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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
March 05, 2002

To: Major Kathleen Stefani, Commander "H" Troop

From: Lieutenant Joseph Hanley, Station Commander SP Boston

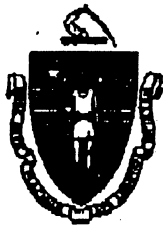
Subject: Cambridge City Council – Enforcement on Memorial Drive

1. Per your request, I have looked into the request from Cambridge City Council through the MDC to have the State Police increase enforcement on Metropolitan District Commission roads in Cambridge.
2. After several telephone calls to Cambridge Police Department Superintendent Murphy, and the City Clerk's Office, Ms. D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, City of Cambridge. I was able to ascertain that the Cambridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee at its recent planning meeting, requested that the City Council contact the MDC and State Police in regards to more enforcement of MDC roadways in the City of Cambridge. This request was made due to the fact that there has been several fatal accidents on MDC roadways in the City of Cambridge in the last several years. The latest being a 13 year old female run over while on her bicycle by a truck at the intersection of Fresh Pond and Huron Avenue. The Committee felt that speed was the major cause of most of these accidents. After reviewing the accidents, one was on H-5 where the young girl was killed, and one was on Memorial and Magazine Beach where a pedestrian was killed. I find that in both cases that speed was not a major factor in these accidents and in both cases the operator of the vehicle was found not at fault in these accidents.
3. I propose that to answer this request by the City Council of Cambridge, that H-4 will assign route cars on periodic shifts, when available, to do selective enforcement on Memorial Drive in Cambridge. I have also contacted Lt. Wicks from the CAT Team and requested that he assign officers to do enforcement in this area. I have also talked with Lt. Ryan from H-5 in regards to increasing enforcement on these areas and will work in conjunction with him.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Hanley, #0346
Lieutenant, Mass State Police

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March 11, 2002

To: Major Kathleen M. Stefani, H Troop Commander

From: Lieutenant Robert M. Ryan, H5 Station Commander

Subject: City of Cambridge Request for Speed Enforcement - Fresh Pond Pky. & Memorial Dr., Cambridge

1. On Thursday March 7, 2002 at about 1530 hours I was able to reach Ms. D. Margaret Drury, the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge, relative to a resolution of the City of Cambridge City Council for more speed enforcement on Memorial Dr. and Fresh Pond Pky.
2. Ms. Drury advised that the Cambridge City Council felt it necessary to vote in the resolution due to three recent fatal accidents, which occurred in the area; 2 on Memorial Dr., and one on Fresh Pond Pky.
3. I advised Ms. Drury that none of the three fatal accidents involved speed and each was actually the victims fault. I did agree that the flow of traffic on each of these roads was a little fast however and told her Lt. Hanley and I would make an effort to have some speed enforcement done.
4. I have talked with Lt. Wicks of the Troop Community Action Team and Sgt. Perullo of the Troop Motor Cycle Unit. Each will add these areas to their list of priority speed enforcement locations and send their people whenever possible. Further, I have put a notice on my roll call for each of the three shift sergeants to have their people do speed enforcement at our location, Fresh Pond Pky., when ever possible.

Robert M. Ryan
Lt. Robert M. Ryan

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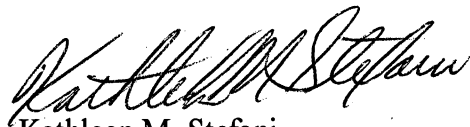
Dear Ms. Drury:

I am in receipt of the Cambridge City Council resolution requesting increased speed enforcement on diverse areas of Memorial Drive. The Massachusetts State Police are committed to ensuring that the safety of our citizens remains our primary responsibility.

Lieutenant Joseph Hanley, SP Boston, and Lieutenant Robert Ryan, SP Brighton, have assured me that they will continue to utilize Department resources to supplant the daily patrols in these areas. I have enclosed a copy of their letter of response to my inquiries on this matter. These additional officers will be available to do selective enforcement on an intermittent basis.

Additionally, I would like to offer the opportunity for myself, and/or the above Station Commanders, to meet with you or the members of the Cambridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees to discuss mutual areas of concern. Please feel free to contact me at 617-740-7551.

Sincerely,


Kathleen M. Stefani
Major

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Consent Communication #13

A communication was received from Major Kathleen M. Stefani, Massachusetts State Police, regarding the resolution requesting increased speed enforcement on diverse areas of Memorial Drive.

In City Council March 18, 2002

**REFERRED TO BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE.**