

Suburbs push for service

Grant needed for township EMS

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

West Bloomfield must have a federal grant of about \$200,000 to launch its plans for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) by 1978.

"It will take the \$200,000 we have tentatively budgeted combined with CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) funds to buy equipment, pay start-up costs and supplement the manpower costs," Twp. Supervisor John N. Doherty said.

This falls on the heels of an announcement at the April 18 township board meeting that EMS could be implemented locally without the possibility of a special tax.

That tax may still be sought if CETA funds aren't approved. Township officials explained last week they had originally included the expected CETA money as part of the estimated \$400,000 needed to launch EMS even though the allocation won't be known until May 15.

If the township is not granted the CETA funding, Doherty said, it would only be able to finance part of a program. "We could have one life support vehicle for instance," he said, adding all advice indicates two will be needed.

Township board members have consulted with Bloomfield Township which has just begun its EMS services and other municipalities on their experience with EMS programs.

Without CETA funding, the township will have to go to the voters in a special election to ask for a tax hike of from a half to one mill. The one

mill would add \$1 to every \$1,000 of assessed property evaluation.

Harold McKay, director of Manpower Employment Training for Oakland County, which administers CETA funds, said they should learn the federal allocation to the county on May 15.

"That will be a busy week. We have 400 applications which must be considered. We are waiting for Congress to act. The allocations are first, to sustain present CETA jobs, and second, to specific projects," McKay said.

The projects must show measurable benefit, have the concurrence of the local government and employ people whom they would not have ordinarily under regular expenditures, he said.

WEST BLOOMFIELD'S request for \$200,000 is for 10 firefighters specifically hired as EMS technicians as well as regular fire duties, Doherty said.

HOPEFUL THE CETA funds will be awarded the township, the board Monday named a resident advisory committee to study problems of setting up an EMS system.

An 11-person committee of experts and lay persons has been chosen from 100 volunteers to serve as an EMS resident advisory.

The committee will hold its organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Fire Station No. 1 on Orchard Lake Road.

"It's a small, well qualified, hard-hitting group," Twp. Supervisor John

Doherty said, adding that he hopes for a committee report in 60 days.

Three local organizations asked to name their own representatives were Optimists, Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield and the League of Women Voters.

Representatives named are Don Schmitt, 623 Heather Heath Lane, Optimists; Marvin Hoffman, 4470 Savoy Trail, CCWB; and Charlotte DeRoven, LWV.

Mrs. DeRoven is EMS chairman for the League, which has been studying EMS for more than a year.

Also named were Marilyn Fessler, 1760 Marylestone, wife of State Rep. Richard Fessler (R-Union Lake);

Tom Shuler, 2852 Carlson, a business man; Theresa Rogers, 5349 Doherty,

a nurse who has worked with Southfield's EMS; Al Green, 6884 Tamerlane, who has worked with EMS in Detroit; Paul Hines, 3545 MacNichol Trail, a communications expert with Michigan Bell; and Eugene Kuthy, 4585 Valleyview, a management advisor.

Two doctors will also be part of the committee but only one was named Monday. Dr. M.F. Rydesky, who is just moving into the township, will serve. He is familiar with EMS from work in Detroit's Harper Hospital emergency room.

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