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March 8, 1994

Robert Healy
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RE: Council Order 31
Subject: Ice/Water Rescues

Dear Mr. Healy:

The Cambridge Fire Department has a long history of Water Rescue Emergencies. These vary from ice rescue and drownings to a vehicle in the water. At present, the response is:

- 1 Engine Company
- 1 Ladder Company
- 1 Rescue Company
- 1 Division Chief
- 1 ALS (Professional)

The Engine Company nearest the location is dispatched for immediate life saving actions. The nearest Ladder Company responds with two (2) Survival Suits, a Wind Board for traversing across the ice and open water, and high-visibility safety lines that are attached to the members and the Wind Board.

The Rescue Company responds with two (2) members fully dressed in survival suits, ready to enter the water upon arrival.

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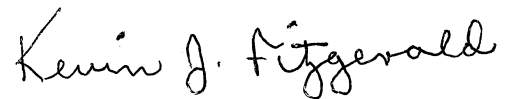
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This combination of suit/board/life lines has proved to be highly efficient.

This procedure for ice/water rescues is fully operational and effective. Equipment and procedure have been improved from experience gained during river rescue operations.

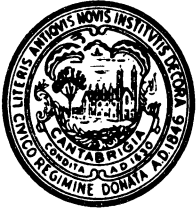
The Department intends to purchase Personal Floatation Devices and Throw Bags for life lines. This will increase the safety of Fire Fighters during ice/water rescue operations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin J. Fitzgerald".

Kevin J. Fitzgerald
Chief of Department

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March 21, 1994

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #7 regarding the use of "Rescue Alive" apparatus, please be advised of the following:

The Fire Department in the town of Auburn, Massachusetts uses a piece of equipment called "Rescue Alive," a sled-like apparatus which aides the Department in ice/water rescues.

Cambridge Fire Chief Kevin Fitzgerald spoke to the Auburn Deputy Chief in charge of Rescue Service about his equipment and the town's rescue operations. The Chief's view is that our Department's current method of ice/water rescue, described in the attached report, is very effective; he finds no need to change current operational procedures or equipment.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment

Consent Agenda #3

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Transmitting comm. from R.W. Healy relative to
Awaiting Report Item No. 7 re: the use of
"rescue Alive" apparatus.

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1994 Resolutions # 109.

In City Council March 21, 1994

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