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February 26, 1987

FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

THOMAS V. SCOTT
Chief of Department

Mr. Robert Healy
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA

Dear Mr. Healy:

The following is a report in regards to Council Order #7, February 2, 1987.

In September of 1986 the concept of having an ALS (Advanced Life Support) unit respond to medical calls was instituted in the City of Cambridge. This ALS unit is capable of performing the following: IV therapy to administer drugs, intubation of lungs, administer drugs other than by IV, mast trouser application and electric shock for heart attacks among other things.

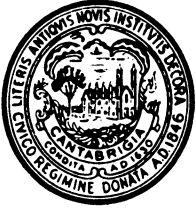
In the event of an emergency call today for medical aid, the nearest Engine Company goes to the particular location and also the Rescue Company will respond. The ALS unit will also respond if the information received by the fire alarm dispatcher indicates that the individual in need of help is having chest pains, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding, etc. This unit is constantly in contact with the hospital (via radio) while administering to a victim. If the condition of the patient is severe enough then the ALS unit will transport. At all times the members of the Rescue Company assist the members of the ALS unit and many times a member of the Rescue Co. will accompany the unit to the hospital.

If upon arrival the nearest Engine Company or Rescue Company determine that the services of the ALS is not required they will notify the ALS unit to back off and the Rescue Company will transport the victim to the hospital.

At this time I assure you that the response of the Rescue Company members and the compassion and kind consideration that has been extended to victims in their time of distress in the past will continue into the future. We will continue to transport in most cases.

Respectfully,

Thomas V. Scott
Thomas V. Scott, Chief
Fire Department



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

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Deputy City Manager

March 9, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 10, regarding the use of the Cambridge Rescue Squad, I submit the attached report from Chief Thomas Scott of the Fire Department.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 10 S-150

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 10
regarding the use of the Rescue Squad.

In City Council,

March 9, 1987

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