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CCRB RELEASES 2010 ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

The Civilian Complaint Review Board today released its annual status report for 2010. The report provides a broad and in depth statistical view of complaint activity, improved agency productivity, and Police Department handling of substantiated CCRB complaints.

From 2009 to 2010, there was a 15% drop in the number of police misconduct complaints filed with the agency. Civilians filed 7,660 complaints in 2009, compared to 6,476 in 2010.

Approximately one third of the complaints received in 2010 involved an allegation of an improper stop and frisk. This percentage has been unchanged for the past six years. In 2010, the number of stop and frisk complaints received by the CCRB fell 15%, as the NYPD's documented stop and frisk encounters increased 4%, to an all time high of 601,055. Likewise, in 2006, the CCRB received one related complaint per 207 police stop and frisk encounters. By 2010, the rate had dipped to one complaint per 303 stops.

African Americans continue to be overrepresented as alleged victims of police misconduct, compared with their representation in the city's population. In 2010, 59% of the alleged victims in CCRB cases were African American, while they made up 23% of the City's population. This is a two percent increase from 2009. The percentage of Latino alleged victims is slightly lower than the population, 25% compared to 29%. Whites and Asians are a disproportionately low percentage of alleged victims. Unchanged from 2009, 12% of alleged victims in 2010 were white and 2% were Asian, though they make up 34% and 13% of the City's population.

The 2010 status report also details the following improvements in agency operations:

- The number of successfully mediated cases rose 33% in 2010 to the highest number since 1997 when the mediation program was created. In 2010 there were 157 successful mediations, compared to 118 in 2009.
- CCRB closed full investigations faster in 2010 than in 2009, taking an average of 299 days compared to 349 in 2009, a 14% decrease.

- Substantiated cases were also closed in less time, on average it took 357 days, a 9% decrease from 394 days in 2009.
- Faster case closures resulted in a significant drop in the number of substantiated cases referred to the Police Department that were 15 or more months from the date of incident. In 2009, 36% of the CCRB's substantiated cases were in this category, compared to 17% in 2010. This is important because the statute of limitations requires that charges be brought against an officer within 18 months of the date of incident.
- CCRB's substantiation rate increased to 11% in 2010, from 7% in 2009.
- In 2010, the truncation rate fell to 61% or 3% lower than in 2009.
- The Police Department's disciplinary action rate on substantiated CCRB complaints increased to 78% in 2010, a significant increase compared to 61% in 2009.

The full report and statistical appendices which include data for the past five years are available on the agency's web site, www.nyc.gov/ccrb.

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