

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 624

Approved October 14, 1977

WHEREAS, the Christmas Shopping Season is imminent which will result in the influx of shoppers within the Downtown Shopping Area of Providence, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety and security, it appears that additional security will be necessary in order to protect the interest of shoppers and merchants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby requested to consider the feasibility of engaging additional assistance, in the form of Security Guards, preferably from the rank of Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA employees), so that the interest of the public and the merchants will be better served commencing the day following Thanksgiving, being November 25, 1977, to and including December 31, 1977.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

*Robert J. Heston*  
PRES.  
*Joseph M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

*Nuanta Crawford*  
OCT 14 1977

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 26, 1977

TO: Commissioner of Public Safety Trambukis

SUBJECT: ATTACHED RESOLUTION

CONSIDERED BY: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli

DISPOSITION: I have been directed to request from you, in writing, a response as to whether or not you will be able to implement the additional assistance as requested in the resolution.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
City Clerk

*Leo P. Trambukis*  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY



*Leonard W. Reilly*  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

December 2, 1977

Re: City Council Resolution  
No. 624, Oct. 14, 1977

Mrs. Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

The following responds to your memorandum of October 26, 1977 attached to City Council Resolution No. 624, dated October 14, 1977, copies of which are appended hereto.

The Honorable Members of the Council undoubtedly are aware of the fact that the Police Department has deployed additional uniformed and plainclothes personnel in the downtown central business district for the same reasons cited in the Resolution.

This special force began operations on November 25th and will continue its functions through December 31st which period also was mentioned in the Resolution.

The plan for the operations of this force was in the preparation stage at the time your memorandum was received. I'm certain the Council will recall that the Police Department has taken similar measures over the past several years to augment its regular downtown area patrols during the busy Christmas shopping season.

Colonel Ricci and I are particularly pleased to be able to report that operations of this force of professionals, as designed for this year, although in place for only one week, have already drawn numerous laudable comments from downtown merchants and shoppers. This security force has high visibility in the area and has been deployed in such a manner and at such times and places as to maximize its ability to prevent crime and to provide other proper police services for the users of the area.

I have every confidence that when the shopping season is over we will have experienced a decline in the amount of reported crime in this area. This decline already is evident.

The Resolution requested that I consider the feasibility of engaging additional assistance in the form of security guards whose salaries might be funded through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. This was done, and I found that funds were not readily available. Moreover, there was insufficient time for advertising, interviewing, selecting, training and outfitting and equipping such an organization

Respectfully submitted,

  
Commissioner of Public Safety

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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 7, 1977

TO: Councilman Fagnoli and Councilwoman Brassil

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 624

CONSIDERED BY: Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk

DISPOSITION: Attached is copy of report on the subject Resolution.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
City Clerk