

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> February 7, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – January 2013

Sir:

The following are the monthly reports for the Professional Standards Unit. The first section of this report is a synopsis of all inquiries, staff investigations, line investigations, administrative audits, Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) complaints forwarded to the Department. The second section is a breakdown of and a miscellaneous section that outlines other unit activity. Also included is a report that identifies the monthly performance measures of the section, a summary of all use of force incidents for the month and an up-date on field inspections.

#### **Overall Unit Activity**

This page will chart the total number of cases handled by the unit, and also subdivide the total number of cases into four (4) subcategories. The chart displays the number of cases (as well as subcategories) received in the current month as well as the cumulative number of cases for the current and previous year.

#### **Types of Complaint/Investigation and Disposition**

These pages define and categorize the particular types of investigations that are conducted under the general heading of citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations and administrative audits. These charts show how many investigations are being conducted in each system, how many cases are open, how many are closed and the disposition of each closed case.

The following is a narrative of all citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations, administrative audits and PRAB cases received or initiated during the month.

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#### **Citizen Complaints**

There were no citizen complaints filed during the month of January 2013.

#### **Staff Investigations**

There were no Staff Investigations initiated during the month of January 2013.

#### Line Investigations

There was one (1) Line Investigations initiated during the month of January 2012.

• L.I. 2013-003 alleges Officer Gedaminsky was rude, discourteous and unprofessional when the complainant asked him about his idling vehicle. Officer Gedaminsky allegedly went on a tangent about certain populations of this City that rely on public assistance and his opinion about those people.

#### **Administrative Audits**

There were five (5) administrative audits conducted during the month of January 2013.

- A.I. 2013-001 was of the 7:00am roll call at 125 Sixth St. All officers were present except for Officer D. Collins who was late.
- A.I. 2013-002 was an audit of the property room. All was in order.
- A.I. 2013-003 was of the 7:00am roll call at the Ahern Station. All officers were present.
- A.I. 2013-004 was of the 7:00am roll call at 125 Sixth St. All officers were present except for Officer P. Chu who was late.
- A.I. 2013-005 was of the 7:00am roll call at the Ahern Station. All officers were present.

#### **PRAB**

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of January 2013.

#### **INQUIRY**

PSU received three inquiries during the month of January 2013.

• On January 14, 2013 a complainant called to report a bad interaction he had with Officer C. Gilbertson. The complainant states that at approximately 6:30 am on Sunday January 13th he was driving on Mass Ave through Central Square. He states that he was stopped at a red light that turned green, neither of the two vehicles in front of him moved so he passed them on the right, when he got to the next light he observed a woman that was in one of the two cars, a black Jeep Cherokee, next to him screaming at him, he noticed that she was wearing a police uniform. He stated that the officer called him a black piece of shit. When he got to the MIT area he pulled over to the side of the road and the officer pulled in behind him, she approached the vehicle and asked for his license and registration, he asked her why she was harassing him, she went back to her car and told him to wait. (26)(f) states that after a 10 minute wait he got out of his car and approached her, she yelled at him and he got back in his car, soon after he heard sirens and 7 police cars responded. There was one sergeant there who (26)(f) felt was kind of reasonable, the female officer wouldn't give him her name but he states the badge number on the citation he received was #591, Officer Christine Gilbertson. (26)(f) state sthat he is from (26)(f) and not familiar with

the rules here, he did mess up but does not think it warranted such action. (26)(f) does not want to pursue this any further, he understands that everybody has bad days but he just wants someone to speak with the officer and let her know that she can't treat people like that.

- On January 17, 2013 a complainant called Professional Standards. He had an incident with an officer during a motor vehicle stop where he alleged Office Ivey to be rude and discourteous. The complainant did not wish to go further, only that someone speak with the officer.
- On January 14, 2013, a complainant came to the station to complain. It turned out that she did not have any complaints about any specific officer but rather about her lawyers and her case.

#### **Use of Force Incidents:**

There were seven (7) seven Use of Force Incidents in the month of October 2012.

- October 2, 2012 Officers responded to the **(26)(c)** after hospital security complained that a just discharged patient returned to the hospital and refused to leave. Hospital staff insisted that this individual must leave the facilities, including the outside area of ER, which belongs to and is controlled by the hospital. Officers repeatedly warned the individual that he would face arrest if continued to refuse leave the confines of the hospital property. The individual ignored the officers' warnings and, instead, suddenly got up from the wheelchair and rushed toward the ER's main door in an attempt to enter the hospital building. The officers then grabbed this individual by his shoulders with their hands and guided him to the ground, where he was handcuffed and placed under arrest. Strong hands on force were found to be appropriate to affect the arrest. (File # 12007884–UOF #2012-065)
- On October 6, 2012 officers were in the area of Massachusetts Ave. and Brookline St. when they encountered a male. During this encounter, this male pocked one of the officers in the chest in a forceful manner. The officers attempted to place this individual under arrest and used hands on techniques and they placed him on the ground in the prone position to control him and to place him in handcuffs. The use of force was appropriate and in compliance with Cambridge Police Department policy and procedure. (File # 12007885–UOF #2012-066)
- October 7, 2012 an officer observed a disturbance between employees of Moksa (located at 450 Mass. Ave.) and a patron. When the officer approached to assist, the patron swung and tried to punch the officer. The officer then sprayed the patron with his OC to control him and place him under arrest. The patron was treated at the scene by Professional Ambulance. The use of force was appropriate and in compliance with Cambridge Police Department policy and procedure. (File # 12007910–UOF #2012-071)
- On October 7, 2012 an officer encountered a very combative subject in the area of 1238 Massachusetts Ave. In order to control this individual and place him under arrest hands on and prone handcuffing techniques were used. The use of force was appropriate and in compliance with Cambridge Police Department policy and procedure. (File # 12007911–UOF #2012-072)
- October 10, 2012 while taking a subject into custody for trespassing at The Middle East restaurant an officer told the arrested individual that he would use his pepper spray if he did not stop flailing and pulling away from the officer as he attempted to handcuff him. The subject complied and was not sprayed. While waiting for the wagon the subject lunged at the officer and fearing that the subject was going to head butt or spit in his face the officer pushed him away. The use of force was appropriate and in compliance with Cambridge Police Department policy and procedure. (File # 12007983-UOF #2012-070)
- October 13, 2012 officers responded to a robbery call in the area of 589 Mass. Ave. Upon arrival they attempted to speak to the victim who being restrained by a few persons present. The victim was acting violent and bit one of the persons (a female) attempting to control him. This individual then swung at one of the officers as they tried to speak to him. The officer then

blocked the punch and both officers used hands on and prone handcuffing techniques to handcuff this individual and place him under arrest. During the arrest the individual hit his head

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on the brick sidewalk and cut his forehead causing him to later receive stitches at the hospital. Witness statements were obtained at the scene by the responding sergeant that corroborated the officer's account of the events. The use of force was appropriate and in compliance with Cambridge Police Department policy and procedure. (File # 12008099-UOF #2012-073)

On October 18, 2012 an officer affected an arrest for domestic assault and battery in the area of One Central Square. The defendant, refused to obey the officer's verbal commands to put his hands behind his back. The defendant became actively resistant by tensing his arms and pulling them towards his chest as the officer attempted to place him in handcuffs. The defendant also kicked the officer in the shin and knee. In response to control the defendant, the officer struck the defendant in the ribs three times with a closed fist. The defendant had a preexisting injury not related to the officer's use of force; he received medical treatment at (26)(c)
 The use of force was appropriate and in compliance with Cambridge Police Department policy and procedure. (File # 12008232-UOF #2012-074)

#### Vehicle Pursuits:

• There were no vehicle pursuits for the month of October 2012

#### **Department vehicle accidents:**

- There was two (2) department vehicle accidents for the month of October 2012 October 1, 2012 Wagon 1, Massachusetts Police registration MP240K, parked at the corner of Main Street and Hayward Street. The Wagon was legally parked in the last metered spot metered on Main Street. The officer was sitting in the vehicle when he noticed a large truck in his rearview mirror attempting to turn right onto Main Street from Hayward Street. He thought the truck was getting too close to the rear of the Wagon. Before he could get the operator's attention, he felt an impact from the rear of the vehicle. The Wagon had sustained damage to the rear left corner of the prisoner transport box. There were three discernible gouges in the metal trimming of the box. The accident was found to be non-preventable. File 12007738
- On October 19, 2012 an officer was operating cruiser 228K when he was dispatched to a call. During the response, the officer, drove into a wooden timber mulch embankment causing damage to the undercarriage of the cruiser. Because of the lack of lighting in this parking lot and the inclement weather (rain) this accident was found to be not preventable. File 12008269

#### **Firearms Discharge:**

• There were no firearms discharge for the month of October 2012

#### **Retired Officer Identifications:**

• PSU followed up on no retired officer identification requests for October 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

# MONTHLY REPORT FOR: October 2012

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
Citizen Complaints	0	6	5	
Staff Investigations	4	3	17	
Line Investigations	0	6	7	
Administrative Audits	2	9	44	
TOTAL	6	24	74	

#### CITIZEN COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2012

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior	-	5			2			
Improper Police								
Procedure								
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	-	5	0	1				

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2012

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous Behavior		6	5	2		2		
Sick Leave Violation								
Court Time Violation								
Tardiness Violation	0	1						
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)								
TOTAL		3	1	2				

## CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Professional Standards Unit

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2012

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2			2			
Improper Police								
Procedure	5	5						
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Various)	-	11						
TOTAL	5	18	11	7	2	1		

ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2012

						CASE DISE	<u>POSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	2012Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	Recommendations
Audits	42	0	41	41				0
Departmental Policy	3		3	3				3
Other								
TOTAL	45	0	44	45	0	0	0	2



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# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner R. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> November 19, 2012
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven J. DeM	arco
SUBJECT:	Performance Measures FY13	

Sir:

The following is a summary of the FY13 performance measures as of October 31, 2012

PERFORMANCE	FY12	06/30/11	FY13	9/30/12
MEASURES	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
1. Number of administrative				
audits conducted by staff	8	7	8	3
<ul><li>2. Complete "quality of service" assessment forms</li><li>– incident reports</li></ul>	250	300	300	69
<ul> <li>Complete "quality of service" assessment forms         <ul> <li>m/v stops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	250	301	300	97
4. Conduct field inspection audits	60	31	60	11

Respectfully,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Section



# **CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> March 8, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit
SUBJECT:	Monthly Report – February 2013	

Sir:

The following are the monthly reports for the Professional Standards Unit. This report is a synopsis of all staff investigations, line investigations and inquiries (by way of citizen complaints and/or Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) complaints forwarded to the Department). Also administrative audits/inspections, use of force incidents, department vehicle accidents, vehicle pursuits, firearms discharge and retired officer identifications.

#### **Overall Unit Activity**

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#### **Types of Complaint/Investigation and Disposition**

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#### **Staff Investigations**

There were four (4) Staff Investigations initiated during the month of February 2013.

- On February 20, 2013 a Boston resident mailed a citizen complaint to the Cambridge Police Department regarding an encounter with two (2) Harvard University Police officers and Officer Phillips. The complainant is alleging the officers were rude and discourteous towards him, frisked and searched him without cause and threatened him with arrest if he did not provide his social security number. (2013-008)
- On February 25, 2013 a Cambridge resident emailed the Professional Standards Unit and Mr. Brian Corr of the Police Review and Advisory Board regarding an incident that occurred on Friday February 22, 2013 at Massachusetts Avenue and Prospect Street involving Officer Phillip Chu being rude and discourteous to him during a motor vehicle stop. (Also PRAB --PR-13-02) (2013-009)
- On February 14, 2013 a Boston resident came to the Robert W. Healy Public Safety building to report that he was assaulted in Harvard Square on September 19, 2012 by Officer William Bates and that he was again assaulted at Cambridge Hospital by a number of Cambridge Police Officers (Officer Hudson) while he was handcuffed and receiving medical attention. (2013-010)
- On February 28, 2013 a Cambridge resident contacted the PRAB and filed a complaint with them regarding an incident that occurred on January 11, 2013 at approximately 3:00 am at Cambridge Street near Lechmere. The complainant alleges that her male friend was stopped by police for speeding, administered a breathalyzer test, which he failed and then taken into custody and the vehicle towed. She says the officers left her "half drunk sitting on the sidewalk in the middle of Cambridge at 3:00 am in the morning". None of the officers offered her a ride home or offered to call a taxi. She also alleges that during the stop and prior to the arrest she attempted to step out of the vehicle to ask the officers why they were being stopped. She claims that she was yelled at by one of the officers who ordered her back into the car. Also PRAB PR-13-01 (2013-011)

#### Line Investigations

There was one (1) Line Investigations initiated during the month of February 2013.

• On January 30, 2013 alleges and discloses that was showing her a recently purchased firearm while they were on duty in the Records Unit. While doing so, Ms. DiNatale turned on a laser attachment and pointed the firearm and the attached laser into eyes. On January 31, 2013

#### PRAB

There were two (2) Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of February 2013.

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#### **Inquiry**

There were no inquiries during the month of February 2013

#### Administrative Audits

There were two (2) Audits/Inspections conducted during the month of February 2013.

#### **Use of Force Reports:**

There were two (2) Use of Force Incidents in February 2013 involving four (4) officers.

 On February 20, 2013 Officers responded to 271 Huron Ave, apt. 4 on a section twelve slip. Sergeant Oppedisano notified the individual who had the

This individual tried to slam the door on Sergeant Oppedisano who put his foot in the doorway and reached for her arm. She then kicked Sergeant Oppedisano in the groin. At this point Officers Hudson, Padgett also grabbed a hold of her and used hands on to take her down to floor and hold her down until she could be subdued and restrained **Sergeant Oppedisano, Officer Hudson and Officer Padgett all used hands on force**. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-018)

 On January 24, 2013 Officer Gary Edwards was working a paid detail at the Middle East Restaurant. During his tour of duty two male parties were escorted out of the club and subsequently caused a disturbance outside. It was during this disturbance that one of the males brandished a knife. While attempting to effect the arrest of this individual, Officer Edwards used hands-on technique to subdue him and assist in placing hand cuffs on him. This UOF was determined to be within policy. The officer Edwards used hands on force. (UOF2013-019)

#### **Department Vehicle Accidents:**

There were two (2) departmental motor vehicle accidents reported in January 2013.

- On February 14, 2013 Officers Murell and Mushlin had parked their marked cruiser on Cambridge Side Place. They then entered the Mall for a patrol walk through. As they were in the Mall, the marked cruiser was struck by a "trolley" tour bus. The marked car sustained damage to the front right section. There were no injuries. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable** on the part of Officers Murell and Mushlin. (VA2013-007)
- On February 14, 2013 Officer Gedaminsky was responding to an emergency call,

. En route to the call,

Officer Gedaminsky was involved in a minor MVA on Wheeler Street in the vicinity of intersection of Concord Ave. The emergency lights on Cruiser were activated at the time of the crash. The operator of the other vehicle was confused due the construction on Wheeler St. As a result of the construction, Wheeler St. is very narrow and traffic is alternating in one direction at a time. This is to allow vehicles to access the parking lot for the Fresh Pond Shopping Center. Investigation determined that when Officer Gedaminsky was about halfway passed this vehicle she reversed slightly causing the front bumper of her vehicle to strike the right side of the cruiser, starting at the line between the front and rear door. There were no injuries. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable** on the part of Officer Gedaminsky. (VA2013-010)

• On February 26, 2013 Sgt. Sugrue parked his marked cruiser on Dunster Street at Mt. Auburn Street. When Sgt. Sugrue returned to the cruiser, he was approached by two witnesses stating that the cruiser was struck by a truck traveling down Dunster onto Mt. Auburn Street. The driver's mirror was struck and damaged by the truck. The truck did not stop. Unknown if the operator is aware that contact was made with the cruiser. There were no injuries. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable** on the part of Sgt. Sugrue. (VA2013-008)

#### Motor Vehicle Pursuits:

There were no motor vehicle pursuits in February 2013.

#### **Firearms Discharge:**

There were no firearm discharges in February 2013

#### **Retired Officer Identifications:**

There were no retired officer identifications processed in February 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

# MONTHLY REPORT FOR: February 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
PRAB Complaints	2	1	2	
Staff Investigations	4	2	4	
Line Investigations	1	1	2	
Administrative Audits	2	0	7	
Inquiry	0	7	3	
TOTAL	9	11	18	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for February 2013 four (4) were initiated by citizen complaints. One (1) was internally initiated by an employee complaint. Two (2) were initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---8 Total PRAB initiated complaints for year----2 Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year----1

Total 6 investigations initiated and 3 inquiries for year

#### PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - February 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior	1	1						
Improper Police								
Procedure	1	1						
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	2	2	2					

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - February 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		1						
Sick Leave Violation								
Court Time Violation								
Tardiness Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)	1	1						
TOTAL	1	2	2					

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - February 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior	2	2						
Improper Police								
Procedure	1	1						
Excessive Force	1	1						
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy								
Violation (Various)								
TOTAL	4	4	4					

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - February 2013

						CASE DISE	<u>POSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	2013Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	Recommendations
Audits	8	1						0
Departmental Policy								
Other								
TOTAL	8	1	7	0	0	0	0	0



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# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner R. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> March 8, 2012
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven J. DeM	arco
SUBJECT:	Performance Measures FY12	

Sir:

The following is a summary of the FY12 performance measures as of February 29, 2012

PERFORMANCE	FY11	06/30/11	FY12	7/31/12
MEASURES	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
1. Number of administrative				
audits conducted by staff	8	7	8	2
<ul><li>2. Complete "quality of service" assessment forms</li><li>– incident reports</li></ul>	250	250	300	174
<ul> <li>Complete "quality of service" assessment forms         <ul> <li>m/v stops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	250	250	300	155
4. Conduct field inspection audits	60	60	60	4

Respectfully,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Section



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> April 10, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – March 2013

Sir:

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#### **Staff Investigations**

There was one (1) Staff Investigations initiated during the month of March 2013.

• On March 12, 2013 Lieutenant Timmins reported that Officer Gedaminsky was late to roll call and failed to report to his supervisor after roll call ended. Since this was an ongoing situation between Lt. Timmins and Off. Gedaminsky Professional Standards was tasked with this investigation. (SI- 2013-020)

#### Line Investigations

There were three (3) Line Investigations initiated during the month of March 2013. (One is a duplicate Line Investigation due to an error in the Blue Team use -2013-012). So appears there are four but only three investigations.

- On February 25, 2013 an individual came to the Police Station to file a complaint against two officers who were rude and discourteous to him while he was riding his bicycle down JFK Street in Harvard Square towards Mass. Ave. According to the complainant he passed two police vehicles parked in the bike lane. One of the officers started getting out of one of the vehicles causing him to have to swerve to avoid hitting him or his door to his vehicle. The complainant indicates that he then yelled "pay attention, check your mirror". Two other officers Officer Desrosiers and Officer Pugliares) yelled back to him using foul language. (2013-012)
- On March 7, 2013 a complainant who was placed in protective custody and transported to the police station alleges that she is missing a pair of gold earrings that were taken from her prior to being placed in a cell; she states that she had three of four pieces of jewelry returned to her upon being released from protective custody. Officer Jonathan Martins was the primary booking officer. (2013-014).
- On March 7, 2013 a Cambridge resident was stopped by Officers Nicholas Mochi and Brendan Pasco. The complainant believed that the motor vehicle stop was a result of racial profiling. He came to the Professional Standards Unit on March 11, 2013 to report this incident stating that he believed he was racially profiled as a result of a motor vehicle stop and citation for defective equipment (plate light) while he was operating his wife's vehicle (26)(f). (2013-015)

#### Administrative Audits

There were Six (6) administrative audits conducted during the month of March 2013.

• All officers and supervisors were inspected. One officer was documented for being late to roll call. All other officers found in compliance.

#### PRAB

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of March 2013.

#### **Use of Force Reports:**

There were four (4) Use of Force Incidents in March 2013 involving eight (8) officers.

- On March 2, 2013 a fight had taken place outside the Moska club at closing time as a large crowd was exiting the club. Officer O' Hearn along with Officer's Lawton, Pina and O' Callahan placed a male party under arrest as he was actively engaged in a fist fight and refused to stop striking and resisting Officer O' Hearn and Pina in the process. The suspect is a large male (6'2" 275lbs) who was actively resisting the officers. Officer O' Hearn sprayed the suspect with his department issued OC spray. Officer Lawton assisted with handcuffing the suspect while he was in the prone position and using hands on technique's (knee strike and elbow strike) to get the suspect to comply with their orders. Officer Pina used hands on technique (grabbing suspect with both hands) in order to assist the suspect to the ground into the prone position to be handcuffed. While on the ground, Officer Pina utilized his department issued baton for leverage to hold down the suspects legs as he was flailing them about. Officer Pina did not strike the suspect with his baton. Officer O' Callahan also used hands on technique (grabbing suspect with both hands and placing knee on back to control him) to assist handcuffing/controlling the suspect while on the ground. Suspect had no visible injuries and was not complaining of injuries either. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Officers used OC spray, hands on, knee and elbow strikes and PR-24 for leverage (no strikes) (UOF2013-017)
- On March 9, 2013 Officer Michael Taylor observed what appeared to be a drug transaction/consumption in front of 1414 Mass Ave. Officer Taylor approached the group of four individuals involved, and got three of them to comply with his orders to stop. Officer Taylor was familiar with most of them from past encounters with the police. Unlike his companions, one individual however, refused to comply with Officer Taylor's request to stop and continued walking away. Officer Taylor grabbed a hold of this individual's backpack in an effort to prevent him from fleeing. This individual responded by pushing Officer Taylor with his hands against a wall and attempting to run away. Officer Taylor managed to keep a hold of him and then used his hands to grab his body to place him under arrest for assaulting the officer. As Officer Taylor was struggling with him, Officers Aquino and Barkhouse arrived on scene and assisted with their hands in guiding the individual to the ground for handcuffing. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **Officers used hands on force**. (**UOF2013-020**)
- On March 19, 2013 Officers Michael Carter and Cameron Deane responded to 240 Albany St. for a report of a person causing a disturbance outside. Upon arrival, Officer Michael Carter and Cameron Deane observed the individual causing the disturbance and attempted to persuade him to leave the area. During their encounter, the individual attempted to kick Officer Cameron Deane in the groin. Officer Michael Carter and Cameron Deane used their hands to gained control of this individual and brought him to the ground into a prone position. While in the prone position Officer Michael Carter placed his knee on his right shoulder blade as he continued to struggle with the officers. Officer Michael Carter and Carter and Cameron Deane used their hands to restrain him while they placed him in handcuffs.

   (26)(C)
   did not manifest any signs of injury as a result of this incident. Professional ambulance responded to the station to conduct a medical evaluation. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Officers used hands on force and prone handcuffing. (UOF2013-022)

 On March 23, 2013 Officer Kathleen Sullivan was on paid detail at the Galleria Mall. While attempting to make a shoplifting arrest it was necessary to use force. The female suspect repeatedly attempted to pull away from Officer Sullivan. Officer Sullivan took the suspect to the ground and with the assistance of mall security handcuffed the woman. The suspective support (26)(c)
 This UOF was determined to be within policy. The officer used

hands on force and prone handcuffing. (UOF2013-022)

#### **Department Vehicle Accidents:**

There were five (5) departmental motor vehicle accidents in March 2013 involving two (2) Traffic officers.

- On March 15, 2013 Deputy Elow informed the Department that she was involved in a six car accident on Route 93 North in Boston at approximately 1:00 PM on March 15, 2013, Deputy Elow states while traveling in the center lane of route 93 traffic suddenly stopped without warning due to a stopped vehicle in the center lane, Deputy Elow states she was able to stop the cruiser without striking the vehicle in front of her, but the vehicle behind her could not stop and struck the cruiser in the rear end causing damage to the rear of the vehicle, the collision then caused the cruiser to lurch forward and strike the vehicle in front of her causing damage to the front of the cruiser. The State Police responded and completed an accident report. The accident was determined to be non-preventable on the part of Deputy Elow. (VA2013-009)
- March 13, 2013 Sgt Frammartino was working a paid detail with NSTAR Electric at the intersection of Elliot and JFK Streets. His Department Vehicle, 2010 Ford Excursion, MA Police Reg 242K, was parked and unoccupied in front of 20 Elliot Street when it was struck by a passing M/V causing damage to the driver's side / side view mirror. This collision was witnessed by two NSTAR Electric employees Witnesses were able to get the registration number of the suspect vehicle and provided that information to Sgt Frammartino. Frammartino got a listing and made contact with the vehicle's registered owner. The accident was determined to be non-preventable on the part of Sergeant Frammartino. (VA2013-018)
- On March 18, 2013 a pedestrian walked into a moving marked CPD cruiser operated by Officer Michael Hinds, catching his backpack on the driver's side mirror. The incident occurred on Massachusetts Ave. near Prospect Street. The pedestrian was not in the crosswalk. Officer Hinds attempted to obtain the pedestrian's information and determine if they needed medical attention. The pedestrian denied any injuries and left the scene before they could be identified. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable** on the part of Officer Hinds. (VA2013-011)
- On March 21, 2013 Sgt. Stephen Sennott was involved in a one car motor vehicle accident at 168 Alewife Brook Parkway, Entertainment Cinemas. Upon arrival Sgt. There was damage to the (L) driver and rear doors in the form of dents and yellow transfer paint. Sgt. Sennott attempted to execute a left turn between two of several yellow cement pillar style barriers in the parking lot. It was during this left turn that he made contact with the barriers on the (L) side of the cruiser causing damage to both front and rear doors as well as side mirror of the cruiser. This damage was exhibited by denting and yellow paint transfer. The pillars sustained scrapes from the contact. The accident was determined to be **preventable** on the part of Sgt. Stephen Sennott. (VA2013-012)
- On March 26, 2013 officers were flagged down at 1414 Cambridge Street to investigate a minor MV accident that involved a department vehicle. A individual victim stated that he was sitting

in his parked vehicle 18U.S.C. s. 2721 in a metered on-street parking space in front of the pharmacy at 1414 Cambridge Street when the Police Wagon (26)(n) drove by and clipped his mirror. The wagon continued on. The operator of the wagon was Officer William Barnes. The accident was determined to be **preventable** on the part of Officer Barnes. (VA2013-013)

#### **Motor Vehicle Pursuits:**

There were no motor vehicle pursuits in March 2013.

#### **Firearms Discharge:**

There were no firearm discharges in March 2013

#### **<u>Retired Officer Identifications:</u>**

There was one (1) retired officer identifications processed in March 2013. He was recommended approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

# MONTHLY REPORT FOR: March 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
PRAB Complaints	0	1	2	
Staff Investigations	1	4	5	
Line Investigations	3	1	5	
Administrative Audits	6	5	13	
Inquiry	4	9	7	
TOTAL	14	20	32	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries March 2013 seven (7) were initiated by citizen complaints. One (1) was internally initiated by an employee complaint. None were initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---**15** Total PRAB initiated complaints for year----**2** Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year--**2** 

Total 10 investigations initiated for year and 7 Inquiries

#### PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - March 2013

						<u>CASE DISI</u>	POSITIONS	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior	0	2	2					
Improper Police								
Procedure								
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	0	2	2					

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - March 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous Behavior	1	2						
Sick Leave Violation								
Court Time Violation								
Tardiness Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)	2	3						
TOTAL	3	5	5					

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - March 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2						
Improper Police								
Procedure		1						
Excessive Force		1						
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy								
Violation (Various)	1	1						
TOTAL	1	5	5					

ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - March 2013

						CASE DISE	<u>POSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	2013Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	Recommendations
Audits	13	1	12					0
Departmental Policy								
Other								
TOTAL	13	1	12	12	0	0	0	0



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> May 7, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – April 2013

Sir:

The following are the monthly reports for the Professional Standards Unit. This report is a synopsis of all staff investigations, line investigations and inquiries (by way of citizen complaints and/or Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) complaints forwarded to the Department). Also administrative audits/inspections, use of force incidents, department vehicle accidents, vehicle pursuits, firearms discharge and retired officer identifications.

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#### **Types of Complaint/Investigation and Disposition**

These pages define and categorize the particular types of investigations that are conducted under the general heading of citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations and administrative audits. These charts show how many investigations are being conducted in each system, how many cases are open, how many are closed and the disposition of each closed case.

The following is a narrative of all citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations, administrative audits and PRAB cases received or initiated during the month.

#### **Staff Investigations**

There were no Staff Investigations initiated during the month of April 2013.

#### Line Investigations

There were no Line Investigations initiated during the month of April 2013.

#### **Administrative Audits**

There were three (3) administrative audits conducted during the month of April 2013.

• All officers inspected were found in compliance.

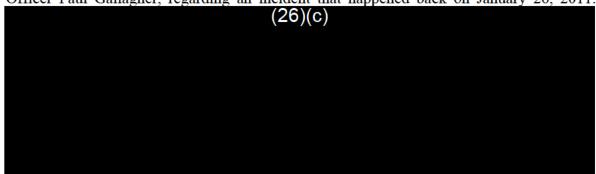
#### PRAB

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of April 2013.

#### INQUIRY

PSU followed up on six (6) inquiries during the month of April 2013

- On March 6, 2013 a Cambridge resident emailed Department Legal Advisor Jim Mulcahy with a voice message to complain about his car being towed after being stopped by police. Attorney Mulcahy forwarded to PSU on March 11, 2013 to follow-up. PSU attempted to call back but phone went straight to voice mail and would not accept messages because the mailbox was not set up yet. March 12, 2013 attempted to call back again same results. April 1, 2013 attempted call back with the same results. Checked QED and determined that vehicle was towed for being unregistered and a citation was issued. PSU was never able to gain contact with this individual and he also never called back. (2013-018)
- On March 14, 2013 Ms. Kia Benjamin emailed PSU regarding a call a female who is a Cambridge resident. This individual wanted to set up a meeting with Commissioner and Officer Paul Gallagher, regarding an incident that happened back on January 26, 2011.



#### (2013-019)

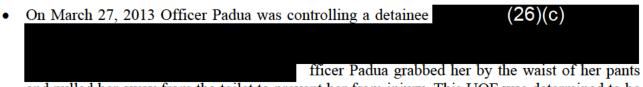
• On April 17, 2013 a complainant called the P.S.U. to complain about a motor vehicle stop and citation issued to him in **JUNE 2012** by Officer Larry Hudson. The complainant

advised that he had appealed the citation and although initially advised PSU that he was not found responsible, later inadvertently advised that he was in fact found responsible. The complainant's court hearing was in MARCH 2013. Alleges that the officer was rude and never answered his questions. The complainant never followed up with PSU after calls and emails for an interview. (2013-022)

- On April 24, 2013 a Cambridge resident emailed the PIO email group to notify the department of an encounter he had with one of our officers on April 23, 2013 at approximately 9:00 pm at Massachusetts Ave. and Pleasant Street. PSU called and emailed this complainant back several times but he did not respond. (2013-023)
- On April 19, 2013 an individual called PSU to complain that Officer Michael Hinds was short with her and would not answer any of her questions when he confiscated her identification at the Middle East Restaurant. She also stated that at one point the officer told her to stop talking because her voice was annoying. She just wanted us to be aware of the incident and did not want to file or go forward with a formal complaint. (2013-025)
- On April 30, 2013 a Cambridge resident called Ms. Kia Benjamin to complain that his pen was missing after he was arrested on April 25, 2013. The PSU conducted a preliminary investigation and it was determined that his pen was located at the Cambridge District Court. It was logged into property at the Court by the court officers when he was transported to court by the Cambridge Police Prisoner Transport. (2013-028)

#### Use of Force Reports:

There were nine (9) Use of Force Incidents in April 2013 involving officers.



and pulled her away from the toilet to prevent her from injury. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Hands on (UOF2013-036)

- Duplicate of above incident entered. (UOF2013-021)
- On April 7, 2013, Officers Murphy and Lamonica, responded to a call to assist Cambridge side Galleria security. Upon seeing Officers Murphy and Lamonica the individual security was having a problem with backed away from the Security Officers and began to flee. Officers thought was an attempt to jump to the lower level of the garage (20' drop) to get away. Officer Murphy shouted to stop and stay where he was and to come back over the railing. Officers immediately brought the individual to the ground in order to control his movements while they investigated this incident. The individual was combative and resisted. After he was handcuffed he continued to flail about and kick at the Officers. Professional Ambulance arrived and conveyed this individual **(26)(c)** Officers filed a Section 12 on the individual. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Hands on and prone handcuffing. (UOF2013-025)
- On April 11, 2013 several officers responded to the area of 624 Massachusetts Ave CVS to
  assist with a disturbance broadcasted by Officer Bikofsky requesting assistance. Officer
  Bikofsky and Officer Gilbertson tried to take an individual into custody for shoplifting but he
  refused to be handcuffed by refusing to take his hands out of his pockets. At this time, Officer
  Bikofsky took the individual down to the ground with an arm bar and placed him in the prone

position. The individual was still resisting, at which point, Officer Bikofsky used his PR-24 to pry his arms and hands loose so he could handcuff the suspect. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **Hands on, PR-24, prone handcuffing (UOF2013-035)** 

- On April 11, 2013 Officer Vincente observed an individual punch two individuals outside of 230 Albany St. Officer Vicente approached this individual and after identifying himself as a Cambridge Police Officer attempted to restrain him. (It should be noted that at the time of the incident Officer Vicente was teaching a firearms class, was in plain clothes and was not in possession of his firearm, OC spray or PR24 as none of these items are allowed at the training area for safety reasons.) At this point the individual continued his combative behavior. Officer Vicente then took hold of the individual's arm and attempted to restrain him against a wall. The individual then threw several punches at Officer Vicente. Officer Vicente then struck him on the face with a closed fist and was then able to take him to the ground. Detectives Tavares and Diggins (who were attending the training session) then assisted Officer Vicente and were finally able to be placed in handcuffs on this individual. During the struggle the individual also punched Detectives Tavares and Diggins. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Hands on, prone handcuffing (UOF2013-024)
- On April 13, 2013 Officers responded to a call of a person who had been stabbed at 802 Massachusetts Ave. (The YMCA). Upon arrival they met the victim who was actively bleeding from a stab wound to his hand. Victim had stated he was cut with a knife. Officers Bongiorno and Nickerson attempting to locate the suspect, knocked on his door and upon opening the door the officers had drawn their service weapon and pointed them at the suspect ordering him to the ground. Once on the ground he was placed into handcuffs. There were no injuries to the suspect. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **Pointed firearm (UOF2013-029**)
- On April 15, 2013 Officer Ryan Callinan and Officer Michael Miceli observed a white male exit the Harvard Sq. train station. This male appeared agitated and aggressive as he began shouting and pointing his finger at those present in the area. This individual headed across the street towards 1426 Massachusetts Ave. As Officer Miceli and Officer Callinan made their way towards him, an unidentified passerby reported to the officers there was a man screaming, yelling obscenities, and threatening to fight. The unidentified passerby pointed to the individual they were observing. Officer Callinan and Officer Miceli approached the individual. Officer Miceli ordered him stop yelling and to place his hands down by his side; he did not comply. Instead, the individual took a bladed stance, clenched his fists, and told the officers to leave him alone. Officer Callinan used his hands to grab him by his left arm and Officer Miceli used his hands to grab him by his right arm. The individual began screaming obscenities, flailed his body, and attempted to elbow the officers. He banged his head against the glass and sustained a small cut above his left eye. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Hands on (UOF2013-023)
- On April 25, 2013, Officer Brendan O' Hearn observed three parties drinking alcohol in Carl Barron Plaza. He approached the group of two males and one female and told them that they were subject to arrest for drinking in public. One of the individuals eventually fled on foot. This led to a foot pursuit with Officer Pina and O' Hearn chasing the individual. When Officer Pina finally caught up to the individual, he pushed him into a chain link fence. When Officer O' Hearn arrived seconds later, he observed the individual resisting Officer Pina's efforts to bring him to the ground. Officer O' Hearn then grabbed him and he along with Officer Pina was able to bring him to the ground. After the brief struggle the individual stated he gave up and he was quickly handcuffed by Officer O' Hearn. The individual was not injured during the

struggle and he refused medical attention. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Hands on and prone handcuffing (UOF2013-026)

(26)(c) On April 25, 2013, officers responded to for a pink slip service. The resident was not currently taking his prescribed medicine and also made threats to kill himself and telephone company employees. They were also made aware that he has a history of aggressive behavior toward police officers. The individual was immediately confrontational with the officers and refused to go to the hospital without first examining a physical copy of the pink slip. Outside the apartment, the individual was still argumentative and attempting to engage Off. Allen into a physical altercation by making racially charged statements while Off. Allen maintained his composure. Given his previous history with police, a recent threat to himself and telephone workers, and his current aggressive behavior, the decision was made to handcuff him for the transport to the hospital. When Off. Allen attempted to handcuff this individual with his hands behind his back; he suddenly raised his right knee and kicked his leg back striking Off. Allen in the area of his right thigh just above the knee, leaving a visible footprint on his uniform. Off. Smith, Off. McCarthy, Off. Allen and Sgt. Leung immediately guided the individual to the ground in order to complete the handcuffing. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Hands on and prone handcuffing (UOF2013-030)

#### **Department Vehicle Accidents:**

There were one (1) departmental motor vehicle accidents in April 2013 involving two (2) Traffic officers.

• On April 17, 2013 members of the Traffic Unit were assigned to motorcade duties on a dignitary protection escort for the Prime Minister of Haiti. As the motorcade traveled from Roxbury to Cambridge, they used a "leapfrogging" maneuver where the marked motorcycles would pass the motorcade on the left and hold intersections ahead of the vehicles in the motorcade package. In order to conduct this maneuver, the motorcycles must operate faster than the motorcade in order to cover the next available intersection prior to the arrival of the motorcade. At the intersection of Massachusetts Ave a pedestrian was jogging in place on the sidewalk to the right of the approaching motorcade vehicles. As Sgt. Brandon Woolkalis approached the intersection on his motorcycle, he noticed the pedestrian begin to jog out into Massachusetts Ave. and into the path of the oncoming motorcade. He stopped abruptly near the center yellow line and made hand gestures and called out to the pedestrian to stay back. Officer William Macedo was ahead of the motorcade and leapfrogging to the next available uncontrolled intersection. He observed Sgt. Woolkalis brake and attempted to maneuver his motorcycle to the left around Sgt. Woolkalis' stopped motorcycle. Although he had slowed considerably, Officer Macedo was not able to avoid making contact with the left rear saddlebag on Sgt. Woolkalis' motorcycle. As a result of making contact, he began to fall off his motorcycle on his left hand side. He was able to partially break his fall although he did make contact with the ground. The accident was determined to be preventable on the part of Officer William Macedo and non-preventable on the part of Sgt. Brandon Woolkalis. (VA2013-014)

#### **Motor Vehicle Pursuits:**

There were no motor vehicle pursuits in April 2013.

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### Firearms Discharge:

There were no firearm discharges in April 2013

### **<u>Retired Officer Identifications:</u>**

There were no retired officer identifications processed in April 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

### MONTHLY REPORT FOR: April 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	
PRAB Complaints	0	1	2	
Staff Investigations	0	5	5	
Line Investigations	0	2	5	
Administrative Audits	3	10	16	
Inquiry	6	14	13	
TOTAL	9	32	41	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for April 2013 six (6) were initiated by citizen complaints. None were internally initiated by an employee complaint. None were initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---21 Total PRAB initiated complaints for year---2 Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year--2

Total 10 investigations initiated and 13 Inquiries for year

#### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - April 2013

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Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	
Rude & Discourteous		,	 I		,			
Behavior	0	2	2					
Improper Police		<u>г</u> і	1		<u>г</u> ,			
Procedure								
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	0	2	2					

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - April 2013

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Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive		
Rude & Discourteous Behavior		2							
Sick Leave Violation									
Court Time Violation									
Tardiness Violation									
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)		3							
TOTAL		5	5						

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - April 2013

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Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior		2					
Improper Police							
Procedure		1					
Excessive Force		1					
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
Departmental Policy							
Violation (Various)		1					
TOTAL		5	5				

# CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professional Standards Unit

ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - April 2013

	<u>CASE DISPOSITIONS</u>									
Nature of Complaint	2012Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn			
Audits	16	1	15							
Departmental Policy										
Other										
TOTAL	16	1	15	15	0	0	0			



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> June 4, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – May 2013

Sir:

The following are the monthly reports for the Professional Standards Unit. This report is a synopsis of all staff investigations, line investigations and inquiries (by way of citizen complaints and/or Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) complaints forwarded to the Department). Also administrative audits/inspections, use of force incidents, department vehicle accidents, vehicle pursuits, firearms discharge and retired officer identifications.

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### Staff Investigations

There were no Staff Investigations initiated during the month of May 2013.

### Line Investigations

There was one (1) Line Investigation initiated during the month of May 2013.

• On May 21, 2013 an individual emailed the PIO email group for the purpose of making us aware of a negative encounter with the officer working the front desk. This incident allegedly occurred at 18:00 hrs. on May 21, 2013 and the email asserts "bad attitude" (rude and discourteous behavior) by the officer. At the request of Superintendent Williams a Line Investigation was initiated. Preliminary investigation revealed that the officer in question was Officer Maxwell. (LI-2013-030) THIS WAS RE-CLASSIFIED AS AN INQUIRY

### **Administrative Audits**

There was one (2) administrative audit conducted during the month of May 2013.

• All officers inspected were found in compliance.

### PRAB

There were one (1) Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of May 2013.

On May 21, 2013 A Cambridge resident filed an email complaint with the PRAB indicating that he was stopped for 30 minutes at the Galleria Mall by no less than 4 officers claiming to be Cambridge Police Officers. The officers hurled slurs and insults at him and went through every picture on his cell phone. He also cites abusive language by the officers during the end of the encounter. On May 22, 2013 he later sent an email to PRAB indicating that he wanted to withdraw his complaint. (Please note that (26)(f) was observed by Galleria Mall security taking pictures of a Mall employee as she also observed him talking pictures of her leg and upper body area. CPD officers were called to assist Mall Security and (26)(f) allowed the officers to look through his phone at the photos he had taken. (26)(f) admitted to the officers that he was wrong to take the photos.) This individual was FIO'd. Case withdrawn prior to investigation. Inquiry status due to no investigation initiated. (2013-033)

### INQUIRY

PSU followed up on eight (8) inquiries during the month of May 2013. RE-classified one (1) Line Investigation so Total of nine (9) Inquiries

• On May 1, 2013 a Cambridge resident sent an email to the Professional Standards alleging that he just wanted to send along some information about an officer on detail. He stated that he was driving to work and a Cambridge Police officer directing traffic at a small construction site at Kirkland & Quincy Street on May 1, 2013 yelled at him as he turned right on Quincy. The day before a different officer directed him around the site to continue

straight on Kirkland, so that was why he assumed he could still go that way. When he asked the officer if he could continue straight the officer started yelling at him. He stated that there were two officers there, one from Somerville and one from Cambridge. The Cambridge Officer was the one who yelled at him. This individual was contacted by PSU and he stated that he did NOT wish to file a formal complaint or pursue this matter any further. The complainant just wanted to make the department aware of his interaction with the officer and further stated that he has had nothing but positive experiences with the Cambridge police. The detail sergeant was advised to speak to the officer. (2013-024)

- On May 2, 2013 a Cambridge resident called PSU with concerns to the traffic issues he faced on his street as well as the desire to file a report because he felt as though he was being intimidated by one of the drivers on his street. An e-mail was sent to Supt. Williams regarding this concern He did not have any specifics complaints about any particular officer. However, he did say that he felt that he has been mistreated in the past because of his race, but did not allude to it any further and would not give any details. At this time there is no further action to be taken from this call. (2013-026)
- On May 3, 2013 a Cambridge resident sent an email to Commissioner Haas regarding a motor vehicle stop and a citation. He alleges that he was on his way to the Cambridge Police Department when he was pulled over by an unmarked Cambridge police unit. He says that the officer was rude and believed the officer was very upset and alleges that the officer asked him if he was in a "F......hurry". He told the officer that he was. He was then asked where he was going. He stated that he was going to the police station to sign up for an interview. (26)(f) alleges that the officer then asked him, "Is this the way you would be driving squad cars? He states that the officer continued to "Rant" and informed him that he would not be driving his squad cars! The complainant has been contacted several times by PSU with no response. (2013-034)
- On May 14, 2013 a Somerville resident was struck by a cyclist while crossing Brattle St. He sustained a head injury and was transported to (26)(c) by Professional Ambulance. Commissioner Haas requested PSU to investigate an Inquiry by the victim's wife who had notified CPD that her husband's wedding ring was missing and some other belongings. Investigation revealed that the victim's clothing and everything in it were secured by Cambridge Police. However, one item remained missing for a short period of time, his wedding band. That was eventually tracked down at Pro Ambulance. The wedding band was discovered in the back of the ambulance at the end of tour by the crew. They secured it as they did not know who it belonged to. According to the victim's wife after she called looking for it. (2013-031)
- On May 24, 2013 a Woburn resident emailed the Quality Control email group regarding an incident that occurred on May 22, 2013 at approximately 09:26 at 70 Fayerweather Street when she was at her doctor's appointment and her vehicle was towed for street cleaning--- The complainant alleges that a police officer was on scene and still towed her vehicle. After a preliminary investigation it appeared that the officer did not do anything to violate policy or procedure and rule or regulation.---She was emailed but she indicated she did not wish to discuss the matter any further--- (2013-032)
- On May 21, 2013 A Cambridge resident filed an email complaint with the PRAB indicating that he was stopped for 30 minutes at the Galleria Mall by no less than 4 officers claiming

to be Cambridge Police Officers. The officers hurled slurs and insults at him and went through every picture on his cell phone. He also cites abusive language by the officers during the end of the encounter. On May 22, 2013 he later sent an email to PRAB indicating that he wanted to withdraw his complaint. (Please note that (26)(f) was observed by Galleria Mall security taking pictures of a Mall employee as she also observed him talking pictures of her leg and upper body area. CPD officers were called to assist Mall Security and (26)(f) allowed the officers to look through his phone at the photos he had taken. (26)(f) admitted to the officers that he was wrong to take the photos.) This individual was FIO'd. Case withdrawn prior to investigation. Inquiry status due to no investigation initiated. (2013-033)

- On May 23, 2013 a Cambridge resident emailed the PIO email group and he called the PRAB to report that that he was given inaccurate information by the Police Department. He claims that he called to inquire if he could get a copy of a restraining order against him and was told by someone to come to the police station to pick up a copy. When he got there, he was given a copy of a restraining order taken out against him in Cambridge and not a copy of a restraining order taken out against him from out-of-state, which is what he thought he was coming to get. He is emphatic that he does not want to file a complaint but did say that he was rudely treated by the first officer, had his rudeness dismissed by the second officer, and didn't even get the document that he had come in for in the first place. PSU was able to coordinate with Investigations who called the complainant and provided him with information concerning his restraining order. (2013-042)
- On May 25, 2013 a Cambridge resident emailed the Quality Control email group to report a rude and discourteous incident with a Cambridge Police officer. She reports that a Cambridge Police Officer pulled up beside her while on Broadway near Kendall Square and spoke to her in a derogatory manner. The Officer never got out of his vehicle but spoke to her rudely through the windows of the vehicles. The officer told the complainant that she was stopped at a green light for 15 seconds and that she shouldn't do two things at once while driving. He was alluding to the talking with her husband and children who were in her vehicle. She also did not want to file a formal complaint. (2013-041)

### Use of Force Reports:

There were four (4) Use of Force Incidents in May 2013 involving six (6) officers.

- On April 30, 2013 Officer Deane employed a rear wrist lock to a belligerent female arrestee that was trying to kick him while she was handcuffed. The force was reasonable and necessary to control the arrestee and once the wrist lock was employed the female stopped resisting and complied with officers directions. The force was applied for no more than two seconds. The arrestee did not complain of any injury from the force nor did it appear she suffered. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **Hands on (UOF2013-027)**
- On May 5, 2013 at 10 Jefferson Park Officer Steven Burke and Officer Joshua Buxbaum were
  investigating an individual for stealing a bicycle. This individual fled from the officers and
  Officer Buxbaum chased him and stopped him. He was guided to the ground by Officer Burke
  and Buxbaum and handcuffed for officer safety. Officer Buxaum slightly pulled his hamstring
  and received some small lacerations on his hand while pursuing this individual and restraining
  him. He did not want to seek medical attention at this time. The suspected individual received a

scrap mark to his forehead and refused medical treatment. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **Hands on (UOF2013-034)** 

- On May 10, 2013 Officer Marlon Rivera and Officer Derman had two individuals stopped at Broadway Street and Maple Street because they fit the description of suspects who attempted to break into a house with pliers. During the stop one of the individuals fled Officer Rivera gave chase. A citizen got involved and stopped this individual when Officer Rivera called for his assistance. The citizen then walked away. While this individual was on the ground he attempted to get up several times and would not obey Officer Rivera's verbal commands. Officer Rivera became fearful that this individual may harm him with the pliers used to perform the B&E so Officer Rivera pulled out his service weapon and ordered this individual to stop moving and to control him. (This individual fled prior to being patted down for safety) Another officer arrived and placed handcuffs on this individual for safety reasons. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **Point Firearm (UOF2013-037)**
- On May 29, 2013 multiple units were dispatched to (26)(c) on report of a (26)(c) on report of a (26)(c) for the caller was the girlfriend and was inside the apartment. She reported that the male party had a knife in his hand and also that he may have access to firearms. ECC was able to check under his name and discovered he had an expired LTC and (3) firearms registered under his name. Upon arrival Officer Bikofsky and Officer McGrath were able to make entry as the girlfriend had the door open. Once inside, the officers drew their service weapons and pointed them at the individual while ordering him to the ground. The individual partly complied as he dropped to his knees but refused to get down in the prone position. He was then guided to the floor and placed into handcuffs. There were no injuries. This UOF was determined to be within policy. Point Firearm, hands on, prone handcuffing (UOF2013-033)

### **Department Vehicle Accidents:**

There were two (2) departmental motor vehicle accidents in May 2013

On Monday, May 6, 2013, at approximately 2:18 a.m., Officer Timothy Caulfield, #493, was • involved in a minor MVA while operating Cambridge Police Cruiser #230. Caulfield was responding to an unwanted guest / disturbance call at the Tasty Burger located inside the Harvard Square Garage Complex at 36 JFK Street. Caulfield approached the intersection of Mt Auburn and JFK Street without his blue lights activated. While stopped at the red light on Mt Auburn Street at JFK Street Caulfield's attention was drawn to the action inside the Tasty Burger through the floor to ceiling glass windows. At this point Caulfield lost focus on his driving and his foot came off of the brake causing the cruiser to slowly creep into the intersection. At the same time a Taxi Cab was passing through the intersection. The right front bumper of the police car made contact with the passing taxi cab's left front fender. The police car sustained no damage. There is only a minor white paint transfer on the right front bumper. The Taxi Cab sustained a minor dent and a small black paint transfer on its left front fender. Neither Caulfield nor the Cab driver reported any injury. Officer Cromwell, #546, responded and completed a Massachusetts Crash Report and City Solicitor's Report. Caulfield completed a Supplemental Report. All reports are attached hereto. Cromwell also took three (3) photographs using the camera from Cruiser 219. The memory card was placed into a red envelope and submitted to the Property Section. The accident was determined to be preventable. (VA2013-016)

• Sergeant Frederick Cabral, while operating a marked Police Cruiser with emergency lights activated, attempted to turn around in order to affect a traffic stop for a violation he had just witnessed. As he started the turn the front of the Cruiser made contact with a passing M/V causing very minor damage to the front bumper and cracking the headlight of the private M/V. There was no damage to the Cruiser. The civilian operator stated that she saw the emergency lights activated but she thought the Cruiser was stopping. A citation was issued to the operator for c.89 s.37A failing to pull right/stop for Emergency Vehicle and also c.90 s.10 Unlicensed Operation. It is my determination that the accident should be classified as non-preventable on the part of Sergeant Cabral. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable**. (VA2013-019)

### Motor Vehicle Pursuits:

There were no motor vehicle pursuits in May 2013

### **Firearms Discharge:**

There was one (1) firearms discharge in May 2013

• Officer Ponte was called to the area of 18 Highland Avenue on report of a seriously injured raccoon in obvious misery. He requested and was granted my permission to dispatch the animal. After ensuring the safety of those in the area and making notifications to area residents, he dispatched the raccoon with one round from his issued weapon. DPW came and removed the carcass. Based upon circumstances, destruction of the animal was required and in compliance with all applicable policy.

