

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 10-20, 2003

Manager's Closed Agenda

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis
✓				Ms. Marjorie C. Decker
✓				Mr. Anthony D. Galluccio
✓				Mr. David P. Maher
✓				Mr. Brian Murphy
✓				Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves
✓				Ms. Denise Simmons
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Mayor Michael A. Sullivan

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October 20, 2003

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-88, regarding a report on the current staffing levels of patrol officers throughout the City and the condition of the entire fleet of police cruisers, Police Commissioner Ronnie Waton reports the following:

Currently, there are 195 Patrol Officers that are employed by the department. On October 27, 2003, there will be 8 student officers that will be graduating from the Lowell Police Academy. After graduation, these recruit officers will participate in a two week in service program at the department. Upon completion, these officers will be assigned to operations. During the FY04 budget preparation, there were some changes made to the organizational structure of the department. As a result, there are 216 budgeted positions for Patrol Officers. Currently, there are 13 vacant Patrol Officer positions. The City has made an inquiry to the Human Resources Division to determine future hiring options where a statewide reemployment list is in existence. Until the Human Resources Division makes a ruling, the department will not be able to proceed with hiring at this time.

With reference to the fleet of police cruisers, the department receives funding to purchase eight (8) marked cruisers each fiscal year. These cruisers are rotated into patrol every year where they operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Once these vehicles are rotated out of operations, they are then assigned to the Investigations Section or other units as necessary. The department is consistently rotating vehicles with higher mileage and older vehicles as necessary. These vehicles are often traded in when a new purchase of vehicles is initiated.

The department has recently received eight (8) marked cruisers and three (3) unmarked cruisers that were purchased utilizing FY03 funds. In addition, the department has purchased four new motorcycles for the Traffic Unit. In FY04, the department received funding to purchase seven (7) marked cruisers, one (1) marked accident van and three (3) unmarked cruisers. The department has begun ordering the FY04 marked cruisers and unmarked cruisers. Once these vehicles are ready for delivery, the department will again assess the condition of the current fleet and swap out older vehicles with higher mileage. In FY04, the department will be utilizing Community Policing funds to purchase a marked Community Relations vehicle.

The department will continue to monitor and update the vehicle fleet as necessary.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #1

Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-88**, regarding a report on
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