) on Sept. 13th.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic crimes include all offenses committed against family members, spouses and ex-spouses, roommates, and romantic partners and ex-romantic partners. Although "domestic violence" is generally thought to be synonymous with dating violence (50% of cases) and spousal abuse (20% of cases), it can also encompass violence between siblings, parents and children, step-parents and step-children, foster-parents and foster-children, and other family members.

The Cambridge Police Department's "**Zero-Tolerance**" policy towards domestic violence means that we will **vigorously investigate and prosecute** cases of family violence and other crimes. Patrol officers have a **mandatory arrest** policy towards domestic violence which requires them to make on-scene arrests for all domestic crimes in which the offender can be located. **If a victim of a domestic assault summons police assistance, and the offender can be located when the police arrive, he or she *will* be arrested.**

For more information about domestic violence, as well as resources offered by the Cambridge Police Department, visit

<http://www2.cambridgema.gov/CPD/CommRes/domesticviolence.cfm>.





ROBBERY

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+125%

Previous Year

-1%

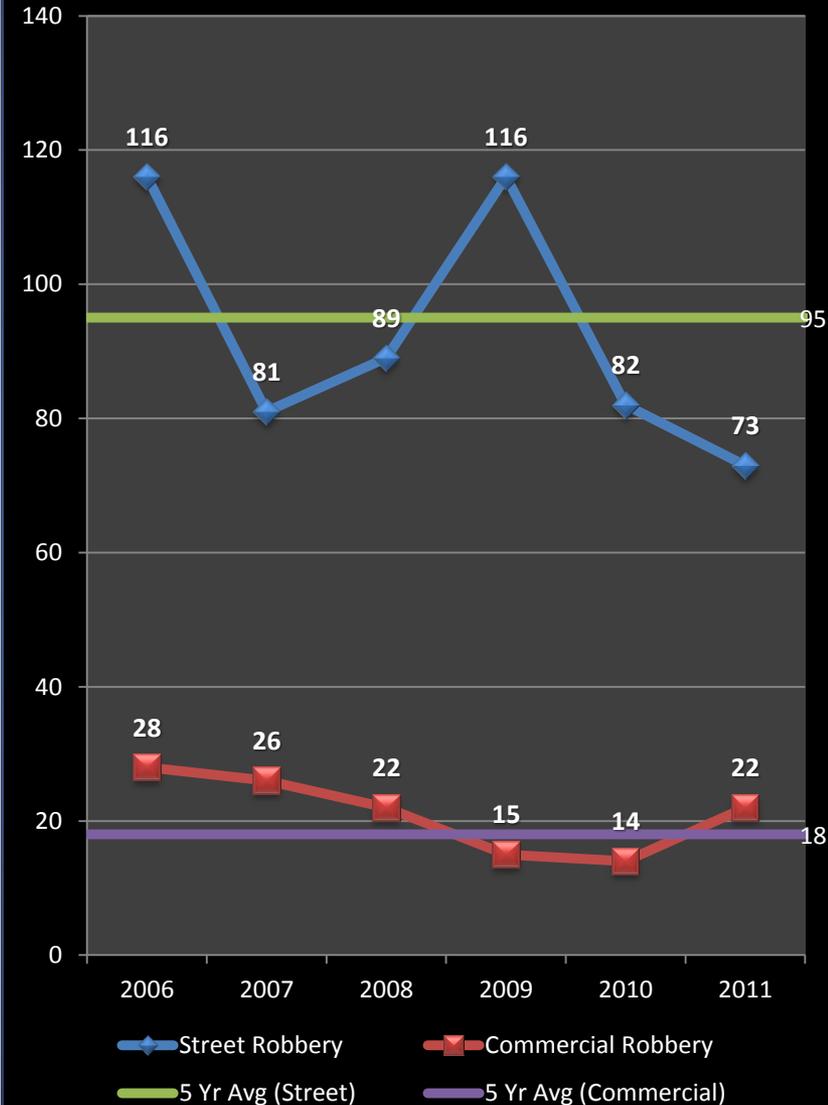
5 Year Average

-16%

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Sept. 2011

- Total Robbery fell by 18 incidents from a 5-year average of 113 incidents YTD to 95 incidents through 9/27/11, to record a 16% decrease. **There are currently no robbery patterns that are ongoing in the City.**
- The slight 1% decrease in robberies when compared with 2010 would be even more substantial if not for a sharp incline in street robberies involving homeless preying on other homeless in and around the confines of Central Square. There have been 27 robberies in this area in 2011, 15 of which were categorized as homeless scenarios.
- The target crime of Robbery has nosedived since the July BridgeStat. **At that time, Cambridge was registering a 25% increase in the combined robbery total when compared with 2010. Over the past 3 months of the Summer, which are usually prime time for these types of incidents, there have been only 19 street robberies committed in Cambridge, a very atypical number for Cambridge for the warm weather months.**
- **After not recording a bank robbery over the first 4 ½ months of 2011, there have been 7 incidents since the middle of May - 2 in the first week of September.** Boston has been experiencing a major uptick in bank heists since the beginning of the month.





