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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Memorandum

To: Robert Healy
From: George Fosque
Re: Council Order #34
Date: 11/20/00

This memo is in follow-up to information given to your office and the CPD prior to November 15.

The Council inquires about Police and EC department handling of a "group of up to 40 persons ... engaging in a melee in the Riverside area" on Halloween night (Oct 31, 2000). It was alleged that "residents report calling the police for foot or driving visibility, but there was said to be no police response for nearly two hours".

We have investigated this complaint and can find no problem with the EC handling of the events. Here is what we have found by reviewing Computer-Aided Dispatch records and listening to 911 and other telephone audio segments.

There are 3 separate CAD incidents (#78973, 78980, 79033) on 10/31/00 for a large group of kids disturbing the neighborhood in the area of River & Howard Sts. All were dispatched within minutes of receiving the call.

1. CAD Incident #78973: we received one call beginning at 19:41 (7:41 PM) on the police business line (349-3300) reporting a large group that "looked like they were getting ready to rumble." Car 2 was dispatched at 19:45 and reported that it moved the group along.

2. CAD Incident #78980: about 15 minutes later, there were ten 911 calls from the area that were received between 19:57 and 20:05. Given the nature of this major event, many units were dispatched (2, 3, 5, 4R, 5R, T20 and 18) and were on scene very quickly (within 3 minutes of receiving 1st call). At 20:25, car 3 cleared reporting they were doing an 86 in the area.
3. CAD Incident #79033: about 2 and ½ hours later - at 22:25 - Officer Lashley who was still patrolling in the area called in a large group of approximately 30 youths walking down the street. T20 and 5R responded at 22:34 and found the area clear.

We can find no call several hours before the 7:41 PM initial call that was received and dispatched. We have tried to locate the citizen who may have claimed a 2-hour delay but cannot find this person to get any additional details. If any councilor can provide any more information, please let us know so we can check further.

cc. Paula Snow
Superintendent Harold Murphy



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

December 4, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-108, regarding a report on the incident of October 31st where a group of 40 persons engaged in a melee in the Riverside area, received from Emergency Communications and 911 Director George Fosque.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment



2000 Things 2 Do in 2000

Communication from Robert W. Healy,
City Manager, relative to Awaiting
Report Item Number 00-108, regarding
a report on the incident of Oct. 31,
where a group of persons engages in
a melee in the Riverside area.

In City Council December 4, 2000

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