

Livonia, Hills, Farmington join in mutual aid pact

Livonia's fire and rescue services contract with area suburbs will be extended this month to include Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills and three other departments.

The city council Monday indicated at a committee meeting that it will approve the addition to the 1983 mutual aid agreement and agreed with the head of the firemen's union that the pact should be reviewed and

updated.

But John Kocera, president of Livonia Firefighters' Association, Local 1164, opposed the addition of six other departments to the agreement. He said Livonia would get the short end of any exchange of services.

Livonia may be asked to send 20 full-time firemen and an aerial ladder truck to a fire outside the city, he said, and in exchange a neighboring com-

munity may send only "two volunteers and a haywagon."

Most councilmen and Fire Chief John Bunk agreed that Livonia shouldn't subsidize or encourage neighboring communities to avoid building up their fire departments.

They feared that those communities may avoid adding full-time firemen and more equipment and instead use Livonia's staff and trucks.

Bunk said that there has been no abuse by other departments of Livonia's firemen or equipment.

Bunk also said there have been few calls for mutual aid.

Councilman Jerry Raymond was concerned that other cities would use Livonia's emergency medical services (EMS) more than Livonia would call on other departments.

Council President Robert McCann

said Livonia may have a large potential for fire disasters with the concentrations of people. He cited two colleges, two regional shopping centers and the industrial corridor.

Bunk said two communities to be added to the agreement, Dearborn and Northville Township, will provide specific benefits for Livonia freeway fires through the use of their foam equipment and 3,000 gallon water tanker,

respectively.

He said the water tanker aids fighting freeway fires when there are no water hydrants nearby.

Departments in the original agreement are from Westland, Redford Township, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton Township and others in western Wayne County and eastern Washtenaw County.

2 men try to lure children into car

Two men who attempted to lure children into a car last week are being sought by Farmington Hills police.

The two suspects allegedly approached two children in the Church Commons subdivision, located south of Eleven Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Rd., on Feb. 17.

The driver got out of the car to ask one child if he wanted to go for a ride.

The other suspect was a passenger in the vehicle, described as a very new white car with a vinyl top, resembling a Ford Cobra (a version of the Mustang, late 1960's body-style).

When the child ran away, the car approached another child in the subdivision. The child ran home before the driver could speak to him.

One of the children spotted the same car at Middlebelt Elementary School Monday afternoon, but was unable to

read the license plate number.

The license plate was a Michigan plate, according to the child.

The driver was described as about 5-feet, 10-inches in height, with a black mustache and thick hair. He wore a denim hat denim pants and down vest, one child said.

The passenger was described as having blond-brown shoulder-length hair.

Police are investigating the incidents.

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Medical staff picks officers

Dr. Robert Douglass, of Farmington was elected secretary of the Providence Hospital medical staff at the physicians' annual meeting recently.

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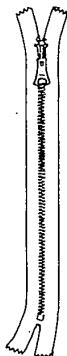
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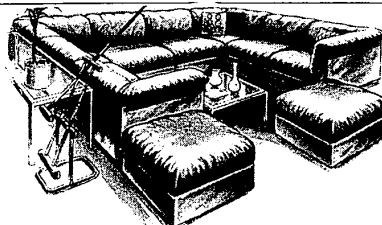
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