Burglary

Emerging Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-5%

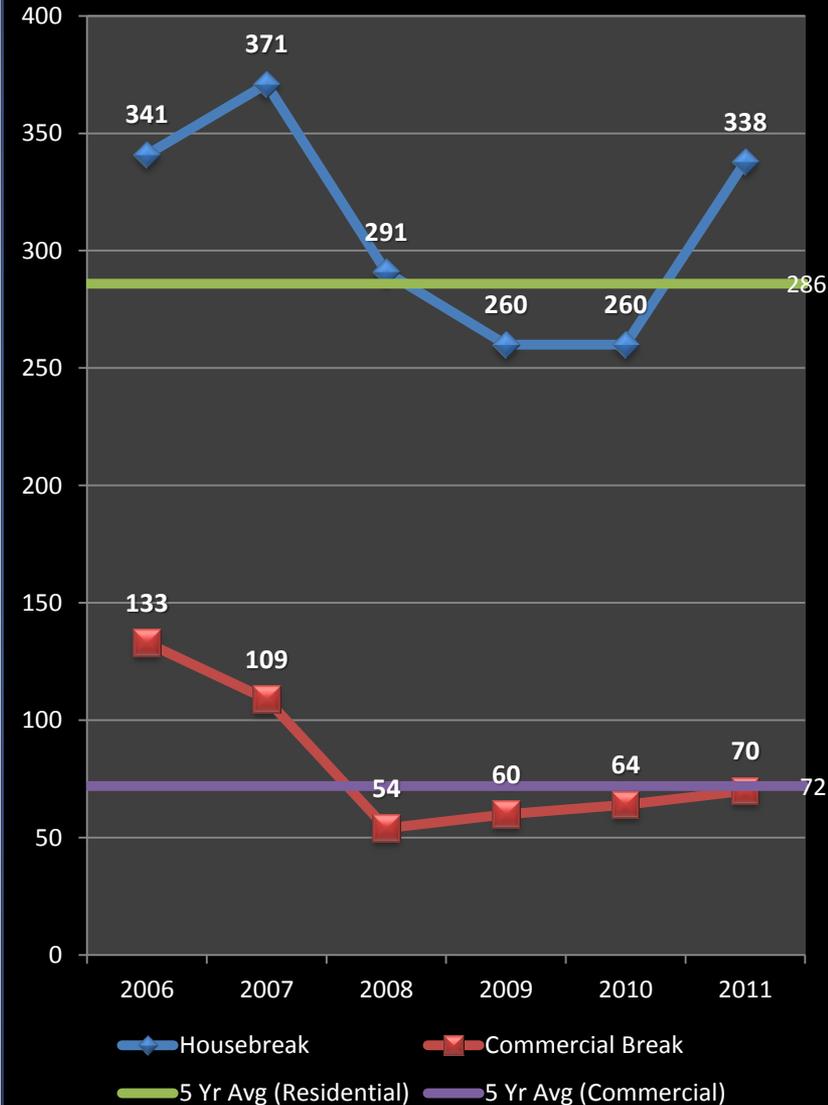
Previous Year

+26%

5 Year Average

+14%

- Total Burglary, the combination of residential and commercial burglary, is up 14% when compared to the 5-year average.
- Commercial breaks are up 9% over 2010, but no discernable patterns currently exist.** There has been a regional pattern (Boston and South Shore communities) of commercial breaks with the safe as the target that is very similar to the series that plagued Cambridge in 2005.
- Housebreaks have recorded a sizeable increase of 30% for the first 9 months of 2011 when compared with the same time period for 2010. **Further analysis reveals that part of this incline should be tempered by the fact that last year's total was unusually low (the 2nd lowest total in 40 years).**
- The 4-week housebreak comparison shows a decrease of 5 incidents from the previous month.
- Between 1/1/11 and 6/9/11, 61% of the 155 reported housebreaks citywide were clustered in four distinct areas in close proximity to Central Sq on weekday afternoons. **This area has been exceptionally quiet for over 2 months, although over the last 10 days a series of daytime housebreaks has surfaced in Cambridgeport, which has been designated as an ongoing pattern.**





Commercial Break Suspects



On 9/12/11, 3 white males (2 pictured below) broke into a business located on the 100 block of Mass Ave and fled in the motor vehicle pictured above.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Cambridge Police at 617-349-3300.



Housebreak– Focus Areas

Possible emerging Pattern – September 1st to September 27th

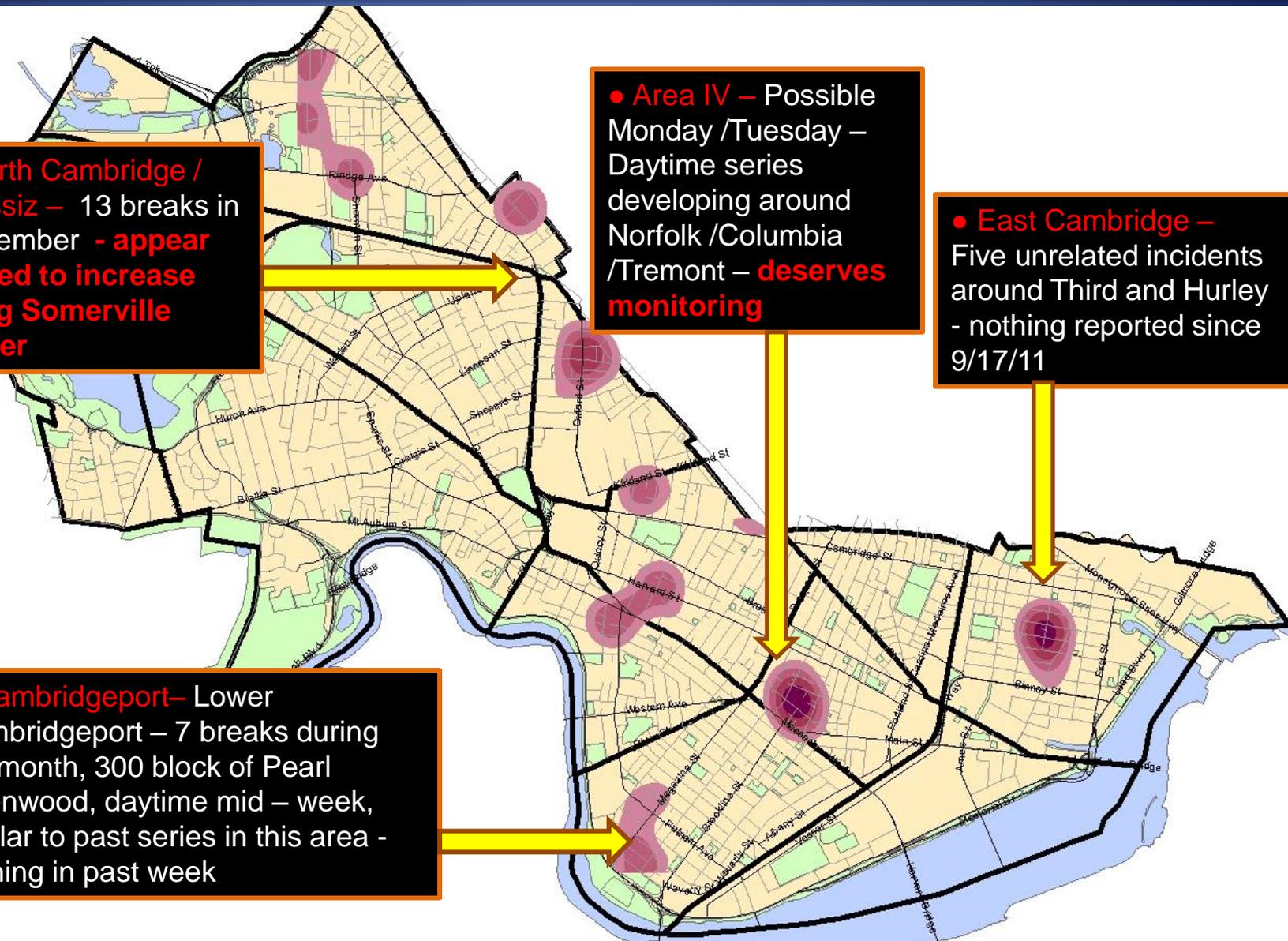
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• North Cambridge / Agassiz – 13 breaks in September - **appear related to increase along Somerville border**