### **<u>Retired Officer Identifications:</u>**

There were no retired officer identifications processed in May 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

### MONTHLY REPORT FOR: May 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
PRAB Complaints	1	3	<mark>3</mark>	
Staff Investigations	0	8	5	
Line Investigations	0	3	5	
Administrative Audits	1	10	17	
Inquiry	9	14	22	
TOTAL	11	38	31	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for May 2013 nine (9) were initiated by citizen complaints. None were internally initiated by an employee complaint. One was initiated by a PRAB complaint by soon after and prior to investigation Withdrawn.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year --- $\frac{30}{100}$ Total PRAB initiated complaints for year--- $\frac{3}{100}$ ---One withdrawn prior to investigation Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year-- $\frac{2}{100}$ 

Total 10 investigations initiated and 22 Inquiries for year

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

#### PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - May 2013

					<u>CASE DISPO</u>	<u>DSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior	1	3	2	1			
Improper Police							
Procedure							
Excessive Force							
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
TOTAL	1	3	2	1			

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - May 2013

					CASE DISPO	DSITIONS	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous Behavior		2					
Sick Leave Violation							
Court Time Violation							
Tardiness Violation							
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)		3					
TOTAL		5	5				

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - May 2013

					<u>CASE DISP</u>	<u>OSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous			'	· [ '		· · ·	· ·
Behavior		2					
Improper Police			'	· [ '		· · ·	· ·
Procedure		1					
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Excessive Force		1					
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Criminal Conduct							
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Civil Rights Violation							
Departmental Policy			ı '	· [ · ·		· · ·	
Violation (Various)		1					
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TOTAL		5	5				

# CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT Professional Standards Unit

### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - May 2013

				<u>CA</u>	<u>SE DISPOSIT</u>	<u>TIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	2013Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Audits	18	1	17				
Departmental Policy							
Other							
TOTAL	18	1	17	17	0	0	0



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> July 23, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report – June 2013

Sir:

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The following is a narrative of all citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations, administrative audits and PRAB cases received or initiated during the month.

### **Staff Investigations**

There were no Staff Investigations initiated during the month of June 2013.

### **Line Investigations**

There was no Line Investigation initiated during the month of June 2013.

### **Administrative Audits**

There was one (1) administrative audit conducted during the month of June 2013.

• All officers inspected were found in compliance.

### PRAB

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of June 2013.

### **INQUIRY**

PSU followed up on two (2) inquiries during the month of June 2013

- On June 17, 2013 (26)(f) emailed the Neighborhood Sergeants Inman Harrington email group to report inappropriate behavior by Officer Dillon badge 565 during a stop while he was riding a bicycle. He alleges that after being stopped, he attempted to engage Officer Dillon in a conversation about the merits of enforcing such bicycle traffic laws. Officer Dillon said "Are you talking to me?" In a very unpleasant tone. He also told .
  (26)(f) to "Shut up". Also alleged was that one of the violations on the bicycle citation (not having a valid headlight) was issues in error. PSU conducted a preliminary investigation and determined that the violation of a headlight was issued in error and (26)(f) was advised of this. A correction was also made administratively to the citation. (26)(f) has yet to reply back to PSU to follow-up on these allegations. (2013-040)
- On June 26, 2013 the P.S.U. received an email from a complainant regarding an interaction with Officer Killion on June 25, 3013 at approximately 10:15p.m. while singing and playing the guitar in the area of Palmer St. He alleges that the officer ordered him to turn off his amplifier after receiving a noise complaint and was rude to him; he states he has a permit. PSU spoke with the complainant and advised him that we had identified the officer in question and informed him about the Street Performer Ordinance. He was satisfied with this resolution and DID NOT wish to pursue a complaint. (2013-035)

### **Retired Officer Identifications:**

• PSU followed up on one (1) retired officer identification requests. The retired officer was recommended for approval.

### **Use of Force Reports:**

There were five (5) Use of Force Incidents in June 2013 involving eight (8) officers.

- On June 1, 2013 at approximately 12:15AM, Officer William LaMonica was involved in a foot pursuit of a suspect who was moments earlier seen running from a group of people on Green St. while holding a baseball bat. At the conclusion of the foot pursuit Officer LaMonica **drew his** service weapon and pointed it at the SP and ordered him onto the ground. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-038)
- On June 4, 2013 Officer Helberg was attempting to affect the arrest of a homeless female when it became necessary for him to use force to hand cuff her. Officer Helberg took the female by the arm in an attempt to put her in handcuffs. She did not comply, flailed her arms and aggressively pulled away. Officer Ivey approached and assisted. Officer Ivey took hold of the female's right arm as Officer Helberg was attempting to cuff

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he continued to struggle and it was now		26)(c)	In an
attempt to get her under control and cuffed, Of	ficer Helberg took her	to the ground wh	iere he
was able to secure her free arm and cuff her. O	nce she had been secur	red Officer Helbe	rg was
(26)	(C)		
Further, as a result of being taken to the ground	d, (2)	6)(c)	
	This UOF was determined	ined to be within	policy.

### (UOF2013-040)

- On June 17, 2013 Officer Vicente observed a female drinking alcohol in public in Central Square. When Officer Vicente went to handcuff and place this female under arrest she became combative and a struggle ensued to handcuff her. Officer Vicente used hands on and took her to the ground and prone handcuffed her. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-039)
- On June 21, 2013, at 2:00AM multiple units responded to the Moksa Night Club located a 450 • Mass Ave for a report of fight in the club. Units were already conducting directed patrols in the vicinity of Moksa, after an earlier incident where a crowd had to be dispersed from the area in front of the club. When units arrived at Moksa the fight in the club was over. Units then conducted crowd control in the area around the club. While units were attempting to disperse the crowd from Moksa along with security from the club. A fight broke out on the sidewalk adjacent to Moksa. The fight involved at least six individuals from two large groups. Officers immediately responded to the fight, and attempted to separate the parties and keep the fight from escalating further. Officer Benzan observed an unidentified male get knocked to the ground during the fight. He then held that male down in an attempt to keep him from reentering the fight. At this time, Officer R. Callinan observed a male coming over the back of Officer Benzan in an attempt to continue striking the male party that was on the ground. In doing so, he was pushing Officer Benzan and he inadvertently struck Officer Benzan while attempting to strike the male on the ground. Officer R. Callinan then grabbed him and took him to the ground and handcuffed. (In the booking room this individual was observed to have a small cut above his left eye. He refused medical attention. It appears that he may have sustained this minor cut during the fight before Officer R. Callinan intervened. The male that was initially knocked to the ground fled the area during the chaos.) While Officer Barkouse was

responding to the fight he observed a male strike another male. As this male raised his clinched fist to strike the male for a second time, when Officer Barkouse took him to the ground. Officer Barkhouse then handcuffed the suspect. Officer Vicente responded to the fight and assisted officers by keeping the crowd from closing in on the fight. While he was conducting this crowd control he was knocked to the ground by members of the crowd rushing toward the fight. He quickly got to his feet and continued to push the crowd back away from officers who were in vulnerable positions arresting the combatants. Officer Vicente then assisted Officer Callinan with handcuffing the individual he arrested. All involved officers used hands on force. This UOF by these officers was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-042)

• On June 11, 2013 a Prisoner being held at CPD became uncooperative and combative. He was moved from his cell into the isolation cell due to the fact that he continually covered up the surveillance camera. He covered the surveillance camera in the isolation cell and continued to be combative and bang the glass. Officer Labastie went into the isolation cell to remove the roll of toilet paper and remove the paper from the camera. Officer Labastie was then assaulted by the prisoner. Officer Labastie created distance and **pepper sprayed** the prisoner. The prisoner washed his eyes out in the sink in the holding area. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (**UOF2013-041**)

### **Department Vehicle Accidents:**

There were three (3) departmental motor vehicle accidents reported in June 2013

- On May 31, 2013 Officer Glenn Marshall #414 (13R) was responding to a dispatch call for service involving a transformer explosion on Aberdeen Avenue at Mount Auburn Street operating marked police cruiser <sup>(26)(n)</sup> While responding to said call with blue lights and siren activated Officer Marshall attempted to navigate the cruiser through heavy traffic in the area of Brattle Street @ JFK Street when he made contact with a truck Ma registration <sup>(80,S,C,S,2721)</sup> which was pulling over to the right side of the roadway. Officer Marshall made contact with the (L) rear back of the truck with the (R) front bumper of the cruiser. The accident was determined to be **preventable**. (VA2013-020)
- On May 28, 2013 Deputy DeMarco while operating 2012 Ford Fusion bearing MA registration exited the underground garage at 125 Sixth Street and began to ascend onto Rogers Street. The Police Wagon was obstructing the view to the right. Preparing to turn right and prior to entering onto Rogers Street he looked left and observed no vehicles approaching. As he turned his head to the right he observed a white colored Ford van (2011 Ford van bearing MA commercial registration () suddenly appear traveling towards him on the wrong side of the road and passing the front of the police wagon. Deputy DeMarco stopped his vehicle. He could see that the operator of the van was talking on his cell phone, and attempted to make a quick, last second, evasive maneuver to the right but came into contact with the front bumper of the Ford Fusion with the left outermost portion of his front bumper. No damage just paints transfer. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable**. (VA2013-017)
- On June 7, 2013 Detective Sergeant Grey while operating unmarked police vehicle MA Reg 218BH1 and traveling on Cambridge St., came to a complete stop at the red light at Cambridge St. and Prospect St. when he was rear ended by MA Reg 849 NV2. The operator of this vehicle stated that it was her fault as she was distracted at the time of the collision. Minor damage. No injuries. The accident was determined to be **non-preventable**. (VA2013-021)

### **Motor Vehicle Pursuits:**

There were no motor vehicle pursuits in June 2013

### **Firearms Discharge:**

There were no firearms discharges in June 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit Page 6 – REF: Monthly Report – June 2013 Professional Standards Unit

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

### MONTHLY REPORT FOR: June 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
PRAB Complaints	0	3	3	
Staff Investigations	0	9	5	
Line Investigations	0	3	5	
Administrative Audits	1	18	18	
Inquiry	2	20	24	
TOTAL	3	53	55	

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Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---32Total PRAB initiated complaints for year---3----One withdrawn prior to investigation Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year--2

Total 10 investigations initiated and 24 Inquiries for year *Page 7* –

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - June 2013

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Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
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Behavior	0	3	2	1				1
Improper Police								
Procedure								
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	0	3	2	1				1

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - June 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous Behavior		2						
Sick Leave Violation								
Court Time Violation								
Tardiness Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)		3						
TOTAL		5	5					

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### Professional Standards Unit

STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - June 2013

						<u>CASE DIS</u>	POSITIONS	
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2						
Improper Police								
Procedure		1						
Excessive Force		1						
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Various)		1						
TOTAL		5	5					

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - June 2013

				CASE DISPOSITIONS				
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	Recommendations
Audits	18	1	17					0
Departmental Policy								
Other								
TOTAL	18	1	17	17	0	0	0	



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Staff Investigations**

There were two (2) Staff Investigations initiated during the month of July 2013.

- SI- 2013-036- On 7/8/2013 investigation alleges that officers while conducting a motor vehicle stop and subsequent search of the vehicle for drugs that three hundred dollars (\$300.00) was missing from a compartment in the dashboard of the vehicle.
- SI- 2013-038- On 7/15/2013 investigation alleges that after a motor vehicle stop the vehicle was towed by B&B Towing. Officers conducted a motor vehicle inventory prior to towing the vehicle and indicate jewelry (three rings, necklace and a pendent). Owner when picking up vehicle 10 days later noticed missing jewelry and other items missing. CIS investigation criminal allegations file #13005317.

### Line Investigations

There was no Line Investigation initiated during the month of July 2013.

### **Administrative Audits**

There were three (3) administrative audits conducted during the month of July 2013.

- All officers inspected at roll call were found in compliance.
- Audit of Property Office

### PRAB

There were one (1) Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of July 2013.

• PRAB Complaint 2013-043/ PR-13-04--On July 10, 2013 (26)(f) of went to the PRAB to file a complaint against an individual he believed to be a member of the Auxiliary Police. He filed a criminal incident report File #13003662. Detectives following up on this matter. PSU preliminary investigation determined that the individual being complained about was not and has never been a member of the Cambridge Auxiliary Police. Advised complainant who stated he wanted to drop the PRAB complaint. PRAB notified as well. (2013-043)

### **INQUIRY**

PSU followed up on four (4) inquiries during the month of July 2013.

On July 2, 2013 (26)(f) Cambridge emailed Professional Standards to complain about an interaction he had with a detail officer on June 29, 2013. (26)(f) states that he parked his vehicle in the area of 136 Bishop Allen Drive at approximately 1:00PM behind a piece of construction equipment. (26)(f) states that there were signs restricting the parking at that location but the no parking restriction ended on June 28th. He put a quarter in the meter and when he returned he saw a "tall, in shape, African American" male police officer, who he later described to be in his late 30's or early

Forties, standing next to his vehicle. The officer "aggressively engaged" him stating "Is this your car? Do me a favor and next time think about something before you do it. If you see a piece of equipment, don't park behind it! Now these guys had to wait for you." (26)(f) then tried to explain to the officer that he had read the sign but he says that he was rudely cut off from his explanation. As of this report we are still working with (26)(f) to come in for an interview. (2013-044)

- On July 11, 2013 (26)(f) reported to the PRAB that on July 2, 2013 at approximately 8:15 am he was cycling on Cowperthwaite St. when he observed one police officer working a street detail yelling at a boy riding on a bicycle about 10 yards ahead of him. He followed the boy toward Grant St. and came upon a girl who was crying. He believed they were between 12-14 years old. He overheard her talking on her cell phone saying that she was threatened with arrest by this officer. She too was with a bicycle. Mr. Chonofsky spoke to the girl and went back and spoke to another officer at the detail site. (This officer was not the one who yelled at the children). This officer told him that the other police officer's name was "Chuck". He reports that the officer's conduct was totally unprofessional. Through investigation it was determined that the officer was from Harvard University Police and they were notified and will conduct investigation. (26)(f) and PRAB were notified. (2013-037)
- On July 18, 2013 Professional Standards Unit received an email from an individual only identified as 2600. She had emailed the Quality Control email group requesting information and documents pertaining to the noise ordinance, racial and ethical profiling, appropriate language, duty obligations, and intentional misrepresentation of authority. Stated at this point, he/she did not wish to file a formal complaint until he/she reviewed the values, code of conduct and protocols of the CPD. Deputy DeMarco emailed her back with information pertaining to the City Noise Ordinance and that as a general rule Cambridge Police does not release the policies inquired about. (2013-039)
- On July 24, 2013 the Commissioner's Office received a complaint, by phone, regarding a detail officer working on Webster Street. According to the complainant, (26)(i), she was traveling on Webster Street toward Cambridge Street when she was directed to stop, by the officer. She states that the officer was rule to her. When she was waved forward with the rest of traffic she states that the officer told her stop by signaling with this hands so that a truck could exit the location. She states that she stopped for the officer but he said, "Go ahead, get out of here." (26)(f) believes that she may have missed an earlier signal given by the officer but she did stop. Checked with the detail office and we had no details in that area. We contacted the Somerville Police Department's Professional Standards Unit and spoke with Lieutenant Dan Cotter who stated that they had a Sergeant working on Webster Street that day and that he would speak to the sergeant. We followed up with (26)(f)advising her of our findings and what Somerville PD intended to do and we provided her with Lieutenant Dan Cotter's phone number for followup. (2013-046)

### **Use of Force Reports:**

There were six (6) Use of Force Incidents in July 2013 involving nine (9) officers.

