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TO: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
FROM: Chief Anthony G. Paolillo
SUBJECT: City Council Order #18 of 01/29/90

DATE: February 5, 1990
REFERENCE:

In response to City Council Order #18 of 01/29/90, regarding safety and security in the Newtowne Court/Washington Elms area, the area has always been a priority concern of the Police Department.

When the Impact Shift was implemented in July, 1989, two officers were assigned every night from 6:00p to 2:00a to patrol the area of Newtowne Court/Washington Elms. Also on the Impact Shift, a two officer Alpha Car was implemented in the lower half of the City to assist in high priority calls.

In the first six months of 1989, in conjunction with the Housing Authority, the Police Department implemented overtime patrols at random times and days in the complex. Since July, 1989, the Police Department has been a participant in a one year grant with the Housing Authority and the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office whereby up to \$20,000 is reimbursed to the Police Department for overtime expenditures in the Newtowne Court/Washington Elms area.

On January 26, 1990, in a memorandum to the Commanding Officers of the patrol divisions, I implemented a Route 7R which is essentially the Newtowne Court/Washington Elms complex. The route car will be staffed on every Day Shift and First Half Shift until further notice.

In the seven month period of July, 1989 thru January, 1990, there have been 178 reported incidents in the area. Of the total, 36 involved assaults, robberies, homicides, and breaks. 41 incidents involved narcotics violations and the remaining 101 incidents involved larcenies and other miscellaneous offenses. Arrests were made in 89 of the reported incidents (50%).

The Police Department has been, and will continue to be, an active participant in the Area 4 community meetings. Members of the Police Department meet on a monthly basis with representatives of the Housing Authority to discuss various issues as they pertain to Newtowne Court/Washington Elms.

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Members of the Youth - Vice/Narcotics Division continue to spend an inordinate amount of time in this particular area. At present, there are several in-depth undercover investigations being conducted not only in Newtowne Court/Washington Elms but in the entire Area 4. A week has not passed in the last year where a search warrant has been executed in this area.

The Police Department is aware of the difficulties within this complex and no one knows better of the complex and sensitive handling of any police matters to be conducted. I assure the City Council the first priority of the Cambridge Police Department is the safety of its citizens; public safety is non-negotiable. We will continue to do our best to try to alleviate some of the fears that have gripped this neighborhood.

The incursion of Boston youths is nothing new to the Police Department. The problem has been diffused in the past. The extent of the latest incursions have taxed our resources. There has been, and will continue to be, on a daily and weekly basis, dialogue and exchanges of information with the Boston Police Department.

The Police Department needs the backing of the City Manager, the City Council, and the Cambridge community in order to achieve our goals in this area. Attached you will find communications sent by me to Commissioner Roache in June, 1989 expressing my concerns about the possibility of the Boston youths coming into our City. It seems my concerns have come to pass with the recent wave of violence.

I can assure you, the City Council, and the Cambridge community that the resources of the Cambridge Police Department in the past, present, and the future will be utilized to the optimum.

Anthony J. Parillo



ANTHONY G. PAOLILLO
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June 12, 1989

Commissioner Francis Roache
Boston Police Department
154 Berkeley Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Commissioner Roache:

The greater Boston area has recently been made aware of the new alliance the Boston Police Department is creating along with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and other agencies in the continuing effort to fight the war on drugs.

I am concerned that with the emergence of the Drug Task Force, certain specific drug and related activities will be displaced into Cambridge. I feel that once you begin putting extreme pressure on the drug pushers, they will begin coming to Cambridge because, I know, there is a market for the stuff here.

I would request consideration be given for the Cambridge Police Department to have a representative present during Task Force meetings in an intelligence gathering function so that we may be aware of the Task Force's activities and of some of the "players" that may move to Cambridge. I know, from past experience, when Boston began cleaning up the Combat Zone, the prostitutes began plying their trade in Cambridge. We were unprepared for the influx and it took us some time to deal with it.

I don't envy your task over there. I think you're doing a helluva job with the tools available to you. Keep up the good work.

Please consider this request. I thank you in advance and God Bless!

Sincerely yours,

Anthony G. Paolillo
Chief of Police

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Boston

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June 23, 1989

Anthony G. Paolillo
Chief of Police
City of Cambridge
Police Department

Dear Chief Paolillo,

Your letter dated June 12, 1989, to Police Commissioner Francis M. Roache, was received and turned over to my office for review and consideration.

Presently we are still in the process of setting up the Boston Police/DEA Drug Task Force. When this is completed, to have a representative present from the Cambridge Police Department during the task force meetings, would not be a service to either department at this time.

I can assure you that when an arrest is made, or any investigative information is received, concerning a person/s with a Cambridge address by this task force, it will immediately be turned over to your department.

The Boston Police Department appreciates your interest and offer of assistance in our attempt to confront the war on drugs. We will stay in touch with you on any information concerning Cambridge.

Sincerely,


Joseph V. Saia, Jr.
Superintendent
Bureau of Investigative Services
Boston Police Department



Raymond L. Flynn, Mayor/POLICE DEPARTMENT/154 Berkeley Street 02116



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February 8, 1990

Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

This is in response to your request relative to the Council resolution concerning safety and security measures at Newtowne Court/Washington Elms developments.

For the past few years the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Cambridge Police Department and the Tenant Council of Washington Elms/Newtowne Court have been working together on improving the security at these developments. Specifically, in 1988 we began overtime police patrols at Newtowne Court using federal funds. At the same time we submitted a joint anti-drug proposal to the State Committee on Criminal Justice from the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Cambridge Police Department and the District Attorney to fund police patrols and a half-time Assistant District Attorney to coordinate the three agencies. The proposal was approved and the three agencies have been holding monthly meetings for the past year.

Recently, we installed additional lighting at the Newtowne Court day care center because of concerns expressed by staff. This past week we conducted a survey with the President of the Pisani Tenant Council to determine where we can further improve lighting at Newtowne Court/Washington Elms. Additional lighting fixtures have been ordered and will be installed in three weeks.

Our efforts in the area of improving security with the Police, District Attorney and the Tenant Council will continue for as long as necessary. We appreciate your concern and support. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Wuenschel
Executive Director

DJW/dp



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

February 5, 1990

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Council Order No. 18, dated 01/29/90, relative to safety and security in the Newtowne Court/Washington Elms Area, please find attached a report from Anthony G. Paolillo, Chief of Police, and Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Council Order Number 18, of January 29, 1990,
regarding safety and security in the Newtowne
Court/Washington Elms Area.

In City Council,

Feb. 12, 1990

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