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CCRB RELEASES 2011 MID-YEAR STATUS REPORT

The Civilian Complaint Review Board today released its semi-annual status report for January – June 2011. The report provides a portrait of complaint activity, agency outreach and productivity, and Police Department handling of substantiated CCRB complaints.

Under the leadership of its new Chair, the CCRB enhanced 3 key areas of communication:

- With the public, by doubling the number of outreach presentations to 78, the most of any six-month period in the agency's history.
- With the NYPD, through participation in the prosecution of police officers in the police department's trial room. The CCRB participated in 6 out of the 8 trials against 11 officers, that were conducted January – June 2011.
- Between the public and the NYPD, through the CCRB's growing mediation program. A total of 265 civilians and 256 officers participated in the program which gives civilians the opportunity to resolve their complaints by talking face-to-face with subject officers.

Other highlights of the report:

- The board substantiated 61 cases of police misconduct involving 70 police officers and 114 victims. The victims ranged in age from 8 to 69 years old. Forty-six of the 61 cases (75%) stemmed from police actions in the broad category of "search and seizure," with improper stops and frisks the most frequently substantiated allegations.
- The CCRB received 3,107 police misconduct complaints, a 6% decrease compared to the first six months of 2010, when there were 3,312 complaints and a 23% decrease from the same period in 2009, when there were 4,018 complaints filed. The 2011 complaint total is the lowest for any six-month period since January – June 2006.

- Approximately one third of the complaints received by the CCRB during January – June 2011 involved an allegation of an improper stop, question or frisk during a street encounter with police and this percentage has not changed since 2005. Eighty-four percent of people filing complaints were African-American or Hispanic. While the proportion of stop and frisk complaints was unchanged, the actual number declined 6% compared to January – June 2010. The decline since January – June 2009 was 21%.
- During this time period, the police department disciplined officers in 110 cases that had been *previously* substantiated by the CCRB. Eleven officers faced Charges, 30 were given Command Discipline resulting in loss of vacation days, and 69 were given Instructions. This was a disciplinary action rate on substantiated CCRB complaints of 77%, compared to January – June 2010 when it was 87%.

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