Township policewoman has no plans to cop out

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

If West Bloomfield's first woman po-lice officer has any fear of male chau-vinism, it doesn't show. Poised and confident, 23-year-old Jean McBride knows it may be a little tougher for her than for male recruits when she goes on the road after her training at the county police academy ends Sept. 7.

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"All rookies go through a watching and testing time," says Ms. McBride.

"It's just a matter of their getting used to me. I'm not a feminist to the point where I can say I'd handle some things as well as the big guys," says the 5-foot-6, 125-pound blonde.

A woman might have an edge, she adds, in public relations, tact, diplomacy or understanding.

"There will be cases where they

(male officers) can help me and others where I can help them," Ms. McBride says. Her only goal now is "to be good at my job. I'm fascinated with all of

at my job. I'm fascinated with all of it."

A WEST BLOOMFIELD resident since she was 6, she was enthralled by stories told her by a neighbor woman who was a Detroit police officer.

After graduating from Groves High School, Ms. MeBride enrolled at Michigan State University where she earned a decree in criminal justice in 1978.

Most recently, "I was an undercover store detective in Lansing, I applied for a job with the West Bloomfield police 1½ vears ago."

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Of a number of jobs held during her college years, she says working in the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office was of most value. "I learned more than books could ever have taught me," Ms. McBride says.

What qualities make a good officer? "Common sense, patience, the ability to think on your feet, self-motivation and compassion," she says without hes-

itation.

She adds being a good listener, communicator and judge of character as

municator and juoge or consuscent other attributes.

A TYPICAL by is spent in rigorous training at the police academy.

An only child, she has a quick dinner with her mother and grandfather be-fore settling down to a three-hour homework session to prepare for the next day.

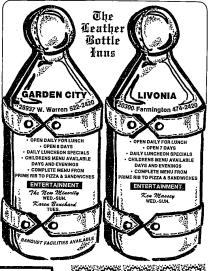
normework occasion to the physical training Ms. McBride is getting is, "not as bad as I expected. I have trouble with the pushups, but some of the men have trouble with leg

Some of the most stretches.
"I'm not out to prove anything to anyone but myself," says the new recruit.





Above, fellow recruit Mike Kemper (left) and Jean pay close attention to instructor Danny Bartley's directions for pacifying a defiant offender. Upper right, new police recruit Jean McBride learns the art of self defense during her weeks of training at the county police academy. (Staff photos by Charlie Kidd)





HUD consumer forum today

Goodwill sale

slated Friday

There will be a special one-day sale at the League for the Handicapped-Goodwill Industries from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. The sale will be in the Goodwill Building, 6522 Brush at East Grand Boulevard, Detroit.

Purpose of the special sale is to clear space needed for other League-Goodwill programs.

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A large quantity of mattresses and box springs, a contribution from a large organization, will be sold. Other items for sale include desks, tables, file cabinets and numerous household articles. Proceeds from the sale are used in

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