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Subject: City Council Order # 44, dated 2/28/94

Within the last three years, the Police Department has initiated a number of programs, activities, etc. that build upon the partnerships between police and community.

- \*Park & Walk Program - over 30,000 assignments performed in calendar year 1993.
- \*weekly command staff walks in the various neighborhoods, business districts, and housing complexes throughout the City.
- \*an annual Police Department Open House which has attracted over 20,000 visitors in the last three years.
- \*"Call the Commish" which allows citizens to speak directly with the Police Commissioner regarding problems, situations, etc.
- \*the opening of the Police Department Service Center at the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall.
- \*daily visits by the Crime Prevention Officer to all elderly housing complexes.
- \*monthly liaison meetings with complex managers and administrators of the Cambridge Housing Authority.
- \*institution of the D.A.R.E. program in all elementary schools throughout the City.
- \*Officer "Caring" and the "Speak Up For Safety" campaign oriented towards the younger children.
- \*monthly liaison meetings with 30 major corporations and businesses located in the City.



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\*participation of department personnel in the Substance Abuse Task Force.

\*purchase of a 15 passenger van (with a grant from the East Cambridge Savings Bank) for the Department's youth and elderly programs.

\*the assignment of two uniformed officers to the area of Western Avenue and Howard Streets to address concerns and fears of residents.

\*assignment of uniformed officers, on overtime, to various residential and business areas during the Christmas holiday season in order to reduce street crime and the perception of crime and fear.

\*participation in the North Cambridge Neighborhood's "Day and Night Out Against Crime".

\*the designated marking of police vehicles indicating the specific neighborhood/area of assignment.

\*the assignment of a dedicated officer as a School Resource/Liaison Officer with the School Department.

\*the redrawing of sector and route boundaries to conform with the City's designated neighborhoods to continue with the community policing efforts. .

\*the application and awarding of a \$ 140,000 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety in order to implement formal Community Oriented Policing programs in Area IV, mid-Cambridge, Riverside, and Cambridgeport.

\*uniformed officers, on overtime, walking every street, park, and playground in the City for visibility.

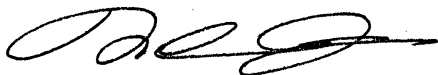
\*the establishment of a formal domestic violence program.

\*participation of department personnel in the City's Violence Prevention Task Force.

- \*the inclusion of a number of speakers on community issues (Positive Edge, Women's Commission, Transition House, etc.) in the Police Department's in-service training.
- \*Public Service Announcements prepared by the Public Information Officer for Cambridge Cable Television on a number of issues.
- \*the airing of 5 Western Avenue on Cambridge Cable Television. Police topics and issues are discussed.
- \*the quarterly publication of Neighborhood Crime Reports comprised of statistics, trends, forecasts, etc. for the City's thirteen neighborhoods.

The above is a sampling of the programs initiated to build upon the partnership between the police and community. In 1992, this partnership recorded the lowest crime index total reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Reporting Program since 1968. In 1992 and 1993, this partnership established a 30 year low in reported street robbery.

This partnership of the police and the community has developed confidence, trust and understanding between the parties. It will be nurtured and it will continue to grow.



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To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 9, regarding a report on specific programs initiated by the Police Department that build upon Police and community partnerships, please find attached a response from Police Commissioner Perry L. Anderson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #3

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Transmitting comm. from R.W. Healy relative to  
Awaiting Report Item No. 9 re: report on specific  
programs initiated by the Police Dept. that build  
upon Police and Community partnerships.

*for original order see  
1994 Resolutions # 102.*

In City Council March 28, 1994

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