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RE: Cadet Program Webinar & Local 718 Letter

Members,

This message is in response to a letter sent to the union membership from the Local 718 President regarding a recent webinar press conference that we co-hosted on 1/25/21. The letter falsely quoted me stating that I did not want Local 718 at the table to plan the Cadet program which is not true. This incorrect claim only serves as a distraction to our goals & purpose. You can see the entire webinar on our website (<http://bostonvulcans.org>).

The webinar provided a forum to announce the Cadet Program with The Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR), State Representative Chynah Tyler who sponsored the Bill, and City Councilor Andrea Campbell. The purpose of the webinar was to acknowledge those stakeholders that fought for the cadet bill to become law and to recognize those who truly wanted to see it implemented. It was also important for us to solidify our seat at the table as an organization. The Boston Chapter of the NAACP was not in attendance but they co-hosted our community forum in 2017 and supported us from the start.

Last week, I met with Fire Commissioner Dempsey and John Soares from Local 718 and we all agreed to work together to implement a successful program. More information on the planning and implementation of the program will follow.

Respectfully,

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