• Area IV – Possible Monday /Tuesday – Daytime series developing around Norfolk /Columbia /Tremont – **deserves monitoring**

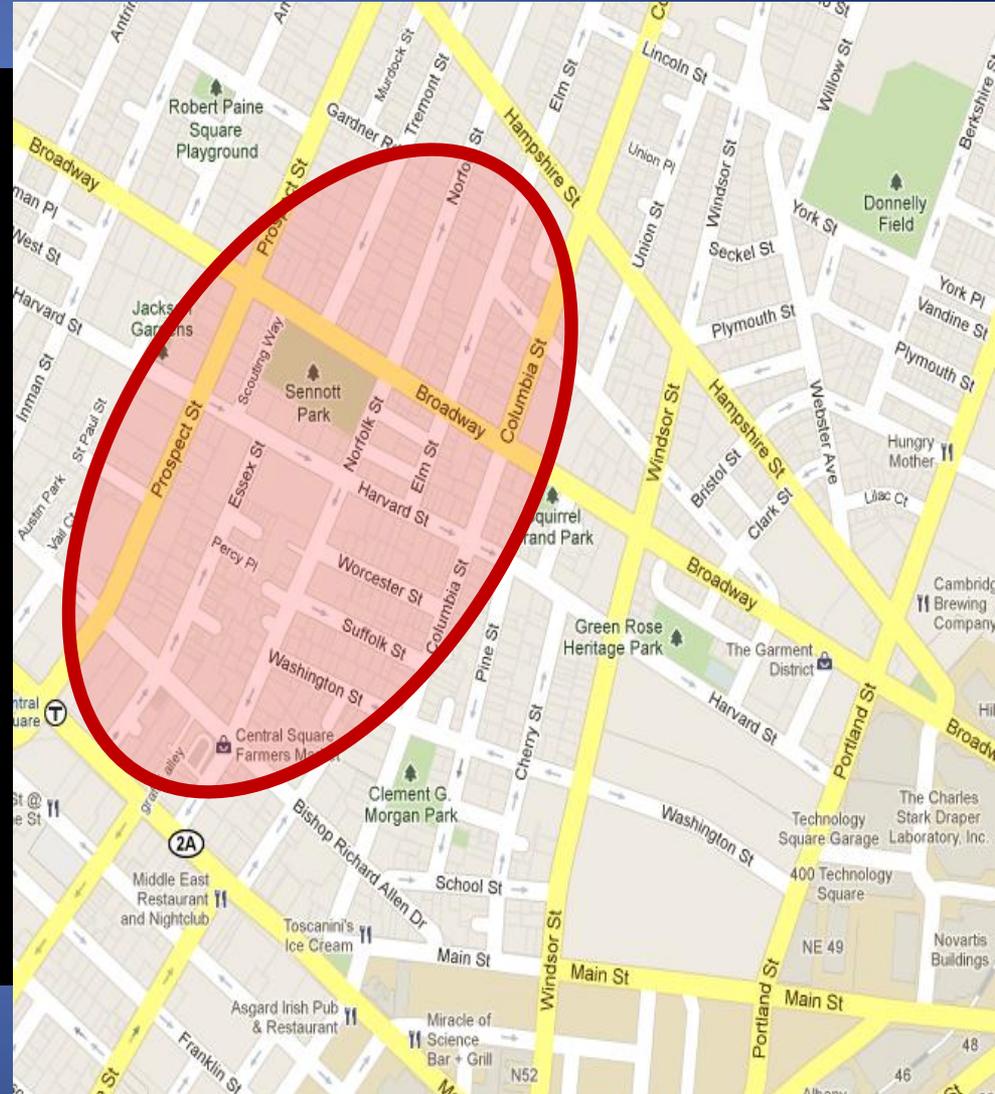
• East Cambridge – Five unrelated incidents around Third and Hurley - nothing reported since 9/17/11

• Cambridgeport– Lower Cambridgeport – 7 breaks during the month, 300 block of Pearl /Glenwood, daytime mid – week, similar to past series in this area - nothing in past week



Area 4 – Weekday Housebreaks

- 4 daytime/early evening housebreaks reported in Area 4 on consecutive Tuesdays (and one Monday) in September, in the red focus area on the map.
- 3 of 4 involved window entry. No definite pattern at this time and no suspect info, but officers working in this area should be aware of potential.





