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May 15, 1995

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behalf of the entire City Council

Children saved from fire put in DSS care

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By Richard Chacon
GLOBE STAFF

Three children rescued from a burning Cambridge building late Wednesday night were placed in state Department of Social Services protective custody after firefighters realized they had been left home alone.

The children, aged 5, 9 and 11 years old, were unharmed. None of the other occupants of the building were hurt.

Four firefighters suffered first- and second-degree burn injuries, said Deputy Chief John Gelinas. One of them, identified as Miguel

Torres, 29, a two-year member of the department, was taken to Cambridge Hospital, but his injuries were not life-threatening, Gelinas added.

The fire began around 11:30 Wednesday night on the third floor of the wood-framed dwelling at 185 Elm Street, officials said. As firefighters conducted a routine search of the building to evacuate residents, they found the children trapped in another part of the third-floor apartment where the fire began.

Firefighter Michael Murphy, 38, found the eldest child hiding in a closet, Gelinas said. The other children were found in a bedroom.

Once the rescue was made, fire

and police officials at the scene realized that the children were home unattended.

The children were placed in protective custody with the Department of Social Services.

Officials would not release the children's names and said they did not know where the parents were.

Attempts to contact DSS officials were unsuccessful.

Gelinas said it took 24 firefighters about two hours to extinguish the blaze, which was contained on the third floor.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Gelinas said damage was estimated at about \$25,000.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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Councillor SULLIVAN re: Appreciation to and
a speedy recovery to the firefighters who
responded to the fire at 185 Elm Street on
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Order adopted