



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

April 9, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-164, regarding a report on issuing community alerts as to muggings in neighborhoods, please be advised of the following:

The Police Department has a process in place that effectively issues a "Community Alert" when the crime committed is serious that immediate notification to the affected community is deemed a priority. The issuance of a "Community Alert" requires that it be hand-delivered to community leaders, contact persons and businesses in the area of concern. To issue a "Community Alert" for every assault or every robbery would not be in the best interest of either the Department or the community.

There are other mechanisms in place for the community to be aware of reported crime throughout the City. All crimes are reported in a "Daily Log" that is available to the public in the lobby of police headquarters. The Cambridge Chronicle reports all crime information on a weekly basis. Our Crime Analysis Unit maintains a web page, which is updated regularly. The Police Department publishes quarterly crime reports, which has specific information relating to the neighborhoods and business districts. The current system of issuing a "Community Alert" has and continues to operate effectively.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #1

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issuing of community alerts as to
muggings in neighborhoods.

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Safety Committee on
motion of Councillor
Davis.

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