Housebreaks

What can we do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Cambridge Police deployed extra patrols to the affected areas in order to combat the recent increase in housebreaks.
 - CPD is also utilizing plainclothes officers and will be saturating affected areas through directed patrols & traffic enforcement utilizing patrol units, traffic units, and bicycle officers.
- Community Advisories have been sent with important housebreak prevention information via Citizen Observer to the affected neighborhoods to those subscribed to receive information from CPD.
 - To sign up to receive these and other alerts from CPD, visit <http://www.citizenobserver.com/cov6/app/group.html?id=2595>

Citizen Response Strategy:

- Citizens are asked to take the following precautions to protect themselves, their homes, and their belongings from burglaries:
 - Try “**casing**” your own home,
 - **ALWAYS lock your doors and windows.** Many housebreaks have occurred through open windows or unlocked doors.
 - **Leave a light on** when you leave.
 - Install motion sensor lights.
 - **NEVER** prop open the door or let someone in behind you
 - **Be vigilant.** If you suspect suspicious activity, please report it to the police immediately by calling **617-349-3300**.
 - **Document serial numbers** of all electronics and take pictures of all valuables.
 - **Request a Residential Security Survey** from the Cambridge Police Department. For more info, please call **(617) 349-3236**.
- For more info on how to protect yourself from housebreaks, visit http://www2.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridgeContent/documents/Flyer_Housbreaks_FINAL2.pdf



LARCENY

Predicted Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+3%

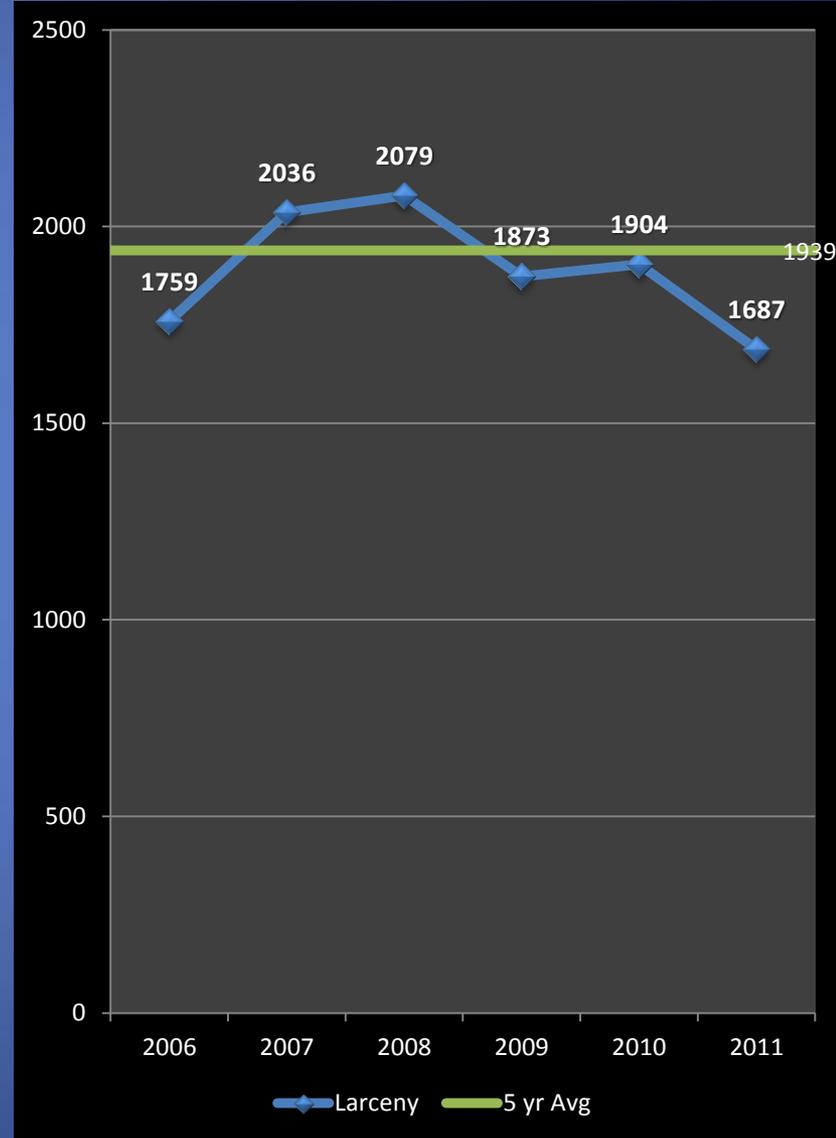
Previous Year

-11%

5 Year Average

-13%

- Overall, larceny in 2011 has decreased by 11% when compared with the first 9 months of 2010 and 13% when measured against the 5-year weighted average for this time frame. There have been over 200 fewer larcenies thus far in 2011 than there were through this point in 2010.
- Larcenies from motor vehicles are down 39% versus the 5-year weighted average for this target crime year-to-date. **West Cambridge area may be heating up again (Wed-Sun, along Brattle from Mason to Craigie). Peabody also saw an increase (Garden, Grey Gardens, Bellis Ct).**
- Larcenies from persons have dropped 16% from the 2010 totals for this index crime. However, this crime is up 50% when comparing the most recent 4 weeks to the previous 4 weeks, possibly due to the return of students in the area.
- So far this year, there have been 291 reported bike thefts in Cambridge, while there were 313 reported through this time frame in 2010, equaling a 7% decrease this year. However, bike thefts are still up 20% over the 5-year-average. There have been 36 bike thefts reported in September, with no specific hot spots to mention. This is roughly 28% less than the previous 4 weeks.





