tion they live in and the dispatcher must transfer the call to another com-munity's agency, said Patricis La-Porte, Farmington Public Safety re-cords and communications supervisor. That's when a combined dispatch sys-

Tax increase is expected in Farmington

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or residential by an average of 4-per-cent," Deadman said, "But it's an aver-age. Some homes may, in fact, go up: While faced with anticipated in-creased expenditures in 1983-84, the decrease in total SEV gives the city fewer dollars for each mill levied, Deadman said." "ZES WE do have a dilemma to wrestle with." Deadman said. "We do have a problem with the dropping reve-me."

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Although city officials could avoid for easing local taxes, it would be at the expense of seriously affecting the existing level of public safety (police and fire) and public works services (garbage collection, aidewalks and winter street maintenance, for example) now provided by the city.

The proposed millinge increase can be broken down into two components: a .39+mill increase in operating millinge and a .55-mill increase in the debt service millage. That translates into an operating millinge increase from the existing 10.105 to 10.50 and a debt service milling hite from the current. 45-mills to 1.24 mills.

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planned drain projects: the Caddell Drain Project and another in a 98-acre parcel southwest of Farmington Road and Grand River. The debt service millage would be used to increase the funding level for bonds that will be issued to pay for the two projects, Deadmans said.

But Deadman maintains that a local tax increase alone is insufficient to offset the city's projected financial plach. So, in addition to the recommended millage increase, Deadman also is suggesting ming about \$147,000 in reserve funds to belp balance the proposed 193-48 budget.

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But city officials still are expecting to receive \$475,000 in state shared revenues, which is comparable to 1983-84, Deadman said.

Deadman said.

Although a public hearing on the proposed millage increases is still unscheduled, Farmington City Council
members have scheduled four budget
sessions, all at 7 p.m. on the following

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tem would come in handy.

"So our main goal is cilizen access—
so they have easy access to getting help
when they need it," she said.

If established, without the aid of E\$11 — a computerized emergency response system that automatically provices police with a victim's address
and phone number — a combined
dispatch service would offer residents
in the three communitys pole emergency phone number, Siefert said. But
each community's pole and fire departments would maintain their own
separate business phone numbers,

"The dispatcher would make a determination of which agency the call
should go to," Siefert said.
Whether or not the E-911 is implemented, committee members must decide where a central dispatch center
could be located, possible costs involved and whether additional equipment, such as satellite receivers, are
needed. Siefert said.

"We all share a common frequency
now," Siefert said, indicating it would
be fairly easy to combine dispatch systems.

BUT SIEFERT indicated that a cen-

BUT SIEFERT indicated that a cen-trai dispatch system would provide Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield with more financial benefit because of their larger staffs. Farmington has

coily one dispatcher on duty at a time sawering phoces, Siefert said. So a combined system would have little effect on Farmington's personnel.

The study is incomplete as to what impact consolidation would have on Farmington Hills' police dispatchers. But, Godwin said, "assuming there would be an excess, there's other jobs such as clerical."

While the traditional 911 system still its available, Siefert and LaPorto said it would be pointless to install it with the E-911 system on the borton because the equipment is not interchangeable. And while the E-911 system appears to be a pot of gold for police and fire services, particularly in solving the problem of residents not knowing which department to call, "it's point-less for each (of the three communities) to go out and duplicate the equipment costs," La Porte said.

"It's very expensive there's no doubt shout it," she said, indicating committee members still have yet to receive any indication from the phone company bow much the E-911 system would cost.

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Although the study doesn't have to be fluished by the time the three govern-mental units adopt their new fiscal year budgets later this year, commit-tee members are alming for a summer completion date.



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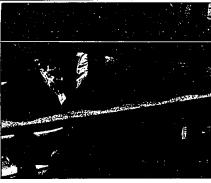


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