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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-96, regarding report to the City Council and School Committee on the standards and/or training provided to school crossing guards, Police Superintendent David Degou reports the following:

Upon employment as a Traffic Supervisor for the City of Cambridge, the Supervisors receive an orientation as to safety rules that apply to their responsibilities at school crossings. The safety orientation is followed by on-the-job training at a school crossing. A member of the Selective Enforcement Unit supervises the Traffic Supervisors. The training includes the following:

Orientation

Roles and Responsibilities of Traffic Supervisors

Information session on benefits by the Office of Personnel

On-the-job Training

The Selective Enforcement Unit provides Traffic Supervisors training. All Traffic Supervisors are trained on crossing with the supervisor and observation of the supervisor crossing children according to the safety rules. They are instructed to wait for all motor vehicles to stop prior to crossing and to walk to the middle of the street and cross the children utilizing the designated crosswalks. All Traffic Supervisors are trained to return to the sidewalk after the children make it to the other side to ensure safety of all pedestrians and Traffic Supervisors. Traffic Supervisors are encouraged to utilize pedestrian walk lights if available.

All traffic Supervisors are advised to report any concerns, problems or safety issues to their immediate supervisors or a member of the Selective Enforcement Unit. When there is a need for communication to all Traffic Supervisors' regarding a safety issue, the union representative is called to communicate the information to the association.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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