LARCENY: *from MV*

Emerging Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-10%

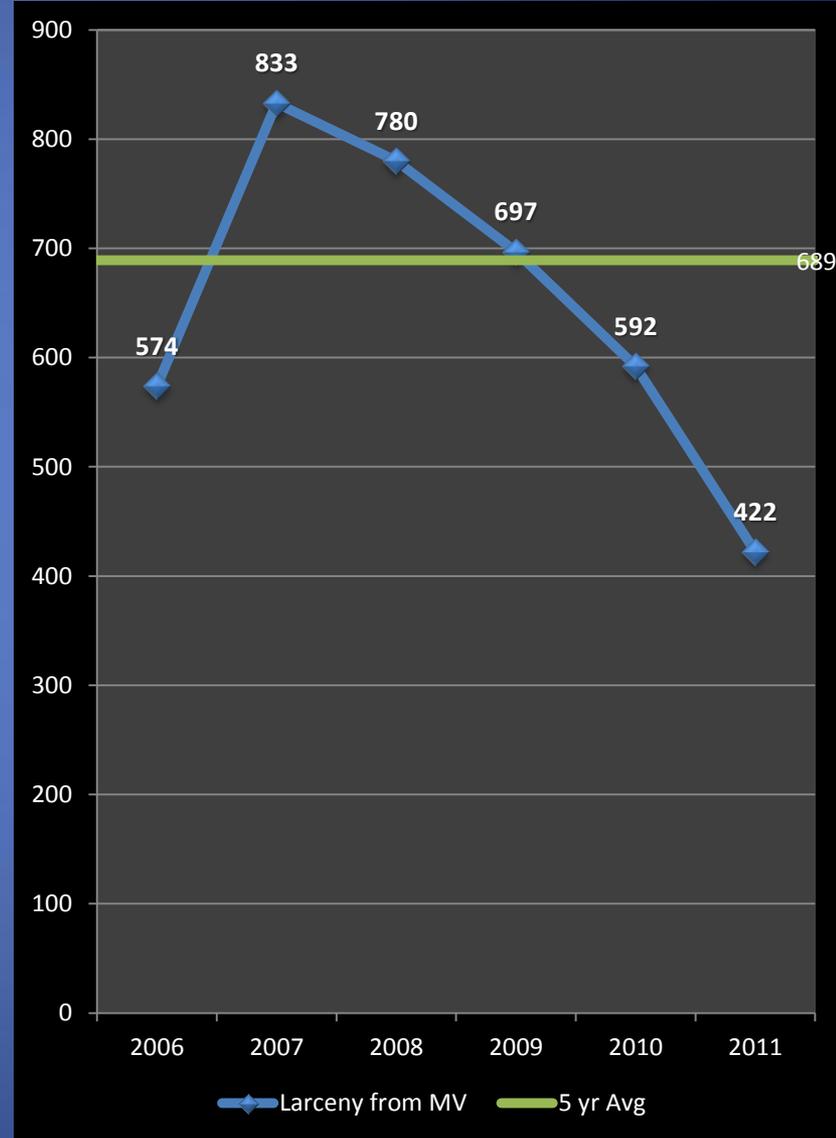
Previous Year

-29%

5 Year Average

-39%

- Larceny from motor vehicles are down 39% when compared with the 5-year average, with 267 fewer incidents than the norm for this time period and 170 incidents under the 2010 total for the first nine months of the year, which translates to a 29% reduction in thefts from vehicles.
- Larceny from MVs are down 10% when compared with the previous four weeks, with a very low total of LMVs being reported in the lower half of the City during the month of September
- After being relatively quiet for most of 2011, the chronic problem of thefts from vehicles in Agassiz and Peabody on Friday and Saturday overnights has emerged over the past 2 weekends. This pattern has been a persistent 4th Quarter problem over the past few years.
- Weekend night thefts from vehicles on the periphery of Harvard Square have been on the wane since the middle of the month. However, the number of events planned in this area for October weekends portends for it to be a possible hot spot for this crime type.



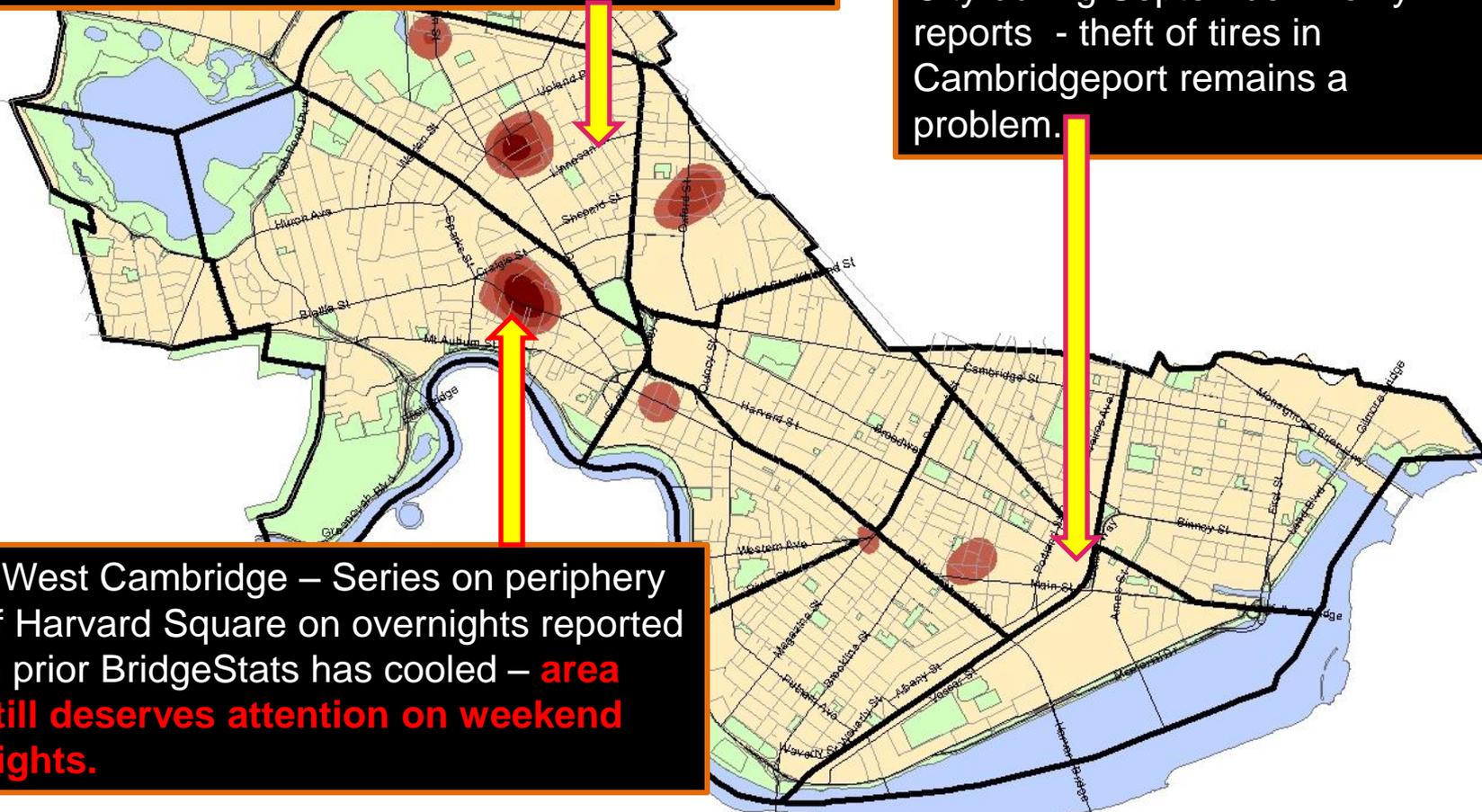


LARCENY: of MV – Focus Areas

Emerging Pattern – September 1st to September 27th

● Peabody / Agassiz – Chronic pattern of LMV breaks on Friday and Saturday overnights has resurfaced over the past two weekends – high possibility of being a problem throughout the 4th quarter of 2011 – **deserves attention.**

