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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** City Manager James L. Sullivan

**Date** May 27, 1977

**From** Fire Chief William J. Cremins *wjc*

**Reference**

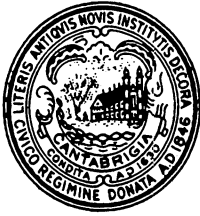
**Subject** Council Order No. 13 5/16/77 re: protective shields for fire fighting

I wish to thank the City Council for the recent Council Orders commending the fire department for its performance during the gasoline tank truck fire in Kendall Square.

I also appreciate their consideration in their suggested recommendations for the safety of fire fighters, fighting this type of extremely hot fire.

It is my understanding that some councillors thought that a fire fighter received burns while operating the foam pump; however, the two fire fighters in the cab of the foam pumper did not feel the effects of the heat. One fire fighter in another company did receive some burns in the hands but I do not believe it was serious as he did not forward any reports on the incident.

The front of the vehicle did receive excessive blistering but, as this was our first experience in fighting a gasoline fire with this pumper, I feel sure that we will learn from it and various techniques are now being implemented to prevent a recurrence of this. If these work out, I do not believe a shield will be necessary.



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City Manager

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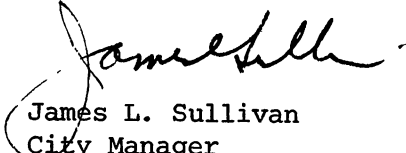
To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to City Council Order No. 13 of May 16, 1977,

I transmit herewith self-explanatory communication from

Chief William J. Cremins, Fire Department, relative to  
protective shields for fire fighting.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

JLS/b

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Re: protective shields for fire fighting.

In City Council,

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