



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James L. Sullivan
City Manager

Date April 19, 1974

From Chief William J. Cremins
Fire Department

Reference

Subject Fire apparatus North Cambridge Response.
Councilor Duehay Resolution. Your correspondence of April 10, 1974

Sir:

It must be remembered that the response difficulties to North Cambridge have only recently occurred. This is because of the curtailment of the use of the Alewife Brook bridges.

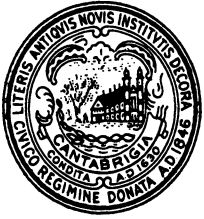
The Somerville Fire Department at present uses Clarendon Avenue for most of its responses to North Cambridge unless responding further North where they would not use ~~Cameron~~ Avenue anyway.

However, the members of the Council have a legitimate concern and I respond to the suggestions in the order noted in your correspondence;

1. I have requested the Somerville Fire Department not to proceed via ~~Cameron~~ Avenue except for those boxes where it is necessary to reach the fire and not have to cross the Railroad tracks.
2. I do not believe that it will be necessary to request Arlington to respond because the nearest station is at Arlington Center, a considerable distance. However, I have changed the response routes of Engine 8 and Ladder 4 who also respond to North Cambridge so that they will respond from Alewife Brook Parkway. They will travel Sherman Street, to Rindge Avenue, to the Parkway and turn right on the Parkway to North Cambridge. It will be somewhat longer but it will assure that apparatus will get into the area. At the present time this station responds to many of the involved boxes by this route but now will respond to all boxes in this area by this route.
3. The only vehicles of less than 8 ton are our hose wagons which run with the heavier pumper and both pieces are an integral part of one company so that it would not be feasible to split the company. The implementation of paragraph number 2 should solve this situation.

Very truly yours,

William J. Cremins
William J. Cremins, Chief
Fire Department



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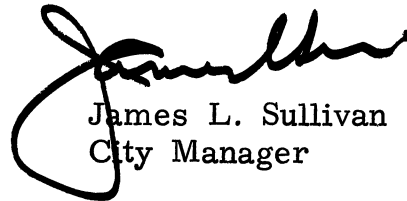
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

April 22, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to resolution pertaining to the Alewife Brook bridges, I transmit herewith self-explanatory communication from William J. Cremins, Chief, Cambridge Fire Department, dated April 19, 1974.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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