● East of Harvard Square – exceptionally low amount of LMV activity in the lower half of the City during September – only 14 reports - theft of tires in Cambridgeport remains a problem.



● West Cambridge – Series on periphery of Harvard Square on overnights reported in prior BridgeStats has cooled – **area still deserves attention on weekend nights.**



LARCENY: *of MV – Focus Area*

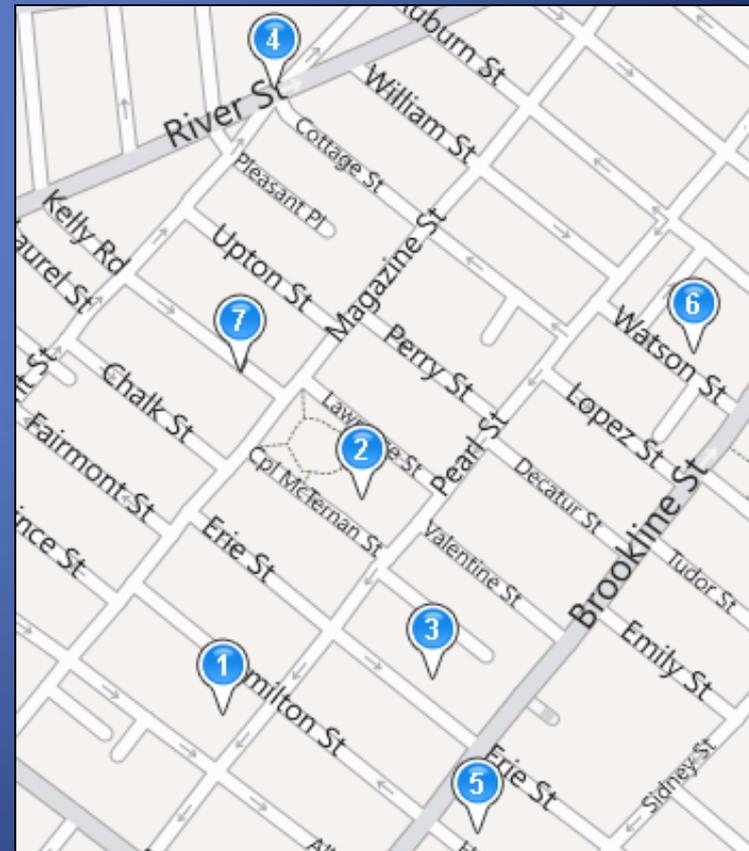
Cambridgeport Tire Thefts: June – Sept 2011

- 7 incidents over 4 nights in 3 different months
- Always the last week of the month (21st – 28th)
- Best time 10PM – 6AM.
- All but one targeted newer model Honda Accords or Fits
- Vehicles are usually found propped up on jacks

2011 Honda Fit



2009 Honda Accord



Larceny from Motor Vehicle

What can we do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Cambridge Police are focused on prevention of these crimes by increasing officer visibility in targeted areas.
 - CPD may also be deploying plain-clothes officers for surveillance in key areas in an effort to catch and apprehend suspects in the act.
- Citizens are encouraged to take the proper precautions to protect their vehicles and their belongings by doing everything possible to not make their vehicles easy targets.

Citizen Response Strategy:

- Citizens are asked to take the following precautions to protect themselves, their vehicles, and their belongings from theft:
 - **Take extra care when out doing your shopping.**
 - Make sure all of your car doors are locked when you leave your vehicle.
 - If you are **approached by a suspicious person** while you are in your vehicle, **sound your horn to attract attention.**
 - **NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES EXPOSED IN YOUR CAR.**
 - If you must leave packages or valuables in your car, **place them in the trunk of under a blanket to conceal them**
 - Visit our website for more tips to keep your vehicles and belongings http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/LMV%20Flyer.pdf



