



# City of Cambridge Police Department

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**Robert C. Haas**  
*Police Commissioner*

**Robert W. Healy**  
*City Manager*

September 23, 2011

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

Re: Request for Approval for an Emergency Operations Mobile Command Center

Sir:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Bill Mergendhal, Chief Executive Officer of Professional Ambulance regarding the donation of a 1998 Horton Type III, Ford E450 Ambulance.

In recent weeks, the department has had numerous conversations with other city agencies regarding the need for an Emergency Operations Mobile Command Center to facilitate responses during an emergency incident. During the water main break at Broadway and Trowbridge Street, it was difficult to communicate with responding agencies; there was adequate space to convene planning in response to the emergency as well as privacy to discuss critical issues that needed to be addressed. This vehicle will be conservatively outfitted to accommodate radio operations, access to city computer services as well as a hard line for emergency calls. In addition, the vehicle would be outfitted with a small generator to accommodate the reduction of vehicle idling in the event that an incident is active for an extended period of time. Lastly, this vehicle can accommodate six to eight people comfortably to facilitate an emergency or incident command. The vehicle would be registered as a Police Department marked vehicle and would be maintained at 125 Sixth Street in the ATT parking lot. Therefore, we are requesting your approval to register this vehicle and have it outfitted to meet the current needs of the department and city during emergency incidents.

This vehicle would be utilized for other special events such as Fourth of July, Caribbean Festival, serious crime scenes for Incident Command, Regatta, Octoberfest, May Fair, Dance Party and other necessary events that would require an Incident Command Center.

In the future, we would seek to procure a vehicle that would accommodate the needs of the City during emergency incidents or special events. In implementing this vehicle, we would be able to assess the utility and build on the needs of the City in responding to incidents. We look forward

We look forward to future discussions with you on this as we move forward in assessing the utility of this vehicle with minimal budget impacts.

Please feel free to contact myself or Deputy Wilson to address any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Haas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert C. Haas  
Police Commissioner



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September 21, 2011

Commissioner Robert Haas  
Cambridge Police Department  
125 Sixth Street  
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Commissioner Haas:

I am writing in regard to the donation of a used ambulance from Professional Ambulance to the Cambridge Police Department in support of Emergency Operations.

Please accept our donation of a 1998 Horton Type III, Ford E-450 ambulance VIN 1FDXE40F3WHB94721 with an estimated value of \$2,000.00.

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Bill Mergendahl  
Chief Executive Officer