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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE
TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND

Honorable Members:

Your Committee considered the following Resolution of the City Council No. 27, Approved February 12, 1976;

"RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Welfare is requested to obtain from the Chief of Police, a report as to the Departments compliance with the Provisions of Section 23-23-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended, relative to Life Saving Buoys required in Police Vehicles."

Accordingly, it respectfully reports it studied the following:

(1.) Report of the Acting Chief of Police, dated March 12, 1976;

(2.) Memorandum to the Acting Chief of Police, dated March 17, 1976, requesting a more detailed report within the purview of the governing statute, being 23-23-12, of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended, and

(3.) Communication from the Acting Chief of Police, dated March 26, 1976, responding to the prior Memorandum of March 17, 1976.

Your Committee respectfully reports that as a result of its study of the subject matter, it has ascertained that the Providence Police Department is not in complete compliance with the statute.

Accordingly, the Chief of the Police Department is hereby ordered to cause the equipping forthwith, of all marked and unmarked Police vehicles, which do not comply with the provisions of the State Law, and upon the completion of such compliance, that he report to the City Council concerning the same.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE COMMITTEE,

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR.,
CHAIRMAN.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 24 1976

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Ernest Cooper
CLERK

Philip F. Addison, Jr.
Councilman - Chairman

June 18, 1976



Col. Walter A. McQueney
CHIEF OF POLICE

Providence Police Department

Headquarters

209 Fountain Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

March 12, 1976

Councilman Philip Addison
Chairman of Commission on
Public Welfare
c/o City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Police Vehicles
Equipped with
Life Preservers

Dear Councilman Addison:

The department currently has on hand 59 marked police cars. Twenty-nine (29) of these are equipped with life preservers. The twenty-nine (29) vehicles are assigned to areas in which there are bodies of water. The remaining thirty (30) cars are assigned to areas that do not have bodies of water and to

Superior Officers.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Maroney
Stephen M. Maroney
Major
Acting Chief of Police

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 1976

TO: Major Maroney, Acting Chief of Police

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION #27, APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 1976

CONSIDERED BY: Councilman Philip F. Addison, Jr., Chairman

DISPOSITION: I submit the enclosure being a certified copy of the above subject.

23-23-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956,
as amended is as follows:

Lifesaving Buoy required in Police Vehicles.--All state and local police vehicles at all times shall maintain in the trunk area of said vehicles a lifesaving buoy and a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) feet of rope.

Councilman Addison desires a more detailed report within the purview of that statute namely, viz;

1. It appears from your report dated March 12, 1976, to the Committee on Public Welfare that thirty (30) marked cars are equipped only with life preservers and not lifesaving buoys and a minimum of 150 feet of rope; It further appears that the thirty (30) vehicles assigned to areas that do not have bodies of water and Superior Officers have no lifesaving equipment as required.

2. Do any of the City owned unmarked Police cars such as Task Force Assigned equipped with lifesaving equipment?

Will you kindly report in detail as above noted to the Committee on Public Welfare.

William J. Vespa

City Clerk

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PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS

209 FOUNTAIN ST. PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02903



March 26, 1976

Mr. Philip F. Addison, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Public Welfare
City Council Chambers
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Addison:

Regarding your request for more information concerning the compliance with Resolution of the City Council #27.

In reply to item #1 - all 30 cars are equipped with a ring-type, plastic foam, man overboard bouy, model #8408, manufactured by the Atlantic-Pacific Company of Brooklyn, N.Y. This bouy is approved for general use on motor boats of Class A, 1 or 2, not carrying passengers for hire and accepted as excess equipment on all other motorboats. The bouy carries a United States Coast Guard Approval #160.064/025/0. The bouy is a lightweight, easy throw type ring. Each car also is equipped with one hundred fifty feet of 1/4" nylon line, which is attached to the bouy.

The thirty equipped cars and the bodies of water they cover are as follows:

District #1

Bodies of water are: Providence River; all the lakes in Roger Williams Park, and Mashapaug Pond.

Cars Equipped with Life-Saving Bouys

Car#	11	Registration#	482
"	12	"	18
"	13	"	62
"	14	"	503
"	15 - Superior's Car	"	518
"	16	"	161
"	17	"	58

Cars Equipped with Life-Saving Bouys

Car#	Cruiser #1	Registration#	478
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District #2

Bodies of water are: Canada Pond; Geneva Pond; Moshassuck River; West River; Woonasquatucket River.

Cars Equipped with Life-Saving Bouys

Car#	21	Registration#	522
"	22	"	507
"	23	"	25
"	24	"	153
"	25 - Superior's Car	"	878
"	26	"	481
"	27	"	508
	Cruiser #2	"	35

District #3

Bodies of water are: Providence River; Pond in North Burial Ground; Seekonk River; Hockey Pond; York Pond; Moshassuck River.

Cars Equipped with Life-Saving Bouys

Car#	31	Registration#	379
"	32	"	29
"	33	"	59
"	34	"	477
"	35 - Superior's Car	"	505

CENTRAL STATION

Bodies of water are: Providence River; Woonasquatucket River; Moshassuck River; Kings Pond; Dyer Pond.

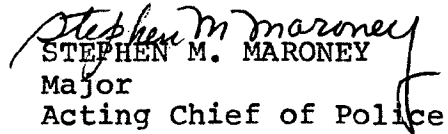
Cars Equipped with Life-Saving Bouys

Car#	40	Registration#	484
"	41	"	486
"	44	"	162
"	45 - Superior's Car	"	483
"	65 - " "	"	32
"	Cruiser #4	"	39
"	Cruiser #6	"	47
"	Cruiser #7	"	397

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In reply to Item #2 - no unmarked police cars, such as Task Force or Detectives are equipped with these life-saving bouys.

Very truly yours,


STEPHEN M. MARONEY
Major
Acting Chief of Police

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DEPT. OF CITY CLERK
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 1976
TO: Colonel McQueeney
SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE - LIFE SAVING BUOYS
CONSIDERED BY: City Clerk, Vincent Vespia

DISPOSITION: Attached is copy of report submitted to the City Council by the Committee on Public Welfare.

Will you kindly note the final paragraph of the subject report, wherein it orders that the Chief of the Police Department, upon completion of compliance, report back to the City Council.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vincent Vespia".

City Clerk