LARCENY: *from Person*

Possible Emerging Pattern

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+50%

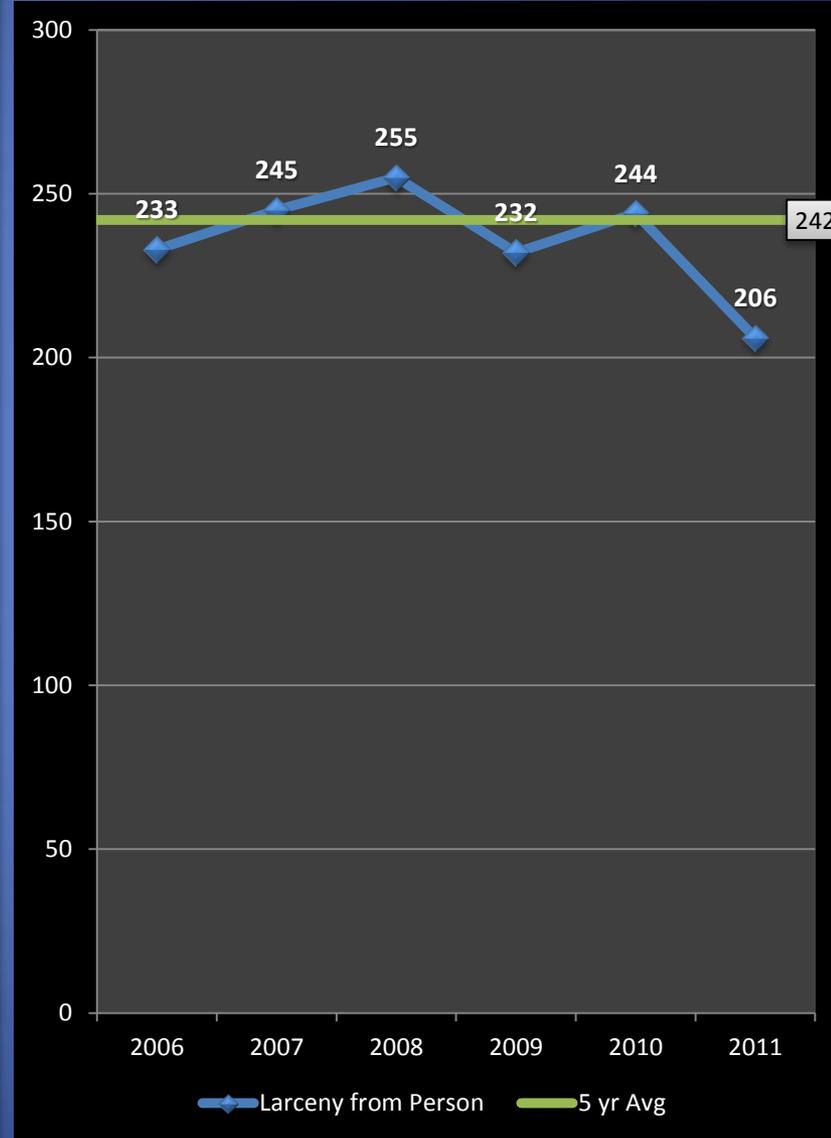
Previous Year

-16%

5 Year Average

-15%

- After an exceptionally calm Summer/tourist season in Harvard Square, larcenies from persons have been on the rise in September, following the return of students to Cambridge. As mentioned, this crime is up 50% when comparing the most recent 4 weeks to the previous four weeks.
- Since Sept 1, Central and Harvard Sqs have seen an increase in pick pocket activity at bars and restaurants, with 4 and 7 incidents, respectively. In August, Central Sq experienced only 1 while Harvard Sq had 5. **Best time in Harvard Sq is Mon-Wed, 12:00-14:30 in cafes/coffee shops. No best time/location in Central Sq at this time.**
- **Henry Lee** of Boston was arrested on 9/23/11 after he was positively identified as the suspect who stole items from victims at businesses in Central Sq and Harvard Sq.
- It should be noted that, despite the recent increase, larcenies from persons citywide are still down 16% when compared with the first 9 months of 2010 and are registering a 15% decline when measured against the 5-year average for this target crime.





Larceny from Person

What can we do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Cambridge Police have not identified any discernable patterns for these crimes at this time.
 - Extra patrols have been deployed to current hot-spot areas to help prevent any increase in activity.
 - Street robberies are a major focus for our bike patrol officers who were deployed beginning on 4/30.
- CPD is continually reviewing prior seasonal robbery trends to determine proper allocation resources.

Citizen Response Strategy:

- In order to help protect residents from becoming a victim of larcenies Cambridge Police would like to remind students and citizens to take the following precautions when walking at night:
 - **Be aware of your surroundings at all times and trust your instincts.**
 - **Always walk with a friend or in a group when possible.**
 - **Do not wear earbuds**, headphones, or listen to music while walking alone.
 - If you feel you are being followed, show you are suspicious – Turn to look at the person. This sends a clear message that you will not be taken by surprise.
 - If approached, **DO NOT RESIST**, especially if you know or believe the robber to be armed. The best course of action is to hand over money and whatever other belongings are demanded as quickly as possible and try to disengage from this confrontational and potentially dangerous situation as soon as possible. **Remember, things can always be replaced.**
- For more safety tips, visit http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/street%20safety.pdf



