



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date: April 5, 1999 2:30 P.M.

Report by Sergeant Joseph L. Wilson
Officer Badge #: 213

Subject: M.V. Accident involving Fuel Tanker

Assignment: 1 st. Platoon Group 3

Date and Time
of Occurrence: April 5, 1999 12:25 P.M.

Directed to: Deputy Giacoppo *4-6-99*

Action
Requested: _____

Sir:

On April 5th 1999 at 12:25 PM Cambridge Police and Cambridge Fire Dept. responded to the intersection of Third and Binney sts for a report of a Motor Vehicle Accident involving a mini-van and a Tractor Trailer unit containing gasoline.

While I was responding to the scene City Manager Robert Healy, Car 24 Deputy O'Connor, Delta 2 Sgt. L. Sullivan were approaching the scene and informed Cambridge Control that gasoline was making its way into the storm drain and requested more units for Traffic Control.

The Following units from the Cambridge Police Department responded:

Car 15A Lt. Ames: Scene Command for Cambridge Police Department.

Car 17 Sgt. Wilson: Initial Scene Command for Cambridge Police Department.

Traffic 1 Sgt. Ahern: Truck Team Inspection.

Route 1A Officer Leblanc: Pedestrian Control at Binney St. Near Third.

Car 1 Officers Bombino and Gutoski: Traffic Control and Primary Accident Report Car.

Car 1R Officer Frammartino: Traffic Control at Binney St. and Sixth St.

Car 5R Officer S. Lyons: Traffic Control at Binney St. and Broadway.

Traffic 17 Officer Hudson: Traffic Control at Third and Bent Sts.

Traffic 14 Officer M. Bonilla: Traffic Control at Binney and Second Sts.

Bike 5 Officer Chu: Pedestrian Control at Third and Binney Sts.

Bike 6 Officer Padua: Pedestrian Control at Third and Rogers Sts.

Traffic 5 Officer J. Albert: Secondary Report and Level 3 Inspection of Tanker

Traffic 7 Officer Arthur: Secondary Report and Level 3 Inspection of Tanker

Tanker owned by: Coan Transportation Inc.
194 W Central St.
Natick, MA 01760

Tractor: 1993 Kenmore Mass Reg. 24483 (Apportioned Plate)
Tanker: 1981 Fruehauf Trailer Mass Reg. 46568 (Semi-Trailer)

Operator of Tanker: Roger S. Prive
20 Lake View Gardens
Natick, MA
DOB 05-22-66, License # 023-36-6125 MA CDL-A

Insurance Company: Hanover Insurance Company

Damage to Tanker: Damage consisted of the Right side saddle gas tank rupturing (Diesel)

Mini-Van owned by: Gregory T. Peverill-Conti (H) 1-508-655-2590
31 Speen St.
Natick, MA 01760
DOB 06-09-66, License # 003-64-0601 MA Class D

Mini-Van: 1987 Plymouth Voyager MA Reg. 9697EO

Damage to Mini-Van: Damage was to the Front End and rear window.

Insurance Company: Commerce Insurance Company.

Witness to Accident: Jane Palange 7 Lopez Street Cambridge MA. (H) 617-498-0243

Synopsis of Accident: The Witness Jane Palange was traveling behind the Mini-Van and was at the intersection of Third St. and Binney St. Mrs. Palange states the Mini-Van was entering the intersection when the Tanker failed to stop for the Red Light. At which time both vehicles collided causing the Tankers side saddle diesel gas tank to rupture. This caused diesel fuel to spill onto Binney Street and ultimately into the storm drain. Car 1 Officers Bombino and Gutoski interviewed the operators of both vehicles and the witness. The Officers determined, based on the witness statement, the operator of the Tanker was at fault. The operator of the Tanker was cited for failure to stop for the red light. The Operator was given Citation # H1774379. Upon the Fire Department inspecting the Tanker unit it was determined that no damage was done to the Main Tank containing approximately 5,000 Gallons of Gasoline.

The Truck Team Officers J. Albert and Arthur conducted a Level 3 Inspection on the Operator and the Tanker Truck.

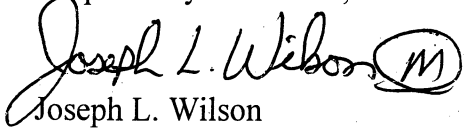
The Cambridge Fire Department was on scene and temporally stopped the diesel fuel from entering the storm drain. Clean Harbors responded and cleaned up the spill.

Pictures of the incident were taken by F.F. Fowler Cambridge Fire Department and Mr. Jing Wou of the Cambridge Police Department.

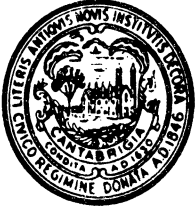
The Mini-Van was towed from the scene by Phils Tow. The Tanker was towed from the scene by Road One Medford MA.

At 2:00 PM the area of Third and Binney Sts. were reopened except for Binney St. westerly from Third St. to Fifth St.. That portion of the roadway will remain closed until Clean Harbors can contain the spill to the gutter at which time according to clean harbors one lane of Binney St. westerly from Third St. to Fifth St. will reopen.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joseph L. Wilson
Sergeant of Police





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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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June 14, 1999

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 99-98, regarding a report on the incident involving a trailer truck accident at Binney and Third Streets, Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson reports the following:

On April 5, 1999, the Cambridge Police and Fire Departments responded to the intersection of Third and Binney Streets on a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a minivan and a tractor tank unit containing gasoline. Enclosed in a comprehensive report submitted by Sergeant Joseph Wilson of the incident. The Driver of the tractor tank unit was cited for failing to stop for a red light. A commercial truck inspection was also conducted with no negative findings.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

Consent Agenda #6

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Relative to AW Rpt. #99-98, regarding
a report on the incident involving
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and Third Street.

In City Council June 14, 1999

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