• On July 7, 2013 at approximately 10:58AM Officer John Poirier and Officer Gary Edwards were dispatched to the Harvard MBTA Station mezzanine level for a man down having a

seizure. When the male was being provided medical assistance by professional Ambulance, Fire Department and the responding officer he became violent and spit blood at the first responders. The male was then secured to a stretcher by the officers using **hands** on force. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-046)

- On July 15, 2013 Officer Hector Vicente while effecting an arrest for drinking alcohol in public He was pushed. Officer Hector Vicente used his **hands** to physically take the suspect to the ground. Officer Hector Vicente called for police assistance and was able to put him in handcuffs. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-043)
- On July 15, 2013, Officers Reynaldo Benzan and Michael Taylor were dispatched to the area of Athens St. and Athens Terr. for a report of two suspicious males. The suspicious males were later identified. During the officer's encounter, Officer Reynaldo Benzan observed one of the males was unsteady on his feet and asked him to sit on the sidewalk. As Officers Reynaldo Benzan guided him to the sidewalk he became combative and struck Officer Reynaldo Benzan on his right arm while flailing his arms. He also grabbed Officer Reynaldo Benzan's uniform shirt. Officers Reynaldo Benzan and Michael Taylor used their hands to guide this male to the ground but he continued to struggle with the officers resisting their efforts to place him in handcuffs. While on the ground he tucked his hands into his side. Officers Reynaldo Benzan and Michael Taylor used their hands (arm bar techniques) to put him in a prone position and remove his hands away from his body. Officers Reynaldo Benzan and Michael Taylor were able to place him into handcuffs. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-044)
- On July 15, 2013, Officers John Drewicz and Michael Carter were dispatched to the area of 41 <u>§ 97D</u> for a report of a man and women fighting inside of the residence (possibly on the second floor). Upon arrival it was immediately apparent to the Officers a man and women were fighting inside of 41 § 97D Officer John Drewicz had previous . knowledge of prior domestic incidents involving residents of 41 § 97D During their investigation they heard sounds which led them to believe there was an ongoing domestic incident. Officers John Drewicz and Michael Carter were able to gain access into the front door but were unable to gain access into the apartment where the domestic was occurring. Officers requested my permission to force entry into the apartment. Officer Michael Carter managed to force entry into the apartment. Officer Michael Carter upholstered his firearm as officers prepared to enter the apartment. As Officer Michael Carter entered the bedroom he observed a large knife and several saws within arm's length of the individuals. Officer Michael Carter ordered the male to the ground, at **gunpoint**, several times and he eventually complied. Officer Michael Carter used his hands and placed him in handcuffs while he was in the prone position. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (UOF2013-045)
- On 7/20/13 Officer Jason Callinan and Officer Peter Vellucci went to a call of a man down. Officer J Callinan initiated a sternum rub on the individual. The male awoke and got up in a fighting stance and tried to punch Officer Callinan. He deflected the punch and grabbed the male's arm and put him to the ground. This male was then placed under arrest. **Hands on**. This UOF was determined to be within policy. (**UOF2013-048**)
- On July 21, 2013 Officers Cameron Deane and Christopher Sullivan were approached by a manager of Dunkin Donuts. The manager informed Officers Deane and Sullivan the Dunkin Donuts (616 Mass Ave) had just been robbed and he pointed to a male, later identified and arrested as the one who robbed the store. Officers Deane and Sullivan stopped this suspect in

the area of One Central Sq. to conduct their investigation. They used their **hands** to grab the suspect's arms to escort him back to be identified. Officer Cameron Deane walked away to speak with a witness when the suspect twisted his body away from Officer Sullivan in an attempt to flee. Officer Sullivan used his **hands** to bring the suspect to the ground and into a prone position. Officer Deane assisted Officer Sullivan by using his **hands** to the suspect in a **rear wrist lock**. Officers Deane and Sullivan were able to place the suspect in handcuffs as he continued to resist their efforts to do so. The suspect suffered, what appeared to be, a minor injury to his mouth as a result of this use of force incident. Professional attempted to render treatment to the suspect injury at the police station. The suspect refused to allow Professional ambulance to observe or treat his wound. This UOF was determined to be within policy. **(UOF2013-047)** 

### **Department Vehicle Accidents:**

There were two (2) departmental motor vehicle accidents

- On July 11, 2013 Officer Photopoulos was involved in a single motor vehicle accident. Officer Photopouls was attempting to make a three point turn when he struck a wooden structure part of a business at 85 Bolton Street. No apparent damage to building, paint transfer. Damage to Cruiser is to left rear bumper. The accident was determined to be **preventable**. (VA2013-022)

### Motor Vehicle Pursuits:

There were no motor vehicle pursuits in July 2013

### **Firearms Discharge:**

There were no firearms discharges in July 2013

### **Retired Officer Identifications:**

There were no retired officer identifications processed in July 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

### MONTHLY REPORT FOR: July 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
PRAB Complaints	0	3	<mark>3</mark>	
Staff Investigations	2	10	7	
Line Investigations	0	8	5	
Administrative Audits	3	26	21	
Inquiry	4	27	28	
TOTAL	9	74	64	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for July 2013 six (6) were initiated by citizen complaints. None were internally initiated by an employee complaint. None was initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---**38** Total PRAB initiated complaints for year---**3**----One withdrawn prior to investigation Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year--**2** 

Total 12 investigations initiated and 28 Inquiries for year

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - July 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior	0	3	2	1				1
Improper Police								
Procedure								
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	0	3	2	1				1

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - July 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous Behavior	1	2						
Sick Leave Violation								
Court Time Violation								
Tardiness Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)	2	3						
TOTAL	3	5	5					

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - July 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2						
Improper Police								
Procedure	2	3						
Excessive Force		1						
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy								
Violation (Various)		1						
TOTAL	2	7	7					

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - July 2013

				CASE DISPOSITIONS				
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	Recommendations
Audits	21	1	20					0
Departmental Policy								
Other								
TOTAL	21	1	20	19	0	0	0	



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	<b>DATE:</b> September 23, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

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The following is a narrative of all citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations, administrative audits and PRAB cases received or initiated during the month.

### REF: Monthly Report – August 2013 Professional Standards Unit Staff Investigations

There were no Staff Investigations initiated during the month of August 2013.

### Line Investigations

There was one (1) Line Investigation initiated during the month of August 2013.

• On August 7, 2013 (26)(f) came in to the station to report that she was stopped while operating her motor vehicle by Sergeant P. Carney on 07/29/2013 at 10:36 am on Pleasant Street near Massachusetts Avenue. She is alleging that she was operating her vehicle on Massachusetts Avenue and heading towards Cambridge College to drop her son off at work. A Cambridge Police cruiser was in front of her and abruptly slowed down. She alleges that the officer (Sergeant Carney) was watching her in his rear view mirror and began to slow down in traffic. She says that the sergeant was preventing her from traveling the speed limit. As she approached Pleasant Street she took a left turn off of Massachusetts Avenue onto Pleasant Street. The cruiser's blue lights were then activated and he then made a quick turn onto Pleasant Street and pulled her over. She alleges his behavior was very inappropriate and feels that the citation was issued in error. (LI 2013-048)

### **Administrative Audits**

There were fifteen (15) administrative audits/inspections conducted during the month of August 2013.

- All officers inspected at roll call were found in compliance.
- Monthly Audit of Property Office

### PRAB

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of August 2013.

### INQUIRY

PSU followed up on seven (7) inquiries during the month of August 2013.

On August 1, 2013 (26)(f) called the Commissioner's office to complain about an interaction his daughter had with Cambridge officers. (26)(f) states that his daughter was outside of the park at Harvard @ Moore streets when her and her friends were approached by 2-3 officer who informed them they were trespassing and ordered them to show their ID's and social security cards or they would be arrested. It was (26)(f) opinion that his daughter and her friends were racially profiled and he is not happy about it, he will get back to CPD with more information on the time and the officers names. PSU discovered that Officers N. Mochi and L. Sullivan did conduct an FIO at that location on 7-23-13 at approximately 12:40AM and documented their stop. They put a stop on 9 individuals, 6 males and 3 females. All 6 of the males have Cambridge booking photos along with their FIO information. FIO indicates that members of the group were drinking. Spoke to officers and indicated that one of the females in the group, who lived across the street, was extremely disrespectful and started swearing at the officers when they approached, she took a swig from a bottle of Hennessey and told them to fuck off as she started walking away. PSU did not find any racial motivation for the stop; (26)(f) was contacted and informed of the findings.

He was not aware that there were arrestable offenses involved with the stop. He is very happy that the CPD took this issue seriously and addressed it promptly, that is all he wanted and he is happy with the resolution, he will discuss the issue further with his daughter. (2013-047)

- On August 4, 2013 PSU received information that (26)(f) emailed Commissioner Haas requesting that PSU look into an incident that occurred on July 16, 2013 (a) 18:46 hrs at the park at Lee Street and Harvard Street involving her son (26)(f) and his three friends and her family (26)(f) Mini Cooper. Upon review it was evident that this incident was not a racial profiling incident and the officers/detectives were called by a neighbor to investigate possible drug activity. PSU contacted (26)(f) and she was very satisfied with the investigation and findings. I also offered to meet her son (26)(f) if they wanted to further discuss the matter. (26)(f) indicated that she apprieciated the offer and would get back to me if they felt they needed to do that. (2013-045)
- On August 6, 2013 (26)(f) mailed a complaint form to PSU stating that her son was treated inappropriately during a stop on Allston Street on 7-29-13. (26)(f) states that her (26)(f) son was accused of taking a man's tablet and stopped by 6 officers. He was told to put his hands on his head and states that when he complied the officer forcibly threw him onto the hood of the car and handcuffed him. PSU conducted a preliminary review and it was determined that a man who had his mobile device stolen tracked it and believed that they males he identified after calling police and pointing them out to stop were involved. Several attempts were made to contact (26)(f) and her son. Certified letters were sent to (26)(f) and her son as well asking them to respond to us if they wanted to move forward with a formal complaint. (2013-049)
- On August 21, 2013 (26)(f) came in to the station complain about an interaction he had with an officer on 8-20-13 at approximately 16:00-17:00. (26)(f) states that he was hanging out with some friends near the benches in the area of River @ Green Streets. (26)(f) states that he was talking with one man who had a beer can but he does not think it was open; CPD arrived shortly thereafter and arrested three of the individuals he was with. (26)(f) says that one of the officers spoke to him rudely and he feels that someone should speak with the officer to let him know that he shouldn't speak to people that way. (26)(f) did not want to file an official complaint. PSU investigation revealed that Officer Joseph Kelley was assigned to C12 and made the arrests. Officer Kelly advised regarding this inquiry. (2013-050)
- On August 16, 2013 (26)(f) called PSU to file a complaint against our officers for being rude during his arrest. PSU investigation and a call back to with (26)(f) determined that the officers he wished to complain about were US Marshalls and not Cambridge Officers. (2013-051)
- On August 21, 2013 the P.S.U. received a complaint form (26)(f). (26)(f) alleges that on Aug. 11, 2013 she was issued a parking ticket on Berkshire St. for obstructing a handicapped parking spot and that the officer (badge #618) was rude and discourteous in his demeanor; she further states that there are no handicapped parking spaces anywhere on Berkshire St.; therefore, the ticket was issued erroneously. PSU investigation revealed that the C.A.D. notes indicate that the complainant and her passenger, **(26)(f)**, were argumentative and discourteous after being asked to move by the officer (Kevin Medeiros). Photos were taken to illustrate the crosswalk/handicapped ramp described by complainant as where her vehicle was stopped. PSU advised **(26)(f)** of the preliminary findings and of her options regarding appeal of the parking ticket with the city's Traffic and Parking department. **(26)(f)** states that she is satisfied and does NOT wish to pursue the matter any further. (2013-052)

On August 28, 2013 (26)(f), called P.S.U. (26)(f) states that his adult daughter Laila Sholtz-Ames was involved in motor vehicle accident while riding her bicycle in Cambridge.. (26)(f) stated that his daughter advised him that on 8/27/13 she was struck by a motorist while riding her bicycle in Cambridge and the responding officer did not assist her sufficiently. I advised the complainant that I needed to speak with (26)(f) and provided my contact information and schedule to him; he stated that he would ask her to contact me, but noted that she may not want to proceed with a complaint. PSU preliminary investigation revealed that Officer Watson did take a crash report and that (26)(f) has contacted P.S.U. back. (2013-053)

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<u>Use of Force Incidents:</u> There were three (3) - Use of Force Incidents in the month of August 2013.

- On 8-15-2013 at approximately 00:48 hours officers responded to Tommy Doyle's 96 Winthrop Street on a report of a fight in the bar. During this incident Officer O' Hearn while in the process of making an arrest had to use force to place a resisting subject under arrest. Officer O' Hearn was assisted by Officer Hudson. The force used was hands on and after review the force used was determined to be reasonable and necessary to place this subject under arrest. (UOF 2013-052) File number 13006255.
- On August 24, 2013 officers (C.Ahern, and C.Labastie), were dispatched to 11 Woodbridge Street, on a male that was yelling out on the street that he had a gun and was going to shoot someone. The officers located the individual on Locke Street, exited there cruiser and drew their weapons for their safety. Officer Ahearn identified themselves as Cambridge Police officers and ordered the individual to turn around and show his hands. He did not comply and was ordered again, this time he turned around and pulled one hand out of his pocket with his hand simulating a gun. The officers raised their weapons from the low ready and pointed them him ordering him to remove the other hand, and to get down onto the ground. The individual again did not comply. The officers then approached him and with hands on tactics took him to the ground and handcuffed him for their safety. The officers then searched him and found no weapon. As officers were sitting him upright, they observed (26)(c)

The force used was pointing a firearm and hands on and after review it was determined that the force used was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF 2013-053) File number 13006551.

• On August 28, 2013 officer Ivey performed a felony stop on a suspect being sought for a 41 § 97D call where the caller had reported that the suspect was in possession of a knife, brass knuckles and a firearm. During this stop officer Ivey pointed his service weapon at the defendant, who was arrested for charges including Assault by Means of a Knife. The force used was pointing a firearm and after review it was determined that the force used was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances (UOF 2013-054) File number 13006677.

### Vehicle Pursuits:

There were no vehicle pursuits for the month of August 2013.

### **Department vehicle accidents:**

There were two (2) department vehicle accidents for the month of August 2013.

- On August 12, 2013 Officer David Diamond, while operating cruiser 231 and backing out of the parking lot of the North Cambridge Reporting Station on Smith Place just shortly after the LH roll call., struck cruiser 226, causing minor damage to both vehicles. No officers were injured during the crash, and both vehicles are still fully operational. The accident was determined to be preventable. (VA2013-026)
- On August 28, 2013 Sgt. S. Petersen was involved in a minor MVA while operating cruiser #233. Sgt. Petersen was responding to a call and as he attempted to park his cruiser he bumped into a parked motor vehicle. The parked car was unoccupied however the owner was located and responded to the scene. Sgt. Peterson was found to be involved in a preventable crash. (VA2013-027)

### **Firearms Discharge:**

There was one (1) firearms discharge for the month of August 2013.

• Officers responded to 190 Lakeview Avenue on a report of an animal in distress (rabid). After determining that the raccoon was in distress, officer Calvin Kantor took the appropriate precautions and put the raccoon down, with one shot to the back of the head. This was at the direction and under the supervision of Sergeant Oppedisano. The raccoon was disposed of by public works. The force used was discharging a service firearm and after review it was determined that the force used was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances (UOF 2013-055) File number 13006781

### **Retired Officer Identifications:**

PSU followed up on two (2) retired officer identification requests for August 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

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### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

### MONTHLY REPORT FOR: August 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	% Change
PRAB Complaints	0	3	<mark>3</mark>	
Staff Investigations	0	12	7	
Line Investigations	1	8	6	
Administrative Audits	15	28	36	
Inquiry	7	39	35	
TOTAL	23	90	64	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for August 2013 eight (8) were initiated by citizen complaints. None were internally initiated by an employee complaint. None was initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---46

Total PRAB initiated complaints for year---- $\frac{3}{2}$ ----One withdrawn prior to investigation

Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year--2

Total 13 investigations initiated and 35 Inquiries for year

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Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - August 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior	0	3	2	1				1
Improper Police								
Procedure								
Excessive Force								
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
TOTAL	0	3	2	1				1

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - August 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2						
Sick Leave Violation								
Court Time Violation								
Tardiness Violation								
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)	1	4						
TOTAL	1	6	6					

### **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

#### STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - August 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2						
Improper Police								
Procedure	2	3						
Excessive Force		1						
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy								
Violation (Various)		1						
TOTAL	2	7	7					

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - August 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS			
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	Recommendations
Audits	36	1	35					0
Departmental Policy								
Other								
TOTAL	36	1	35	35	0	0	0	



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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#### **Staff Investigations**

There was one (1) Staff Investigations initiated during the month of September 2013.

 Lt. Stephen Ahern and Officer Kantor-Lugo filed complaints against one another after an interaction occurred between the two on September 19, 2013. It is alleged that during this incident Officer Kantor-Lugo was unprofessional and insubordinate in her dealings with the lieutenant. It is further alleged that during this incident Lieutenant Ahern was demeaning, belligerent and disrespectful towards Officer Kantor-Lugo. (SI 2013-055)

#### Line Investigations

There was one (1) Line Investigation initiated during the month of September 2013.

• On September 24, 2013 (26)(f) of Cambridge came to the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility to report a theft from his car. As he did so (26)(f) he alleges that he engaged in conversation with Officer Austin Maxwell during which Officer Maxwell was Rude and Discourteous in conduct in violation of Cambridge Police Department Rules and Regulations Chapter 2, Sector 3 (Personal Conduct-deportment - Rude and discourteous to any member of the public) (LI 2013-058)

#### **Administrative Audits**

There were six (6) administrative audits/inspections conducted during the month of September 2013.

- All officers inspected at roll call were found in compliance.
- Monthly Audit of Property Office

# PRAB

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of September 2013.

# **INQUIRY**

PSU followed up on three (3) inquiries during the month of September 2013.

- On September 23, 2013 (26)(f) called regarding an incident he had with an officer. The officer had come to (26)(f) and parked in front of (26)(f) driveway. The officer she was looking for (26)(f) stated that he pointed the officer in the right direction and that she just left her cruiser parked in front of his driveway and blocking his driveway. When he asked the officer if she had to park there, she gave her response in a rude way, and brushed it off as though it wasn't a big deal. The officer then proceeded to get in her cruiser and drive away. (26)(f) only wished to make us aware of this interaction and did not wish to file a complaint. (2013-054)
- On September 26, 2013 a female identifying herself as (26)(f) complaint alleges that Deputy Albert (she gave badge #115 and the name 'Albert' from the citation she received) stopped her and issued her a citation relative to her taking an illegal left turn and driving over a center island that separated lanes. The complainant was not only upset about the

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citation, but the treatment that she received during the stop. Follow-up conversations with (26)(f), she decided that she did not wish to go forward with a formal complaint and only wished her feelings known to the officer. (2013-056)

On September 30, 2013 (26)(f) came to the front desk to report that at on September 27, 2013 at approximately 4:00p.m., she was stopped by three plain-clothes police officers on Pearl Street in Cambridge. (26)(f) stated that the officers accused her of having drugs in her possession and proceeded to search her person and belongings.
(20)(f) stated that the officers were not rude or discourteous to her; she would simply like to verify that they were indeed police officers. PSU conducted a preliminary investigation and determined that S.I.U. detectives had in fact stopped her during a drug deal/investigation. Her description was broadcasted as being involved. The SIU detectives stopped her as she fit the description but when the witnessing detective came by their location he notified the other detectives that she was not the one involved. PSU followed up with (26)(f) regarding this information and she stated that she was satisfied with having this information and DOES NOT wish to pursue this matter any further. (2013-057)

#### **Use of Force Incidents:**

There were nine (9) - Use of Force Incidents in the month of September 2013.

- On September 2, 2013 officers responded to (26)(C) on a report that an individual told his mother that he recently acquired a gun and was going to kill himself. While talking with officers on the front steps of his residence, the individual told officers that he was "hurting" but would not let officers into his apartment to check for a gun. He also said he would not go to the hospital. He eventually agreed to go to CCH with Pro Ambulance for evaluation. As he started to go down the front steps towards the ambulance, he suddenly tried to turn around and head back towards the front door of his residence. The officers used hands on and grabbed him by his arms to keep him from going back inside the building and to escort him to the ambulance. The individual also tensed his arms, refused to put out his cigarette, and stated he wasn't going anywhere. Sergeant Cameron used his PR24 to perform an arm lock on the individual as he was still actively resisting and trying to pull away. Officers continued hands on force to get this individual onto the stretcher where he was then handcuffed. The force used was hands on and PR-24 and after review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-062) File # 13006664.
- On September 5, 2013 Officer Eric Derman was required to use force in the performance of a public caretaking function. Earlier in the day Officer Derman responded to a call of a man down at Massachusetts Ave. and Temple Street when he observed an individual known to him on a bench in apparent unconsciousness. It was discovered at that time that this individual had inhaled the fumes from a can of paint thinner that was found in the left sleeve of a very loose windbreaker. This individual was then required to be transported to a hospital. Later that day, Officer Derman again observed this individual with a rectangular bulge in the left sleeve of his windbreaker as (26)(C) was walking. Concerned that he was about to inhale (or perhaps already inhaled) more toxic substances, Officer Derman stopped him in order to check on his well-being. Off. Derman felt the man's sleeve and determined that the object was consistent with the weight, size and feel of a metallic can of paint thinner. Off. Derman then attempted to Page 4 –

**REF:** Monthly Report – September 2013 Professional Standards Unit confiscate the item in order to prevent him from inhaling more toxic substances and thereby causing further damage to his health. As Officer Derman reached to grab the can from inside the jacket sleeve, The individual took a fighting stance and began to flail his arms, along with the can still inside the sleeve. Officer Derman then managed to get behind him and guided him to the ground and handcuffed him. The force used was hands on and after review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-061) File # 13006911

- On September 6, 2013 a female suspect assaulted her mother and sister with a large knife. The victims ran to Central Square where officers located her. The suspect came running up to the square with the knife still in her hand. Officer Nickerson ordered her to drop the knife which she refused. Officer Nickerson, fearing for his safety then drew his service weapon and pointed it at her while again ordering her to drop the knife. This time she complied by placing the knife down and then getting down on her knees. The suspect was then handcuffed and arrested by Officer Nickerson and Officer McGrath without further incident. The force used was pointing a service firearm at a suspect and after review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-065) File # 13006934
- On September 7, 2013 officers responded to (26)(C) on a psych/suicide call. Officer Yusam and Lt. Stephen Ahern assisted PRO Ambulance on the call. The individual agreed voluntarily to go to the hospital to be seen but changed his mind once in the ambulance. The EMT's asked for assistance of the officers once he was back inside the ambulance. The individual became agitated and the officers had to handcuff him and hold him down as the EMT's secured him. The force used was hands on and after review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-058) File # 13006981
- On September 10, 2013 at Cambridgeside Place officer Pina, in the course of pursuing a felony suspect, pointed his service weapon at the suspect who had jumped in a vehicle. Officer Pina observed a male commit a larceny from the person inside the Cambridgeside Galleria mall, and attempted to apprehend the suspect. A short struggle ensued, and the suspect pulled away by pulling out of some clothing and fled. Pina initiated a foot pursuit, and the suspect fled the mall. Suspect then jumped into a waiting vehicle, and Officer Pina was in fear the car would strike him trying to flee. Officer Pina drew his service weapon and pointed it at the vehicle. The suspect then fled the vehicle and officer Pina pursued on foot. Officer Pina continued the foot pursuit for a few more blocks and caught up to the suspect in a parking lot. As the suspect would not stop, officer Pina tackled him to the ground. Officer Pina was assisted in handcuffing the suspect by Detective Donofrio who arrived simultaneously. The force used was pointing his service weapon, hands on and prone handcuffing. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-059) File # 13007071
- On September 14, 2013 at Dudley Street and Montgomery Street Edwin a juvenile male was wanted by the court for a violation of Child Requiring Assistance Order. His legal guardian called to state he was at Dudley and Montgomery Street. When Officers Gedaminsky and Mark Smith arrived they requested he stop 3 times so they could investigate. The juvenile refused. Officer Gedaminsky then approached the juvenile and he grabbed Officer Gedaminsky hand. The juvenile then made a threatening statement so Officer Gedaminsky grabbed the juvenile's arm along with Officer Smith to restrain him. The juvenile then flexed his arms and swayed about while the Officers had to struggle with him to restrain him in handcuffs. They were

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- On September 20, 2013 at 844 Main Street officers Collins and Rivera were engaged in a foot pursuit of a Bank Robbery suspect. The officer's pursued the suspect in the area of Main Street and Cherry Street. The suspect fled into the rear parking lot at 844 Main Street where Officer Collins caught up to him and placed him against a vehicle using hands on. Officer Collins observed that the suspect was reaching in the area of his front waist band. Fearing that he may be attempting to access a weapon, Officer Collins pinned him up against a parked vehicle. Officer Rivera arrived seconds later and also used hands on in an attempt to control the suspect against the vehicle. The suspect immediately began to struggle with the officers and refused to be handcuffed. Officer Allen arrived to assist and used strong hands on (punching) in an attempt to secure this suspect. At this point, the suspect's right arm was freed and held onto by Officer Rivera. The suspect still refusing to be secured and continued to violently struggle so the officers took him to the ground. Other officer arrived and attempted to handcuff and control the suspect. Officers used hands on, knee strikes, hands on strikes and kneeling on the suspect attempting to secure the suspect. Finally officers were able get the suspect handcuffed. Once in handcuffs the suspect stopped resisting. The force used was hands on, hands on strikes, knee strikes and kneeling on suspect. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-063) File # 13007356
- On September 18, 2013 at 624 Massachusetts Ave. Officers Topouzoglou and Burke were attempting to place a suspect under arrest for Larceny over when the suspect began to actively resist. The suspect was then brought down to the floor using hands on where he could be controlled and handcuffed. The suspect continued to struggle with officers after he was handcuffed and strike Officer Topouzoglou in the nose with his head. Suspect also charged with ABPO. The force used was hands on, and fter review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-060) File # 13007304
- On September 29, 2013 on South Street officers were in foot pursuit of a suspect wanted for failing to stop and multiple instances of operating to endanger. Officers Mochi and R Callinan gave chase and the defendant refused to comply with demands to stop and show his hands. Upon coming in contact with him, they were forced to tackle him to the ground to stop him. At this point the subject began employing resistive tension, ignored all orders and fought being taken into custody. The two officers exerted strong hands on control and leverage to force the subject into handcuffs. Officer Callinan twisted his left knee during this incident and he was transported by Sgt. Cabral to the Mount Auburn Hospital for treatment. The force used was hands on, and after review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-070) File # 13007648

# Vehicle Pursuits:

There were no vehicle pursuits for the month of September 2013.

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#### **Department vehicle accidents:**

There were three (3) department vehicle accidents for the month of September 2013.

- On September 9, 2013 Officer M. Rivera while operating the wagon was struck by a motor vehicle that failed to yield to Officer Rivera while attempting to merge into the left lane which the wagon was traveling in. There was no damage to the wagon. The other vehicle sustained minor damage to the driver's side mirror. AV-1 responded and filed a City Solicitor's Report and a state Crash Report. Officer M. Rivera was found to be involved in a non preventable accident. (VA2013-028)
- On September 16, 2013 Officer Mike Cresta was responding to a disabled motor vehicle at Aberdeen Ave. Traffic was backed up on Aberdeen Ave to Mt. Auburn Street. Officer Cresta took a left turn off Mt. Auburn Street on to Aberdeen Ave and was driving by a MBTA bus on his right and a motor vehicle on his left when he struck the rear left bumper of the bus with the right side rear quarter of the cruiser. The bus had minor damage to the rear left bumper (scuff marks). The cruiser had scrape marks over the rear right wheel well and a small dent. Officer Cresta was operating cruiser 234. No injuries involved in the crash. Officer Cresta was found to be involved in a preventable crash. (VA2013-034)
- On September 23, 2013 Officer Figueroa was involved in a motor vehicle crash involving a department vehicle at 2254 Massachusetts Ave. Officer. Figueroa stated that he stopped the cruiser in an on-street parking space, but neglected to place the shifter into park. As a result, the cruiser went forward and struck a vehicle parked directly in front of it. The vehicle struck by the cruiser sustained a crack and indentation in the center of the rear bumper cover. The crack and denting appeared consistent with a strike from the right vertical arm of Cruiser 224's ram bar. Cruiser 224 sustained no damage whatsoever. Massachusetts MV Crash form and QED Crash / City Solicitor Report (File #13007442) completed. Officer Figueroa was found to be involved in a preventable crash. (VA2013-029)

# **Firearms Discharge:**

There were no (1) firearms discharge for the month of September 2013.

# **Retired Officer Identifications:**

PSU followed up on one (1) retired officer identification requests for September 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit Page 7 – REF: Monthly Report – September 2013 Professional Standards Unit

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Professional Standards Unit

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Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	
PRAB Complaints	0	3	3	
Staff Investigations	1	12	8	
Line Investigations	1	8	7	
Administrative Audits	6	30	42	
Inquiry	3	43	38	
TOTAL	11	96	98	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for September 2013 one (1) were initiated by citizen complaints. One (1) was internally initiated by an employee complaint. None was initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year --- $\frac{50}{3}$ Total PRAB initiated complaints for year--- $\frac{3}{3}$ ----One withdrawn prior to investigation Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year--- $\frac{3}{3}$ 

#### Total 15 investigations initiated and 38 Inquiries for year

# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - September 2013

					<u>CASE DISPO</u>	<u>DSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior	0	3	2	1			
Improper Police							
Procedure							
Excessive Force							
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
TOTAL	0	3	2	1			

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LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - September 2013

					<u>CASE DISPO</u>	<u>)SITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1	1			
Behavior	1	3					
	1		1	1			
Sick Leave Violation							
Court Time Violation							
Tardiness Violation							
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)		4					
TOTAL	1	6	6				

# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT** Professional Standards Unit

STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - September 2013

					CASE DISP	<u>OSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior		2					
Improper Police							
Procedure		3					
Excessive Force		1					
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
Departmental Policy							
Violation (Various)	1	2					
TOTAL	1	8	8				

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - September 2013

	<u>CASE DISPOSITIONS</u>							
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn	
Audits	42	1	40					
Departmental Policy								
Other								
TOTAL	42	1	40	40	0	0	0	

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	DATE: November 19, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – October 2013

Sir:

The following are the monthly reports for the Professional Standards Unit. This report is a synopsis of all staff investigations, line investigations and inquiries (by way of citizen complaints and/or Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) complaints forwarded to the Department). Also administrative audits/inspections, use of force incidents, department vehicle accidents, vehicle pursuits, firearms discharge and retired officer identifications.

#### **Overall Unit Activity**

This page will chart the total number of cases handled by the unit, and also subdivide the total number of cases into four (4) subcategories. The chart displays the number of cases (as well as subcategories) received in the current month as well as the cumulative number of cases for the current and previous year.

#### **Types of Complaint/Investigation and Disposition**

These pages define and categorize the particular types of investigations that are conducted under the general heading of citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations and administrative audits. These charts show how many investigations are being conducted in each system, how many cases are open, how many are closed and the disposition of each closed case.

The following is a narrative of all citizen complaints, staff investigations, line investigations, administrative audits and PRAB cases received or initiated during the month.

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#### Staff Investigations

There was one Staff Investigations initiated during the month of October 2013.

On September 30, 2013 (26)(f)
 came to the PSU to file a complaint against Detective Michael Logan. (26)(f) alleged that Detective Michael Logan acted unprofessional in his conversations with her and when he subsequently showed up at the (26)(f) to retrieve a copy of her work identification. (SI 2013-060)

# Line Investigations

There was no Line Investigation initiated during the month of October 2013.

#### **Administrative Audits**

There were six (6) administrative audits/inspections conducted during the month of October 2013.

- All officers inspected at roll call were found in compliance.
- Monthly Audit of Property Office

# PRAB

There were no Police Review and Advisory complaints received during the month of October 2013.

• There was one Inquiry from them (see below)

# **INQUIRY**

PSU followed up on eight (8) inquiries during the month of October 2013.