LARCENY: of Bicycle

Cooling Pattern

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-28%

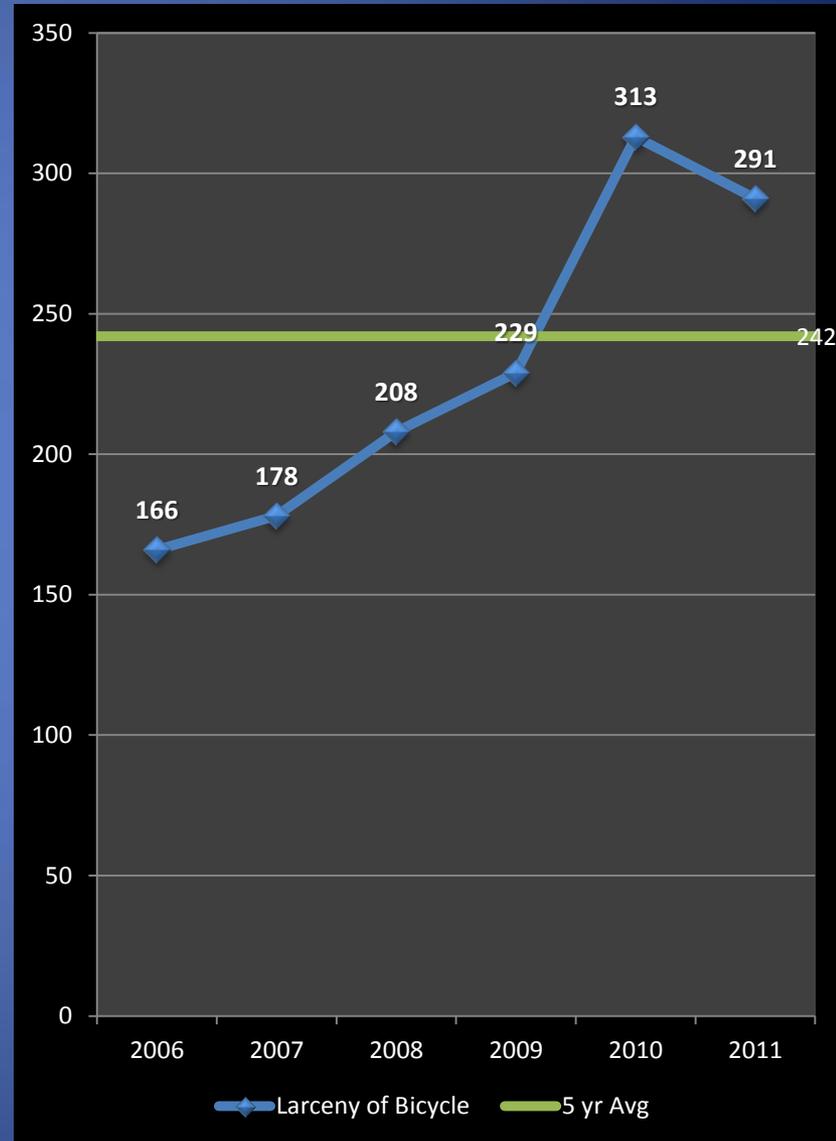
Previous Year

-7%

5 Year Average

+20%

- Over the first 9 months of 2011, there have been 22 fewer bike thefts reported citywide than for the same time period in 2010, which translates to a 7% reduction for this crime type. However, this crime still continues the trend that emerged in 2008 of increasing bike thefts and is recording a 20% uptick when compared with the 5-year weighted average.
- Larceny of bicycles registered a dramatic decrease of 28% when compared with the previous four weeks with 15 fewer bikes being stolen. When compared with last September, there is also close to a 30% reduction recorded.
- Cambridgeport and Riverside remain the major hot spots for bike thefts in the City with weekday afternoon activity concentrated in lower Cambridgeport and Riverside - sporadic activity near bike racks on weekend afternoons.





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+31%

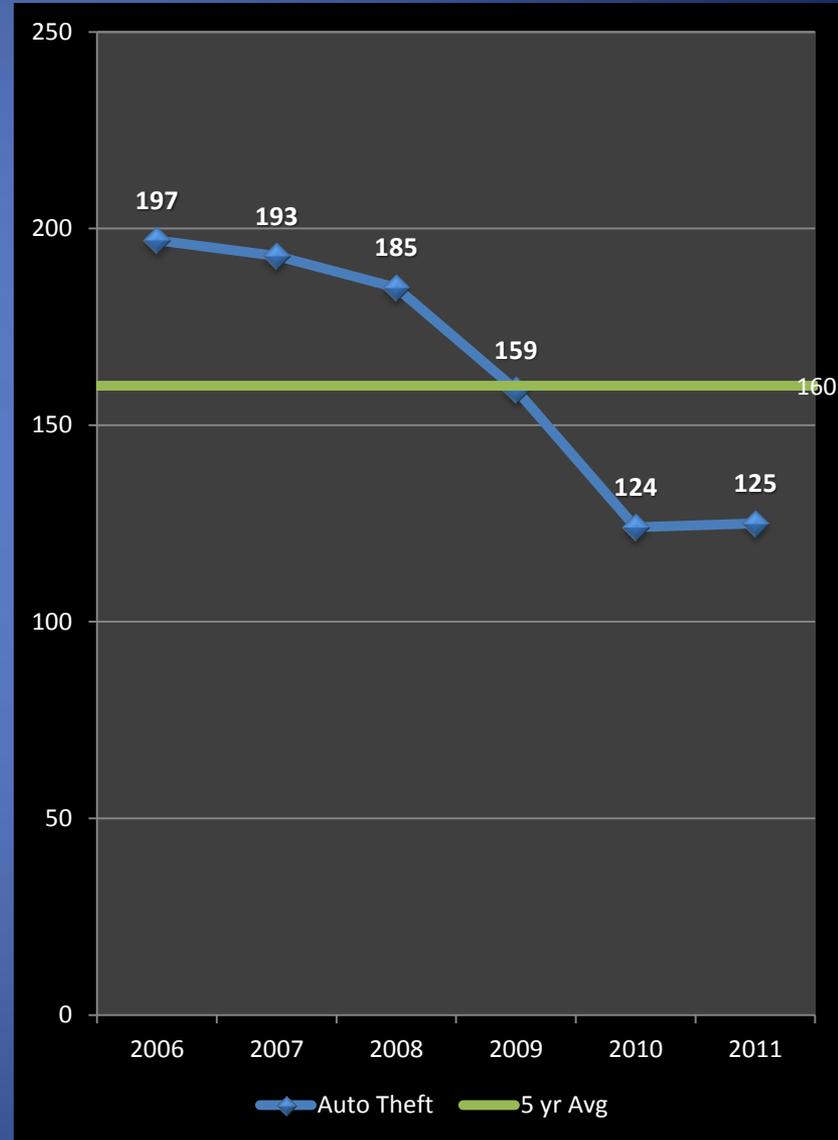
Previous Year

+1%

5 Year Average

-22%

- The 5–year weighted average for auto theft for the first nine months of the year is 160 incidents; there have been only 125 reported in Cambridge for this time period in 2011, which translates to a 22% decline. Auto theft this year is up just slightly over 2010, with 1 additional incident in 2011. There are no patterns at this time.
- In the past two weeks, cars were stolen from East Cambridge, Area 4 (2), Cambridgeport (2), Mid-Cambridge (2), Riverside, Agassiz (2), and West Cambridge (3). This included two motorcycles and three scooters (the scooters were all stolen from along the border between Riverside and West Cambridge).
- Only 55 of the 125 cars stolen thus far in 2011 (or 44%) have been recovered.





Help Prevent Crime

And keep yourself informed!

To receive information from the CPD:

- Sign up with Citizen Observer, part of the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and **BridgeStat**, which is published on the first Friday of every month.

To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
 - Every call for service generates a police response, so help drive our resources by reporting things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
 - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at http://www2.cambridgema.gov/cpd/contact/mailform.cfm?email_id=101



Questions?

- BridgeStat is a work in progress and will evolve over time to include more detailed information.
- We welcome all questions, comments, and suggestions.
- Please direct your feedback to:
BridgeStat@CambridgePolice.org
- For more detailed analytical reports, including the full 2010 Annual Crime report, please visit
http://www.cambridgema.gov/CPD/publications/crime_2010.cfm