

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 507

Approved October 9, 1973

WHEREAS, Providence is considered one of the finest Cities in the United States of its size and the program of its excellent police and fire departments in the fields of crime control and fire prevention is outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Providence has a history of leadership in these areas including the receipt of several National Awards and Commendations for fire prevention work; and

WHEREAS, the problem of increasing lawlessness especially among juveniles and the category of sex crimes is a nationwide problem, which is also affecting our community; and

WHEREAS, prevention and instruction in prevention has been formulated and emphasized for many years in fire control work; and

WHEREAS, until recently police work has been concentrated on enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence spends millions of dollars to support education, and the area of crime among our youth has become so substantial that, were it possible to emphasize respect for authority and the virtues of honesty, courtesy, patience and consideration of others as part of school curriculum, just as the teaching of fire prevention and health education has been very salutary, so might knowledge by the public of crime control, and it is desirable police personnel be more in touch with the public;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Safety communicate with the school authorities to prepare a program whereby selected members of their department speak before assemblies of clubs, organized groups, and schools in the area so that the public have the opportunity to learn crime prevention and methods for reducing crime.

APPROVED

MAYOR

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 4 1973
READ AND PASSED

Robert J. Horton
Vincent Crespi

OCT 9 1973
Joseph A. Perley

THE COMMITTEE ON

Public Welfare

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Vincent Cooper

9-25-73

Chair.

FRANCIS B. BROWN
COMMISSIONER



LEONARD W. REILLY
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT

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

October 31, 1973


The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Att: Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk

Gentlemen:

In connection with Resolution No. 507, approved October 9, 1973 - ".....that the Commissioner of Public Safety communicate with the school authorities to prepare a program whereby selected members of their department speak before assemblies of clubs, organized groups, and schools in the area so that the public have the opportunity to learn crime prevention and methods for reducing crime." - I am forwarding a report from Major Stephen M. Maroney of the Police Department pertaining to the subject Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


Commissioner of
Public Safety

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PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 30, 1973

To: Francis B. Brown, Commissioner of Public Safety

From: Major Stephen M. Maroney, Department Inspector

Subject: Resolution # 507, City Council, October 9, 1973

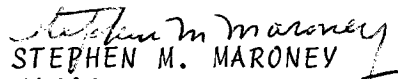
Sir:

Please be advised that for the past several years the Providence Police Department through its Community Relations Bureau, Public Relations Bureau and also by using other officers from the department has established a Speakers Bureau by encouraging speaking engagements before Civic and other groups to relate police activities. We have also had members of this speaking bureau talk with the students of Hope, Mt. Pleasant, Classical, Cental High Schools and LaSalle Academy to present to them the problems and pleasures of serving the public.

In the last few months a new program has been implemented known as the "Officer Friendly Program". Ptlm. Steven Cross has been named "Officer Friendly" representing the Providence Police Department. Ptlm. Cross visits and talks to the children in the elementary schools in Providence. This program is supported financially by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and the City of Providence.

I will communicate with Dr. Charles Bernardo, Supt. of the Providence Public Schools, City of Providence regarding the Resolution # 506, City Council, approved October 9, 1973 to see if a program may be established within the school department by members of the Police Department to speak before the student bodies and various assemblies of clubs and organized groups to convey methods of crime prevention for reducing crime in the community.

Respectfully submitted,


STEPHEN M. MARONEY
MAJOR
DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

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