

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 123

Approved February 9, 1995

RESOLVED, That a Driver Safety Course be taught at the Providence Police Academy and to have periodic updating for all Officers at least once every three (3) years.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 2 1995
READ AND PASSED

Anthony J. Fargnoli
PRES.
Richard L. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED
FEB 9 1995
Vincent A. Cianci
MAYOR

Caecilia Jelski

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WHEREAS, On Monday, January 16, 1995, there was a disturbance outside the Strand Theater in Downtown Providence following a concert, and

WHEREAS, Although there were several people arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, the disturbance turned ugly when a Providence Police Officer was video taped kicking a young man several times on the ground, and

WHEREAS, Upon reviewing the video tape by Chief of Police Bernard E. Gannon and others the Chief has called for the suspension of the Policeman, and

WHEREAS, This action taken by Chief Gannon, has caused the Fraternal Order of Police to criticize Providence Police Chief and Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. for supporting Police Chief Bernard E. Gannon, and

WHEREAS, Not only did the Fraternal Order of Police criticize Chief Gannon, but called for a vote No Confidence among their union people, and

WHEREAS, Since this incident has taken place and the call for Chief Gannon to resign, has prompted a coalition of support from various religious and community groups commending Chief Gannon in calling for a full investigation into the recent televised beating of a minority male by a Providence policeman, and

WHEREAS, There are some members of the Council who feel that Police Chief Gannon did the right thing in suspending the police officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we the members of the City Council, Kevin Jackson, Balbina A. Young, Patricia K. Nolan, Ronald W. Allen and John Rollins do hereby support Police Chief Bernard E. Gannon's decision in the aftermath of this incident and the calling of a full investigation into the behavior of the police officer who has placed a cloud over the Providence Police Department.

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READ AND PASSED

Edilyn V. Targnoli
PRES.
Michael L. Clement
CLERK



