



City of Cambridge

R-90.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Francis J. Bracken on August 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS: Francis was a retired Highway Foreman of the City of Cambridge Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS: Francis was an honorary life member of the Watertown Lodge of Elks #1513; and

WHEREAS: Francis was the beloved husband of the late Mary Lorraine (Desjardin) Bracken; and

WHEREAS: Francis's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his children Eileen F. Johnson, Jean M., Michael K., Leo R., James J. and Francis Bracken, Jr.; his son-in-law Michael Johnson; his daughters-in-law Donna and Gale Bracken; his grandchildren Nicole L. and James F. Bracken; and his nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS: Francis will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Francis J. Bracken at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Bracken family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 10, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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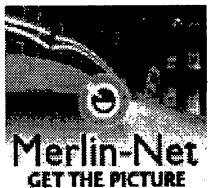
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Francis J. Bracken

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Of Cambridge, August 28, 2001, Francis J. Husband of the late Mary Lorraine (Desjardin) Bracken. Father of Eileen F. Johnson and her husband Michael, Francis Bracken, Jr., Jean M. Bracken, Michael K. Bracken and his wife Donna, Leo R. Bracken and James J. Bracken and his wife Gale. Beloved grandfather of Nicole L. and James F. Bracken. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Faggas Funeral Home, 551 Mt. Auburn St. (Rte 16) WATERTOWN on Thursday, August 30 at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, 185 Pearl St., Cambridge at 9:00 a.m. Retired Highway Foreman City of Cambridge PWD. Honorary life member Watertown Lodge of Elks #1513. Burial in Cambridge Cemetery. Visiting hours Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m. Faggas Funeral Home 800-222-2586

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8:30am

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8/29 @ 830

Francis Broder

the City of Cambridge failed for at least 30 minutes. During this interval, persons with emergencies were not able to reach our Emergency Communications Center in a timely manner.

In one case, a woman alone in her apartment with chest pains was delayed in reaching us, a delay that could have had very tragic consequences. Fortunately, she finally reached us through the help of a person in her building and was transported to Mass. General Hospital where she recovered.

The Cambridge City Council, the City Manager, concerned citizens, and myself are quite concerned by an outage to a "fault-tolerant", redundant system that must always be available. I have been directed to seek specific assurances from Verizon that such an outage will not reoccur.

1. What was the specific cause of the failure and for how many minutes was Cambridge actually without 911 telephone service?
2. What steps are being taken to insure that this failure does not reoccur and when will these steps be taken?
3. In the case of a future reoccurrence, what steps are being taken to insure that the recorded message received by 911 callers provides correct alternate emergency help dialing instructions?



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Resolution #90

Resolution on the death of Francis
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**Councillor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council September 10, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED