



Pay Phone illegally attached to a building in Mattapan Sq.

April 2006

Responding to constituent complaints of the poor conditions of payphones in the neighborhood and how they are being used as a tool for drug dealing, prostitution and other illicit activities, the NRT worked with Mayor Menino and his administration to amend the city's Zoning Code regulating payphones. The amended code requires pay phone operators to apply for a building permit before installation.



A BTD Parking Enforcement Officer issuing tickets in Mattapan Square, May 2006.

The NRT also looked into parking issues in Mattapan Square, Codman Square, and along Blue Hill Avenue, Columbia Road and New England Avenue. The team dispatched BTB's Parking Enforcement Officers who proceeded to enforced parking regulations and issue tickets to those in violation of the parking laws.

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NRT WEEKLY MEETING

The NRT Team meets every Thursday,
2:00 p.m. at the Mildred Ave. Community
Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. Team
members are available to meet with
residents between the hours of 1:00 p.m.
and 2:00 p.m. every Thursday.



Mayor Menino's Neighborhood Response Team

MAYOR MENINO'S NEIGHBORHOOD RESPONSE TEAM

Mattapan & Dorchester



*NRT Team: B-3 Police, Fire Dept., Code Enforcement and ISD
Special Operations crack down on abandoned vehicles at 30 Regis
Road, Mattapan. March 2006*

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor

Darryl Smith, NRT, Chair

Mattapan & Dorchester NRT

In Mayor Thomas M. Menino's 2004 State of the City address, he announced the creation of Neighborhood Response Teams (NRT's) throughout the city. The goal of the NRT's is to improve the delivery of city services in all of Boston neighborhoods.

In April 2005, Mayor Menino appointed Darryl Smith, Assistant Commissioner of Inspectional Services Department to Chair the Mattapan and Dorchester NRT. The team is comprised of staff from various city and state agencies such as: Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Public Works Department, Transportation Department, Parks Department, Boston Police Department, Inspectional Services Department, Department of Neighborhood Development, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Boston Fire Department, Basic City Services, Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Water and Sewer Commission, MBTA Police, the Commonwealth's Department of Conservation and Recreation and Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. The following elected officials are also members of the team: State Representative Shirley Owens-Hicks, City Councilor At-large Sam Yoon and Congressman Michael Capuano.

NRT Highlights

- o Installation of Route 28 signage along Blue Hill Ave.
- o Removal of "Sneaker tree," Dorchester
- o Job Fairs for Mattapan & Dorchester youth
- o Eliminate "Big rig graveyard," Mattapan
- o Installation of Surveillance Cameras on Blue Hill Ave.
- o Crackdown on Illegal Dumpers, Dorchester
- o Investigate Illegal Billboards in Mattapan & Dorchester
- o Prosecute Friscale Company, illegally posting stickers



NRT: removing the "SEX BUS" at 155-159 Norfolk St.,
Dorchester, March 2006

In March 2006, the team was alerted to an abandoned bus, a.k.a. "Sex Bus," located on Norfolk Street, Dorchester. An inspection of the bus led the team to find blankets, drug paraphernalia and condoms, which were confiscated. Because it was apparent that the abandoned vehicle was being used for illicit/illegal activity, it was towed at the owner's expense. The owner was also fined.



Operation "Code Sweep" Confiscating goods from Illegal Vendors

The NRT Team was also responsible for conducting a code sweep of illegal vendors. Inspections of vendors on Blue Hill Ave., Cummings Highway, River Street, Morton Street, Norfolk Street and Columbia Road, resulted in the confiscation of goods, which netted a seizure of almost \$5,000. Subsequent to the seizure, the team issued three fines and two arrests were made.



Operation "Big Rig," an illegal tractor trailer from
30 Regis Road, Mattapan, February 2006

In September 2005, the NRT launched "Operation Big Rig." At this time, the team took on the challenge of prohibiting commercial tractors and tractor trailers parked on the main thoroughfares. The team received numerous complaints regarding the dangers these illegally parked rigs posed on the community. Since then the team has been responsible for tagging and towing 30-40 Big Rigs.



Operation "Tow Your Vehicle Program" towing vehicles on
Hannon Street, Dorchester, March 2006

The team launched "Operation Tow Your Vehicle." The NRT devised this initiative as a way to rid the neighborhood of abandoned vehicles. The operation targeted unregistered and uninsured vehicles parked and stored in driveways, front, side and rear yards and vacant lots. These vehicles are fire hazards, harbor animals and can be a dangerous place for kids to play.