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CCRB RELEASES 2012 ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

The Civilian Complaint Review Board today released its 12-month status report for 2012. The report details complaint activity, agency productivity, and police department discipline in substantiated cases of misconduct.

In 2012, people filed 3% fewer police misconduct complaints than in 2011, and 22% fewer than in 2008. In 2012 there were 5,763 complaints, compared to 6,969 in 2011 and 7,395 in 2008.

From January to December 31, 2012, the police department disciplined 229 officers in cases that had been substantiated by the CCRB in 2011 and prior years. This was a disciplinary action rate on substantiated complaints of 71%, down from the historic high in 2011 of 81%. But 2012 discipline was significantly higher than in 2008 and 2009 when the rate was 56% and 62% respectively. In terms of numbers of officers disciplined, there were 153 in 2008, increasing to 229 in 2012. In the past five years, 974 officers whom the CCRB found to have committed misconduct were disciplined by the police department.

Report highlights regarding stop, question and frisk complaints:

- Stop and frisk complaints have accounted for roughly 30% of the agency's total intake since 2005. In 2012, 27% of CCRB complaints involved an allegation of an improper stop, question, frisk or search stemming from a street encounter. This is a decrease of four percentage points from 31% in 2008.
- The actual number of stop, question and frisk complaints declined by 5% from 1,640 in 2011 to 1,551 in 2012. In 2012 the number of documented NYPD street encounters dropped 22%, from 685,724 in 2011 to 533,042.
- The CCRB's data shows that people were most likely to complain about a street encounter if
 they were searched. While officers documented searches in 9% of street encounters, 58% (902)
 of the 1,551 stop-related complaints in 2012 contained an allegation of an improper search.
 Forty percent of the time, people making stop-and-frisk complaints had been arrested or
 summonsed, compared to documented street encounters where 11% led to an arrest or
 summons. ###