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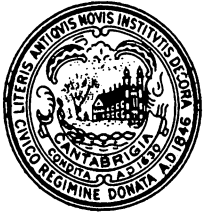
To City Manager James L. Sullivan **Date** March 5, 1979
From Fire Chief William J. Cremins *W. J. Cremins* **Reference**
Subject City Council Order #5, dated February 26, 1979 re: Rescue Wagon

The Rescue Wagon burnt out its clutch at the two-alarm fire recently on Rindgefield Street. Evidently its repair was beyond the capabilities of our Repair Division, and immediate steps were taken to contract the job to Mack Motors in Brighton complying with established bidding procedures. It is expected to be ready shortly.

Regarding the Rescue #2 vehicle, nothing can be done to it to bring it into compliance with the "Ambulance Law." It in no way meets the specifications of the law and I am certain that even with large sums of money it still will not make it.

I feel that the fire department does everything that it can do under these trying circumstances. In my opinion, and in the opinion of Rescue Company officers, Professional Ambulance is qualified and does an excellent job. Under some circumstances, fire department Rescue personnel accompany the patient to the hospital. I also understand that Professional attempts to collect the fee under insurance policies, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Medicaid, or whatever way is feasible. If this is not satisfactory then certainly it should be taken care of in the contract between the City and Professional Ambulance.

If it is any consolation, the new Rescue Wagon will be ready shortly but, even though it is a new vehicle, it will also be out of service from time to time, and we will be faced with the same situation of not having a stand-by or back-up vehicle to transport patients in compliance with the law. The only solution is to immediately order a second vehicle in compliance with the Ambulance Law specifications.



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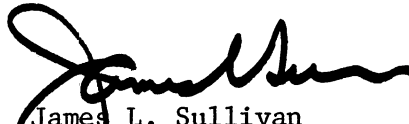
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

March 12, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 17 relative to making the Cambridge Rescue Wagon operable and the #2 "backup" van eligible for transporting emergency victims, enclosed please find copy of a report from Fire Chief William J. Cremins.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Agenda #3

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#2 backup van eligible for transporting emer-
gency victims.

In City Council,
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