- On October 5, 2013 a complainant called the PSU stating that while travelling by bicycle on his side of the road cruiser #232 turned left against a red light onto Brookline Street nearly hitting the complainant. The complainant also stated that the same cruiser cut him off while turning onto Mass Ave. Complainant says that he was in the left turn lane, using the whole lane as permitted by bicyclist to take the left onto Mass Ave. The cruiser was in the right lane which is a travel straight or take a right turn only lane but he preceded to take the left turn anyways. The complainant does not wish to get anyone in trouble but would prefer that someone talk to this officer so that his behavior stops. PSU identified the officer as Officer Pina. (2013-059)
- On October 8, 2013 Brian Corr from the Police Review and Advisory Board sent an inquiry to the Professional Standards office. The inquiry was based upon an incident that took place on August 30, 2013. The reporting person, (26)(f), who is an employee (26)(f) stated that on August 30, 2013 at

approximately 10:00PM hw was engaged by someone whom he believed to be a Cambridge Police Officer while at 147 Hampshire Street, the Department of Public Works, (26)(f) states that when he exited the city yard an alleged officer driving a white unmarked car stopped and asked (26)(f) where he had just come from. (26)(f) stated that he was coming from work. The officer said, "No, you're coming out of the bushes". The officer stated that he could throw (26)(f) in jail and that since it was a Friday night he'd spend all weekend there. PSU

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conducted a follow-up but could not identify the officer based due to the length in time reported. PSU checked on CAD and incident reports, fuel data, and video surveillance, CJIS check to see if (26)(f) information was run, overtime and on duty personnel. (26)(f) declined to view our officer photos to attempt to identify the officer and only had a vague description. (26)(f) decided that he did not want to go any further with the complaint. PRAB advised. (2013-071)

- On October 15, 2013 (26)(f) came into the police station stating he want to file a complaint because he believed that he was a victim of racial profiling. He relayed the following: On October 9, 2013 at approximately 17:30, he was driving down Columbia St towards Broadway when he noticed a marked cruiser behind him. He stated the officer followed him for approximately seven blocks (and onto Broadway) before he activated his lights and pulled the complainant over. The officer stated that the reason he pulled him over was that his license plate was obstructed. The complainant felt as though the officer looked for a random excuse to pull him over because he drives a fast car and has various Puerto Rican insignia displayed on his car. Complainant asked and was advised of the law regarding obstructed license plate and was satisfied with the follow-up. He was also advised on how to appeal the citation if he so desired but he did not want to pursue the complaint. PSU identified the officer as Officer Photopoulos. (2013-061)
- On October 17, 2013 (26)(f) called to file a complaint about money possibly being stolen out of his car when he was arrested on February 9, 2013. The complainant alleged that he was arrested for ABDW (motor vehicle) and unlawful possession of a firearm. During his arrest the complainant asked if her could get the cash out of his truck that he stated was in plain view, and he was denied to do so by the officers. He was subsequently brought back to the station and booked. The firearms was also brought back to the station and logged into property. The complainant picked up his truck from Phil's towing and reported that the money was not in his truck at that time. He stated that he did not believe it was anyone there because he was familiar with the people who work at Phil's Towing. When he came to the station to retrieve his firearms, which he did successfully, his money was not with it. After PSU spoke to the complainant to be interviewed he stated that his truck is gone now and he did not want to continue with a complaint. PSU identified the officer involved as Officer Derman. (2013-062)
- On October 17, 2013 a complainant emailed the PIO email group to relate a negative interaction she had with a Cambridge Police Officer. The reporting person stated that she was walking with her seven year old and noticed that there was a bottleneck due to a tow truck engaged in towing for street cleaning. She states that she approached the officer and asked if the tow truck could move up to not block traffic, the officer replied "well they're gonna have to wait" in what she describes as a "rude and nasty way". The complainant does not wish to file a formal complaint and only wished his supervisor speak to the officer. The officer was identified as Officer Hinds. (2013-073)
- On October 29, 2013 (26)(f) wished to file a complaint with the Professional Standards Unit. She alleges that officers of the Cambridge Police Department did not report or document the instances when they were called to her former residence here in Cambridge.
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use to reside at 2 Clinton Street, Apt 26. She also alleges that investigations never took place once calls for service were rendered. (26)(f) believes that the Cambridge Police and Fire Departments are conducting a coordinated, joint surveillance of her. She also believed that her phones were "tapped" and that her walls and cabinets were tampered with. PSU met with this female and she alleged that she was under surveillance and that her computer was being hacked. These allegations pertained not only to the time she lived in Cambridge but also currently as she resides in Boston. A quick search of the QED revealed several calls for service to her former residence. Several reports were filed and investigations were conducted. PSU inform her of these instances and advised her that no further investigation would be taking place. (2013-070)

- On October 26, 2013 a complainant emailed the Quality Control email group reporting that he observed "A Cambridge Police Officer in cruiser #221 texting while driving north in the left lane of Massachusetts Avenue in the middle of Harvard Square at 6:55 pm on Friday night 10/25. I was on a Hubway bicycle behind the cruiser and could clearly the see the officer texting on his iPhone." The complainant did not wish to file a formal complaint but did want a follow-up call to be advised what had been done. PSU was able to identify the officer as Peter Neil. Supt. Williams advised that he would inquire about this complaint with the officer and also advised that he would send out to officers a briefing memorandum (Briefing Memo 13-05) about no texting and driving while operating a police vehicle. The officer informed Supt. Williams that he was not texting but may have been looking at an email or a text while stopped at the red light. PSU called back the reporting person who was satisfied with the responses taken. (2013-063)
- On October 31, 2013 a Cambridge resident called PSU to notify us that she does not want the Cambridge Police to continually come to her house looking for her son because she does not involve herself with him and that he does not live at her address. Her only complaint was that the officers that arrested him threatening to report her to housing and as a result of that she received an eviction notice. After taking to her it was determined that her son was using her address and Housing did not have him on her lease. She did not wish to file a complaint and was glad to discuss the issue with someone from the PD. (2013-064)

# **Use of Force Incidents:**

There were six (6) - Use of Force Incidents in the month of October 2013.

- On October 14, 2013 a lieutenant and an officer working a detail assignment had to use hands on force in order to arrest a female suspect at the Galleria Mall for Larceny over \$250. It was reported that the female suspect refused verbal commands, pushed the lieutenant and tried to flee the scene. The officers used hands on force to stop her from fleeing, take her to the ground and placed her under arrest. No reported injuries. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-064) File # 13008155
- On October 20, 2013 officers were required to use force to place a suspect under arrest. The force was used as the result of a foot pursuit of a suspect wanted for Domestic A&B and Unarmed Robbery, among other charges. Officers used hands on and knee and body weight in order to keep the suspect on the ground and to prone handcuff him. Immediately after

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Hand cuffing was completed, the suspect who was still in the prone position begin to bang his forehead into the ground. A supervisor then arrived on scene and witnessed this and placed the suspect in an upright, seated position. A check of the suspect revealed "road rash" type injury near his right jaw and behind his right ear. This injury appeared to be consistent with the officers account of pinning the suspect's upper body and head to the ground and with him struggling and refusing to be handcuffed. Also the banging of his own head combined with the statement that officers beat his head may later be used by the suspect to allege police brutality. The suspect also had on his left hand at the webbing between his thumb and index finger, a laceration. The suspect stated that he had been bitten by the alleged victim. A check with the officers revealed (26)(c)

	during the pursuit, when he climbed a chain-linked
fence that had barbed wire at the top. Offi	cer Allen also snagged his uniform pants at the right
leg inseam on the same fence.	(26)(c)
	On scene supervisor took photos of
each of the injuries. Professional Ambula	ance responded and field treated (26)(c)
$\Delta$ fter review it was determine	ed that the force used in this incident was reasonable

After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-065) File # 13008331

- On October 25, 2013 a detective was required to use hands on force in order to help affect an arrest of a shoplifter relative to Incident #13008500. Officers observed the suspect of a shoplifting incident and ordered the suspect several times to show his hands and come out from hiding. The detective stated that due to the dim lighting and that the suspect was behind cover, he could not be certain what the suspect was doing so he quickly approached the suspect and grabbed him by the arm and forced him to the ground in order to place him into custody. When the suspect fell forward he received several abrasions and cuts to both hands, which were used to brace the fall. In addition, he also sustained an abrasion to his chin. Suspect refused medical attention. After being transported to the station for booking, the suspect was asked if he wanted to receive medical attention from Professional Ambulance on several occasions by several officers. Each time, the suspect declined stating that he wanted to just wash his hands and apply the bandages himself. Several photos of suspect's injuries were taken. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-066) File # 13008500.
- On October 26, 2013 Officers responding to a disturbance call in the area of Massachusetts Ave and Brookline Street. While attempting to clear the crowd that had developed near the entrance of the Middle East, one of the parties claimed he was punched in the head by another patron of the Middle East, who also brandished a knife. While the officers investigated the assault, the suspect who is a friend of the alleged victim became enraged that the police were doing nothing about it. The officers eventually placed this individual under arrest for disorderly conduct. The suspect attempted to pull away and the officers used an arm bar to bring him to the ground. Even while on the ground, the suspect continued to struggle to get free. The suspect did not

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claim any injuries at the time of the arrest. The officers were also not injured. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-080) File # 13008507.

• On October 27, 2013 an officer was in the area of 0 Brattle St. when he encountered male shouting threats. As the officer began to speak to the individual, he threatened to kill the officer. The individual the approached the officer with his fists in the air. The officer used his left arm to push him away and deployed his OC spray. The individual then wiped his face and stated he wanted to fight the officer. A witness assisted the officer and pushed the individual away. Another officer arrived and both officers used hands on force to take this individual to the ground. While on the ground this individual continued to struggle with the officers. During the struggle he grabbed at one of the officer's duty belt. The officer believed he may have been trying to take his gun so he deployed his OC and sprayed him in the face. Another officer then arrived to assist and they used hands on techniques to place this individual in the prone position and handcuffing him. Professional ambulance decontaminated the individual on scene and he was then transported to the station refusing any medical.

the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-067) File # 13008551.

• On October 31, 2013 officers were investigating a violation of a restraining order in the area of 812 Memorial Drive. During their investigation, the learned the suspect violated an active 209A order. The officers located the suspect in the area of 812 Memorial Drive. One officer approached the suspect, stopped him and requested identification. The suspect then fled on foot. The officer caught him in front of 784 Memorial Drive. The officer used his hand and put the suspect in the prone position where he was placed in handcuffs. No injuries were reported. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-071) File # 13008663.

# Vehicle Pursuits:

• There were no vehicle pursuits for the month of October 2013.

# **Department vehicle accidents:**

- There was one (1) department vehicle accidents for the month of October 2013.
- On October 3, 2013 an officer was responding to a call at 39 Cedar Street. While pulling into a spot to park the cruiser (226), the right rear wheel well and quarter panel clipped the front left bumper of a parked motor vehicle. The parked motor vehicle was legally parked along Cedar Street. The civilian motor vehicle sustained minor damage to the left corner of the front bumper from coming in contact with the cruiser. Paint from the cruiser was transferred to the bumper. After review it was determined that the officer was involved in a preventable crash. (VA2013-030) File # 13007795

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# Firearms Discharge:

There was no firearms discharge for the month of October 2013.

# **<u>Retired Officer Identifications:</u>**

PSU followed up on four (4) retired officer identification requests for October 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

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# CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professional Standards Unit

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Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	
PRAB Complaints	0	4	3	
Staff Investigations	1	13	9	
Line Investigations	0	8	7	
Administrative Audits	6	34	48	
Inquiry	8	45	46	
TOTAL	15	104	113	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for October 2013 nine (9) were initiated by citizen complaints. None were internally initiated by an employee complaint. None was initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---59 Total PRAB initiated complaints for year----3----One withdrawn prior to investigation Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year----3

#### Total 16 investigations initiated and 46 Inquiries for year

# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2013

					CASE DISPOSITIONS				
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive		
Rude & Discourteous									
Behavior	0	3	2	1					
Improper Police									
Procedure									
Excessive Force									
Criminal Conduct									
Civil Rights Violation									
TOTAL	0	3	2	1					

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LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2013

					CASE DISPO	<u>DSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior	1	3					
Sick Leave Violation							
Court Time Violation							
Tardiness Violation							
Departmental Policy							
Violation (Duties)		4					
TOTAL	1	6	6				

# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT** Professional Standards Unit

STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2013

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					CASE DISP	<u>OSITIONS</u>		
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	
Rude & Discourteous								
Behavior		2						
Improper Police								
Procedure	1	4						
Excessive Force		1						
Criminal Conduct								
Civil Rights Violation								
Departmental Policy								
Violation (Various)		2						
TOTAL	1	9	9					

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - October 2013

	<u>CASE DISPOSITIONS</u>						
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
A . 15	10		15				
Audits	48	1	47				
Departmental Policy							
Other							
TOTAL	48	1	47	47	0	0	0



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Commissioner Robert C. Haas	DATE: December 12, 2013
FROM:	Deputy Superintendent Steven DeMarco	<b>REF:</b> Professional Standards Unit

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report – November 2013

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# **Staff Investigations**

There was one (1) Staff Investigations initiated during the month of November 2013.

In November, (26)(f) filed two complaints with PRAB stating that she was falsely quoted on a police report and that the officers did not show up in court like they are suppose to. This was regarding an incident that the complainant was involved with the store clerk at (26)(f).

• Line Investigations

There was no Line Investigation initiated during the month of November 2013.

# **Administrative Audits**

There were six (6) administrative audits/inspections conducted during the month of November 2013.

- All officers inspected at roll call were found in compliance.
- Monthly Audit of Property Office

# PRAB

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# **INQUIRY**

PSU followed up on four (4) inquiries during the month of November 2013.

- On November 1, 2013 Ms. Kia Benjamin received a call from a Cambridge resident that was displeased with an exchange he had with what he believed was one of our officers, when he called the non-emergency line in reference to a noise complaint against one of his neighbors. She forwarded to PSU for follow-up. PSU called the resident back and determined that his complaint was with how a dispatcher treated him on the phone and that this has been an ongoing problem with that particular neighbor. Community Relations Unit to follow up on the neighbor issue. PSU working with Paula Snow reviewed conversation tapes regarding the incident. Paula Snow asked if she could call back complainant. (2013-065)
- On November 9, 2013 an officer reported to the Shift Commander that he had been involved in 41 § 97D, (26)(c)

	The officer initially tried to diffuse the
situation and then was spit at	and he had to defend himself from a physical assault. There were
no injuries to either party	41 § 97D, (26)(c)
The	Shift Commander entered this into the Inquiry status and made a

determination that the officer acted with restraint and carried himself with the professional demeanor that the Cambridge Police Department expects of its personnel. (2013-066)

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- On November 12, 2013 (26)(f) emailed the Quality Control email group, Mr. Duane Brown, Mayor Email, and City Council email group alleging that her motor vehicle was repossessed and the tow truck driver did not provide her with any paperwork. She was concerned so she called for police assistance. When the police arrived they spoke with the tow truck driver and told her that she had to stop blocking the car from being towed. She states that the officer that responded with the dark hair was very rude to her and should not have treated her in that manner. Follow-up with the complainant revealed that she did not wish to file a formal complaint at this time. (2013-069)
- On November 19, 2013 PSU received a complaint from PRAB. (PRAB-PR-13-05) The nature of the complaint was that the complainant was dissatisfied with the followed up on his stolen bicycle case and that he tried to call the department numerous times to inquire on the status with the case but had no call back. PSU has been trying to arrange for an interview but have been playing phone tag with complainant. (2013-067)

#### **Use of Force Incidents:**

There were twelve (12) - Use of Force Incidents in the month of November 2013.

- On November 2, 2013 officers responded to a fight call and discovered four persons involved in a disturbance. As one officer attempted to get identification and pat frisk one individual the officer was spit on. As the officer attempted to arrest this suspect his hand was slapped away. A struggle then ensued and one of the friends of the suspect attempted to come to the aid of the suspect. This individual was warned and pushed back. The second individual failed to obey the officer and made another attempt to intervene. At this time the officer used OC spray on this second suspect. Both suspects were now able to be controlled and handcuffed using hands on. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-072) File # 13008704
- On November 1, 2013 an officer, stopped a motor vehicle for a traffic violation. The passenger of the vehicle was intoxicated and attempted to exit the car and confront the officer. The officer instructed the passenger to stay in the vehicle. The passenger ignored the officer's direction and began screaming profanities and acting belligerent towards the officer. The officer in fear for his safety went hands-on and took control of the subject, guiding him to the ground and finally succeeding in handcuffing him with the assistance of another officer who arrived as a backup. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-073) File # 13008701.
- On November 8, 2013 Officers while affecting an arrest used "hands on" control techniques on the defendant as he struggled with the officers. After being placed into handcuffs, the defendant began to struggle with an officer as he was conducting a pat frisk. The suspect then kicked the officer and began to flee as he broke free. The suspect ran into the side of a bus and fell to the ground. Once on the ground the officers used hands on control measures to regain control of him. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and

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justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-074) File # 13008877.

• On November 11, 2013 a suspect was arrested for Malicious Destruction to Property. He was transported to 125 Sixth Street for processing. At the booking desk officers had a difficult time dealing with the arrested person. At the conclusion of the booking process the officers walked the prisoner to the cell block. When they instructed him to enter the cell he refused. After several attempts to verbally persuade him to enter his cell officers had to attempt to use hands on and physically force him into the cell. At this point, the arrested person began to physically resist the booking room officer's attempts to force him into a cell. Others officers arrived to assist including the Shift Commander. After verbal requests failed to convince him to enter cell willingly a struggled then ensued. Strong hands on force were necessitated to handcuff the prisoner and secure him into a cell. The prisoner was not injured (26)(c)

After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-068) File # 13008937.

