



MBTA Police



John R. O'Donovan
Chief of Police

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Councillor Frank Duehay
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillor Duehay:

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to speak before the Cambridge City Council on November 20, 1995, on the subject of police issues in the City of Cambridge.

I have had my staff investigate the concerns expressed at that meeting, and I am happy to report that positive resolutions have been found for them.

- o The issue of ongoing robberies in the area surrounding Alewife Station has been addressed through the assignment of one of our detectives to assist the Cambridge and Arlington Police Departments in all stake-outs. Further, we have set up a system for the timely exchange of intelligence between our departments.
- o The issue of burnt-out streetlights on the Minuteman Bike Path has been addressed with the Arlington Police Department. It was learned that the light under Route 2 is maintained by the State Highway Department, and a work order was placed in October for that repair. The Arlington Police indicated they would follow up with the State Highway Department on its repair. The second light is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Arlington, and a work order was placed with its Public Works Department on November 21, 1995. We were also told that Chief DelGaizo of the Arlington Police Department has ordered the installation of six (6) additional lights along the walkway.
- o The issue of unmanned entrances at Kendall and Central MBTA Stations was addressed with Mr. Michael Mulhern, Chief, MBTA Red Line Operations. Your concerns were relayed to him and he responded by issuing MBTA Special Order #95-186 (copy attached). This order mandates that Red Line personnel assigned to those stations must frequently monitor the stairwells in question. Those employees have also been instructed to immediately report malfunctions or defective equipment to the appropriate MBTA department. Finally, those

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officials must also ensure that signage is present to warn passengers of temporarily closed entrances.

I hope we have been able to address your concerns and answer any questions your Council may have had concerning the MBTA. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,


John R. O'Donovan
Chief of Police

Attachment

Consent Communication #9

Communication received from John R. O'Donovan, Chief of Police transmitting a response to concerns expressed in a meeting regarding police issues in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council December 18, 1995

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Referred to City Manager

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