



# TOWN OF BROOKLINE

*Massachusetts*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Camera Committee Members,

I am pleased to present you with the *2011 Mid-Year Report on the Critical Infrastructure Monitoring System (CIMS)* and the accompanying logs for 1) on-hours incidents reviewed (10pm-6am), 2) overrides of the system, and 3) incidents missed during off hours (6am – 10pm). As you will see, these reports have been streamlined and standardized in an effort to make the data and analysis more easily understood. We have tried to eliminate police jargon, spell out acronyms and clarify remarks, and welcome your suggestions on ways to further improve these reports to promote greater clarity.

During the first six months of 2011, there were ten requests for a review of camera footage from the on hours of use. The footage was reviewed and recordings were made in five requests. In addition, there were 32 overrides of the system during the off hours of 6am – 10pm. The attached report outlines the types of incidents precipitating the activation and the time of day they occurred. You will see that midday/early afternoon (noon-4pm) has the highest number of overrides. This corresponds with what we see as one of our peak periods for crimes and crashes. Lastly, the report looks at some of the incidents for which it is believed valuable footage could have been obtained had the cameras been on. During the first six months, in at least 18 incidents footage could have been obtained that we believe would have been valuable. For every one of these incidents, I would suggest that there are ten more incidents that could have benefited from CIMS camera use. These 18 serve to highlight what is being missed. The missed incidents, along with the overrides, are a critical part of our assessment of the CIMS program and can assist the Town in its analysis and review of the time period that the cameras operate.

In closing, I am happy to report that to date, there have been no incidents of misuse reported nor have there been any violations of policy/procedure in the use or activation of the cameras or in the retention of footage. In reviewing these reports, I hope you will agree that the CIMS program continues to be a valuable tool to the Brookline Police Department in meeting our goal to make Brookline a safer place to live, work and drive. I look forward to discussing this report and answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Daniel O'Leary  
Chief of Police