On November officers responded to 65 Mt. Auburn St in front of Insomnia Cookies for a group of protesting on the sidewalk, blocking the entrance to the business. There was a group of approximately 20 individuals holding signs, flags and utilizing a megaphone, walking in a circular pattern on the sidewalk in front of Insomnia Cookies. They were completely blocking the sidewalk from pedestrian traffic. One of the officers observed a protester striking the window to Insomnia Cookies with one of the flag poles. Another officer attempted to speak with the individual utilizing the megaphone. He stated he was in charge of the protest but refused to provide any further information to the officer. One of the officers advised the crowd to move to the triangle area across Bow Street, where they could continue their protest. The individual observed earlier banging the flag pole on the window proceeded to step in front of the officer and shoved him across his chest with the wooden stick that was utilized as the flag pole, similar to a hockey crosscheck. One officer attempted to take hold of the wooden stick and the protester. The protester then shoved that officer's hands away. Other officers assisted and one grabbed hold of the protester and placed him in a rear wrist lock to gain control and compliance. The protester continued to actively resist, pulling away and trying to flee from the officers. Officers had to use strong hands on to prone handcuff and arrest this protester. The

#### (26)(c)

which he removed once placed in his cell.

After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-082) File # 13009044.

• On November 15, 2013 officers were affecting an arrest at 727 Mass Avenue for shoplifting at Convenience Plus Variety Store when the suspect resisted arrest and attempted to flee. The officer conducted a leg sweep and took the suspect to the ground. The suspect was then handcuffed and brought to his feet. When the suspect got on his feet he tried to break free and he head butt the officer. The suspect was able to break free and the officer struck him in the thigh with his PR24. Another officer arrived to assist and ran at the suspect and grabbed hold of

(26)(c)

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him falling into a rack of potato chips and hitting the ground with the suspect. The store clerk was interviewed and stated that the suspect asked for a pack of cigarettes and ran out the store without paying. The initial officer brought him back in the store but he and the clerk struggled to restrain and handcuff the suspect who was very violent. The clerk stated that the suspect broke away from the initial officer and was heading out the door when the other officer stopped him. The clerk believed that the suspect was either drunk or high on drugs. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-069) File # 13009072.

- On November 12, 2013 officers encountered a suspect they observed him attempt to sell drugs • to two females in Harvard Square. At the very beginning of the encounter the suspect quickly became agitated and defensive with the officers. Both officers demanded that he remove his hands from his pockets, and he refused to do so. One officer then observed a knife in the suspect's right front pocket. The officers then decided they were going to handcuff the suspect for their safety. The suspect then pushed both officers and grabbed hold of the chain holding one of the officer's badge. A violent struggle then ensued. The officers radioed for assistance and HUPD arrived on scene and assisted by controlling the suspect's legs. Other officers arrived and assisted. One officer utilized his PR24 as leverage device, and was able to get the suspect's left arm out from under his body. A detective with his knee holding the suspect down was the able to handcuff his left wrist and then was able secure the second handcuff and informed the other officers involved in the struggle. They immediately disengaged and brought the suspect to a sitting position on the sidewalk. The suspect sustained some abrasions to his forehead. Pro EMS arrived on scene and cleaned the abrasions, and cleared the suspect medically. At this time the suspect then forcefully resisted entering the transport Wagon and it required multiple officers to place him in the wagon. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-075) File # 13008976.
- On November 17, 2013, officers responded to the Dunkin Donuts at 6:16 Mass Ave for an unconscious female. While responding to the call one officer observed am individual known to him drinking an alcoholic beverage in front of the doorway located at 614 Massachusetts Ave. When the officers spoke to this individual he began to shout obscenities at the officers. One of the officers informed the individual that he was being placed under arrest. As the officer attempted to handcuff him, he grabbed the officer's jacket and pushed him aside. The officer then preformed an arm-bar take down and prone handcuffed him. The suspect was not injured and he continued to shout obscenities at the officer. (26)(C)

After review it

was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-076) File # 13009134.

• On November 19, 2013 two officers working together attempted to pull over a vehicle that struck another marked cruiser and failed to stop. They encountered this vehicle in the area of 52 Oxford Street. The vehicle failed to pull over for the officers and turned into the dead end driveway of 52 Oxford Street. One officer exited the cruiser and ran to the end of the driveway at 52 Oxford Street. He observed that the defendant had turned his vehicle around and was now traveling at him head on. The officer drew his department issued firearm and pointed it at the defendant ordering him to stop his vehicle. The defendant then stopped his vehicle several feet

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directly in front of the officer. The other officer then secured the defendant in a prone handcuffed him. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-077) File # 13009175.

- On November 20, 2013 an officer while conducting traffic enforcement at the intersection of • Massachusetts Avenue and Sidney Street observed a male on a bicycle fail to stop for the red light at this intersection. Officer exited his marked police cruiser and requested the bicyclist to stop. He hesitated but slowed down but then started to pedal across two lanes to avoid him. The officer ran towards him and the bicyclist came to an abrupt stop and went over his handle bars and fell into the street. The officer identified himself and informed him why he was being stopped. This individual stood up and looked at him with a blank stare. The officer asked him for his name and at this time he tried to shrug the officer away and flee again. The officer radioed for assistance. Once again while the officer was attempting to obtain information the suspect was able to get his leg back over his bicycle and tried to leave again. The officer told him he was not free to leave. The suspect kept pedaling and fell off the bicycle. Officer Hinds grabbed onto him and told him not to move as he waited for backup to arrive. Another officer arrived and placed him into handcuffs. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-078) File # 13009219.
- On November 23, 2013 officers were dispatched to the area of 567 Mass Ave, outside of the Brick and Mortar bar. An individual was refused entry to the bar due to intoxication and capacity limits. He became belligerent and was giving the doorman a hard time, at one point grabbing him. Officers arrived and located the individual on the sidewalk in front of the bar. The doorman did not wish to file any charges against him, only to have him removed. One of the officers placed this individual into protective custody and attempted to escort him over to the wagon. He became belligerent, and combative. The officer used hands on to take him to the ground to be able to handcuff him. Other officers arrived and helped restrain this individual to be handcuffed. Once he was handcuffed, he refused to stand and tucked his legs up to his body. He was carried over to the wagon where he was placed inside. He refused to sit inside the wagon and continuously placed his leg in the door to prevent it from closing. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (**UOF2013-079**) File # 13009291.
- On November 27, 2013 officers responded **41 § 97D**. The boyfriend of the caller was placed under arrest for domestic assault and battery and witness intimidation. When walking the suspect to the wagon, he stated he wanted to kiss his child. The child's mother refused and he became upset, lunging towards the baby and pulling officers with him. He started actively resisting the officer's efforts to walk him from the residence. The suspect continued to resist the officer's efforts to remove him and he placed his foot against the door frame to prevent him from being escorted through the doorway. The officers used hands on to finally get him to the wagon. After review it was determined that the force used in this

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incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-083) File # 13009401.

#### **Vehicle Pursuits:**

There were no vehicle pursuits for the month of November 2013.

#### **Department vehicle accidents:**

There was three (3) department vehicle accidents for the month of November 2013.

- On November 7, 2013 at 45 Mt. Auburn Street Cruiser 229 was struck by another motor vehicle while it was parked. There was no visible damage to either vehicle. The officer who parked cruiser 229 was found to be involved in a non preventable accident. (VA2013-032). See file # 13008857.
- On November 13, 2013 at Green Street and Putnam Avenue Officer Mark Smith sustained damage to the front grill of cruiser 230 while assisting a tractor trailer to negotiate the turn. Officer Smith exited his cruiser and activated the blue lights while assisting the tractor trailer driver. When the tractor trailer backed up the drivers cab swung into the front of the cruiser. While this happened Officer Smith's view was obstructed, as he was on foot assisting with traffic. The accident was deemed non preventable. (VA2013-033). See file # 13008987.
- On November 15, 2013 at 215 Alewife Brook Parkway Officer Thomas Kelley was backing marked cruiser 234 out of a parking space. Unknowingly at the same time an individual who was parked in row behind him was also backing out of a parking spot. Both vehicles came into contact and Cruiser 234 sustained rear bumper dent drivers side. The other vehicle sustained minimal damage (scratches.) Pictures taken. The accident was deemed non preventable. (VA2013-035). See file # 13009074.

#### **Firearms Discharge:**

There was no firearms discharge for the month of November 2013.

# **Retired Officer Identifications:**

PSU followed up on no retired officer identification requests for November 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

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# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# Professional Standards Unit MONTHLY REPORT FOR: November 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year	
PRAB Complaints	3	5	<mark>6</mark>	
Staff Investigations	1	13	10	
Line Investigations	0	9	7	
Administrative Audits	6	42	54	
Inquiry	4	47	50	
TOTAL	23	116	113	

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for November 2013 eight (8) were initiated by citizen complaints. None were internally initiated by an employee complaint. Three (3) were initiated by a PRAB complaint. \*\*\*The three (3) Police Review and Advisory complaints were received during the month of November 2013 but two (2) involved the same incident so only one (1) Staff investigation was initiated. The other does not appear to be a standard complaint and catorised as an Inquiry. (Also difficult getting the complainant to be interviewed)

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---64

Total PRAB initiated complaints for year---- $\frac{6}{3}$ ----One withdrawn prior to investigation and see above Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year---- $\frac{3}{3}$ 

# Total 17 investigations initiated and 50 Inquiries for year

# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - November 2013

					<u>CASE DISPC</u>	<u>DSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior	0	3	2	1			
Improper Police							
Procedure	3	3					
Excessive Force							
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
TOTAL	3	6	5	1			

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LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - November 2013

					<u>CASE DISPO</u>	<u>DSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior	1	3					
Sick Leave Violation							
Court Time Violation							
Tardiness Violation							
Departmental Policy Violation (Duties)		4					
TOTAL	1	6	6				

# CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professional Standards Unit

STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - November 2013

					CASE DISP	<u>OSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior		2					
Improper Police							
Procedure	1	5					
Excessive Force		1					
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
Departmental Policy							
Violation (Various)		2					
TOTAL	1	10	10				

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - November2013

<u>CASE DISPOSITIONS</u>							
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Audits	54	1	53				
Departmental Policy							
Other							
TOTAL	54	1	53	53	0	0	0

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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# Staff Investigations

There was four (4) Staff Investigations initiated during the month of December 2013.

- On December 27, 2013 a Cambridge resident emailed Mr. Brian Corr and the Quality Control email group with an attached complaint form. He basically states in his complaint that he was stopped by a Cambridge Police officer for going through a "yellow" light and feels the officer spoke to him inappropriately during the stop and that he should not have been issued a citation. Also see PRAB below. (2013-080)
- Superintendent Burke pulled three (3) Staff investigation numbers during the month of December for follow-up.

# Line Investigations

There was no Line Investigation initiated during the month of December 2013.

- On December 27, 2013 (26)(f) emailed the Quality Control email group to complain about how his wife was spoken to by a detail officer (26)(f)
- On 12/7/13 (26)(f) came to the police station and spoke to the Shift Commander Lt. Reagan about a "road rage" incident that occurred while he was driving his wife to work in Cambridge. He believed the person he had this interaction with was a Cambridge Police officer. (26)(f) filed a complaint with PSU and was able to pick out the officer involved. (2013-075)

# **Administrative Audits**

There were three (3) administrative audits/inspections conducted during the month of December 2013.

- Yearly Audit of Property Office.
- Monthly Audit of Property Office
- Yearly Audit of officers drivers license status

# **PRAB**

There was one (1) Police Review and Advisory complaint received during the month of December 2013

• On December 27, 2013 (26)(f) emailed Mr. Brian Corr and the Quality Control email group with an attached complaint form. He basically states in his complaint that he was stopped by a Cambridge Police officer for going through a "yellow" light and feels the officer spoke to him inappropriately during the stop and that he should not have been issued a citation. (2013-080)

# **INQUIRY**

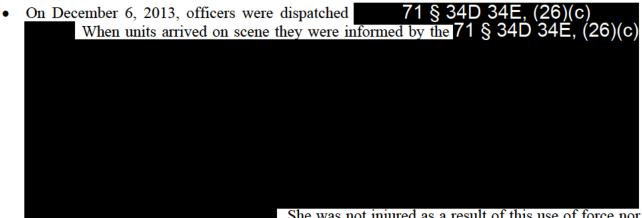
PSU followed up on two (2) inquiries during the month of December 2013.

- On November 28, 2013 (26)(f) emailed the Quality Control email group to complain about the treatment she and her nephew received when they called ECD to inquire if the Galleria Mall was open. Follow-up was conduct by ECD and Superintendent Williams. (2013-074)
- On December 22, 2013 (26)(f) emailed Commissioner Haas regarding his interactions with two officers. PSU has attempted to make contact with the complainant but has not been successful to date. (2013-078)

# Use of Force Incidents:

There were two (2) - Use of Force Incidents in the month of December 2013.

 On December 7, 2013 officers stopped a vehicle at Massachusetts Avenue opposite Garfield Street that was reported to be involved in a kidnapping of a one year old child and larceny of a motor vehicle. Due to the seriousness of the call the officers ordered the suspect driver out of the car at gun point, had him lay face down on the ground and hand cuffed him behind his back. The suspect did cooperate when the officers ordered him out of the car. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-084) File # 13009651



She was not injured as a result of this use of force nor were any of the officers. After review it was determined that the force used in this incident was reasonable, and justified by department policy and guidelines, under the circumstances

reasonable and justified by department policy and guidelines under the circumstances. (UOF2013-085) File # 13009620.

#### Vehicle Pursuits:

There were no vehicle pursuits for the month of December2013.

#### **Department vehicle accidents:**

There was one (1) department vehicle accidents for the month of December 2013.

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• On December 4, 2013, an officer had parked marked CPD cruiser 223 in a parking spot outside of the Moore Youth Center. When he later backed the cruiser out of the parking space his front bumper of his cruiser struck the rear bumper of a parked vehicle that was also legally parked. The civilian vehicle sustained a dent to the rear bumper. Cruiser 223 sustained a broken marker light and some scratches. This crash was determined to be preventable. (VA2013-037) See file #13009559

# **Firearms Discharge:**

There was no firearms discharge for the month of December 2013.

#### **Retired Officer Identifications:**

PSU followed up on no retired officer identification requests for December 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. DeMarco Deputy Superintendent Professional Standards Unit

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# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# Professional Standards Unit MONTHLY REPORT FOR: November 2013

Activity	This Month This Year	YTD Last Year	YTD This Year
PRAB Complaints	1	7	7
Staff Investigations	4	15	<mark>14</mark>
Line Investigations	2	9	9
Administrative Audits	3	48	57
Inquiry	2	49	52
TOTAL	12	128	139

Of these above Complaint Investigations and Inquiries for December 2013 six (6) were initiated by citizen complaints. Two (2) were internally initiated' One (1) was initiated by a PRAB complaint.

Total citizen initiated complaints for year ---70 Total PRAB initiated complaints for year----7----One withdrawn prior to investigation and see above Total internal/employee initiated complaints for year---5

# Total 23 investigations initiated and 52 Inquiries for year

#### CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professional Standards Unit

PRAB COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM - December 2013

					CASE DISPO	<u>DSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	Year Total	Open	Closed	Exonerated	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous							
Behavior	0	3	0	3			
Improper Police							
Procedure	1	4	2	2			
Excessive Force							
Criminal Conduct							
Civil Rights Violation							
TOTAL	1	7	2	5			

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CASE DISPOSITIONS Year Total Nature of Complaint Month Open Closed Exonerated Substantiated Inconclusive Rude & Discourteous 3 Behavior 3 ---------Sick Leave Violation ---------------------Court Time Violation ---------------------Tardiness Violation ---------------------Departmental Policy Violation (Duties) 2 2 4 6 ----------TOTAL 2 9 2 7 ---------

#### LINE INVESTIGATION TRACKING SYSTEM - December2013

# **CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Professional Standards Unit

STAFF INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING SYSTEM - December 2013

					CASE DISP	<u>OSITIONS</u>	
Nature of Complaint	Month	YTD Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive
Rude & Discourteous	1	· · · ·	1				
Behavior		2		2			
Improper Police	1	· · · ·	1				
Procedure	1	5		5			
		,	1				
Excessive Force		1		1			
		,	1				
Criminal Conduct							
		,	1				
Civil Rights Violation							
Departmental Policy	[	,	1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Violation (Various)	4	6	4	2			
	[	,	1				
TOTAL	4	14	4	10			

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITS TRACKING SYSTEM - December2013

			CASE DISPOSITIONS				
Nature of Complaint	2013 Total	Open	Closed	Cleared	Substantiated	Inconclusive	Withdrawn
Audits	57	0	57	57			
Departmental Policy							
Other							
TOTAL	57	0	57	57	0	0	0