

**CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR  
LOCAL #897, AFSCME  
CAMBRIDGE, MA**

June 8, 2003

Dear Councillor:

Once again we are in the position of defending our desire to retain the use of UNIFORMS in the performance of our duty. If you take a look around, you will see that most surrounding cities and towns, with the exception of Somerville, have Traffic Supervisors proudly wearing their uniforms.

We have forty-eight (48) Traffic Supervisors fully clothed and two (2) Reserves who at a future date will require a uniform. That is our total compliment of 50 Traffic Supervisors.

At an approximate cost of \$800.00 to fully clothe a Traffic Supervisor, the City does not feel it can afford the expense. They are offering to supply us with a vest and a red stop sign. Some motorists will proceed forward with a person with a red sign but will think twice if that same person were dressed in the Police Department Uniform.

We are a proud and caring professional group who take pride in our appearance. We are afforded the respect and attention from the motorists because of our UNIFORMS identifying us as members of the Police Department.

We need your support to ensure the safety of the school children as well as our own.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Silva, President  
Cambridge Traffic Supervisors  
Local #897, AFSCME



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
June 9, 2003

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
MAYOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into retaining uniforms for the Traffic Supervisors and working with the Police Department to identify a way to cut the cost to the Supervisors.

In City Council June 9, 2003  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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**ORDER#14**

Requesting the City Manager to look into retaining uniforms for the Traffic Supervisors and working with the Police Department to identify a way to cut the cost to the Supervisors.

**Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio and entire membership**

**In City Council June 9, 2003**

**ORDER ADOPTED.**