



# City of Cambridge

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Walter J. Sullivan

November 9, 1987

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Fire Department was founded on May 17, 1832 with 4 hand engines and 1 hand truck; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association was founded on April 26, 1869, for the purpose of providing relief to Department members injured in the discharge of their duties or taken ill due to exposure and/or fatigue attached thereto; and
- WHEREAS: In 1887, under Chief Thomas A. Casey who supervised 5 horse steam engines, 1 chemical company, 2 ladder trucks and administered the utilization of 24 permanent firemen, 74 call firemen and 25 horses, the Department responded to 108 alarms on a budget of \$38,999, with 3 permanent members per company; and
- WHEREAS: In 1887, Cambridge firemen celebrated their First Annual Firemen's Ball; and
- WHEREAS: The location of this year's 100th Anniversary of that First Firemen's Ball is in the general area of the general alarm fire at Box 6, 5:16 and 5:33 P.M., on November 20, 1887 at the Kendall & Sons Engine and Boiler House where \$48,000 worthy of contents were lost at the location of 72 - 80 Main Street; and
- WHEREAS: The dedication of the new Fire Headquarters at Inman Square on April 4, 1914 greeted the introduction of motorized fire apparatus, a Knox-Martin gasoline tractor to pull the steam engine along with a Knox Hose and Chemical wagon; and
- WHEREAS: In April, 1919 the two platoon system was introduced with a 96 hour work week, and in December, 1921 the last horsedrawn equipment was retired from Ladder 2 with the arrival of a 75' wooden aerial ladder manufactured by American LaFrance; and



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- WHEREAS: At the time of its golden anniversary, with Chief Herman E. Gutheim supervising a 201 member Department, 9 engine companies, 4 ladder trucks and 1 rescue truck, with an operating budget of \$451,564, the Chief of Cambridge Fire Department was placed into Civil Service; and
- WHEREAS: Through November 1, 1987, the Cambridge Fire Department, with a budget of \$12,363,980 under the command of Chief Thomas Scott, including 73 Officers, 211 Fire Fighters, 2 Division Deputies, 5 Administrative Personnel, with utilization of 9 engines, 1 aerial ladder, 3 ladder trucks, 1 rescue truck, 1 hazardous material truck, Fire Prevention Division and Training Division, responded to 8,698 incidents; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council congratulates both the members of the Cambridge Fire Department for the quality of their service and work and the Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association as it prepares to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its First Annual Ball; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution for presentation to the President of the Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association.

In City Council November 9, 1987.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.  
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

*Joseph E. Connarton*  
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #5

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Mayor W. Sullivan re: resolutions congratulating the members of the Fire Dept. for the quality of their service & work & also the Firemen's Relief Association as it prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its First Annual Ball.

In City Council,

November 9, 1987

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Mayor W. J. Sullivan

Order Adopted

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