



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: James L. Sullivan  
City Manager  
FROM: Chief Leo F. Davenport  
SUBJECT: Awaiting Report Item

DATE: May 17, 1979

REFERENCE: Speeding and  
accidents on  
Brattle Street

Dear Sir:

During the period from January 1, 1977 to the present, there have been twelve (12) accidents on Brattle in the vicinity of Sparks Street. (See attached list).

Because of the increasing number of accidents on Brattle Street, a selective Enforcement Plan was instituted in February, 1979. The Traffic and Patrol Divisions both days and nights have been working this area in an effort to reduce accidents and injuries. Brattle Street is heavily traveled, especially Monday through Friday during the daylight hours and a large percentage of the accidents occurred during this time. Therefore, the Accident Van, which is radar equipped, is regularly assigned to this area.

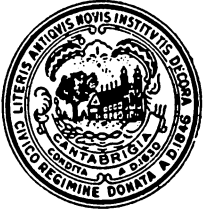
The Cambridge Police Department is presently awaiting delivery of five new hand-held radar guns through assistance from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. They will also be used not only on Brattle Street but throughout the city in an effort to make all of Cambridge safe and accident free.

Besides radar, there will also be an effort to reduce all other traffic violations.

In conclusion, the Cambridge Police Department will maintain a strict enforcement policy on Brattle Street until this problem is brought to a successful conclusion.

I remain,  
  
Leo F. Davenport  
Chief of Police

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
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ACCIDENTS - On BRATTLE ST. - Vicinity of SPARKS ST.

1977

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|-------|------------------|---------|
| 3/18  | @144 Brattle St. | 2:00 PM |
| 7/4   | @145 Brattle St. | 4:40 PM |
| 12/22 | @140 Brattle St. | 9:20 PM |

1978

|       |                  |          |
|-------|------------------|----------|
| 1/5   | @163 Brattle St. | 11:00 AM |
| 7/20  | @198 Brattle St. | 3:40 AM  |
| 8/24  | @194 Brattle St. | 8:10 PM  |
| 10/3  | @142 Brattle St. | 7:50 AM  |
| 10/23 | nr. Willard St.  | 9:30 PM  |
| 11/23 | @146 Brattle St. | 4:00 AM  |

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|------|------------------|---------|
| 1/2  | @153 Brattle St. | 5:20 PM |
| 1/26 | @144 Brattle St. | 1:10 AM |
| 2/9  | @144 Brattle St. | 7:00 PM |



## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

May 21, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith communication received from  
Chief Leo F. Davenport, Police Department, relative  
to Awaiting Report Item No. 8, City Council Order  
of February 5, 1979, relative to speeding and accidents  
on Brattle Street near Sparks Street.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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Agenda #11

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 8 re: speedin  
and accidents on Brattle St.

In City Council,

May 21, 1979

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