

Pair lured from Farmington department

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"The responsibilities of the public safety directors are virtually the same," Seifert said, "although the communities aren't all that similar."
"It (Oak Park) is culturally diverse, but it's a longstanding, very stable community. It's very family and service-oriented."

BEFORE COMING to Farmington, Seifert served as police chief in Gaylord, as a sergeant and patrolman in the Ann Arbor Police Department and as a police intern in the Dade County (Florida) Public Safety Department.

He holds a bachelor of science degree with honors in police administration from Michigan State University.

Seifert, a Livonia resident, called his stay in Farmington "personally and professionally satisfying."

"I've been very happy in Farmington," he said Seifert. "It's been a great place to work. It's a great community."

"The time I've been here has been especially enjoyable because of the working relationship I've had with the city manager, the mayors, councilmen, citizens, businessmen and civil leaders."

Switzer, also 40, will command a department with 14 full-time members and 20 reserves. His new position pays \$25,000 a year, according to Gloria Machele, Emmett Township Clerk.

"In a way, I'm sad to leave the city," Switzer said. "All my experience has

been here. They allowed me to grow.

"I don't believe I could have attained the (Emmett Township) position without the knowledge and leadership I obtained from my current director (Seifert)."

EMMETT TOWNSHIP, population 11,155 and growing, is located on the southeastern edge of Battle Creek.

"It's a mixture of residential and agricultural," said Machele, the township clerk. "We don't have much industry."

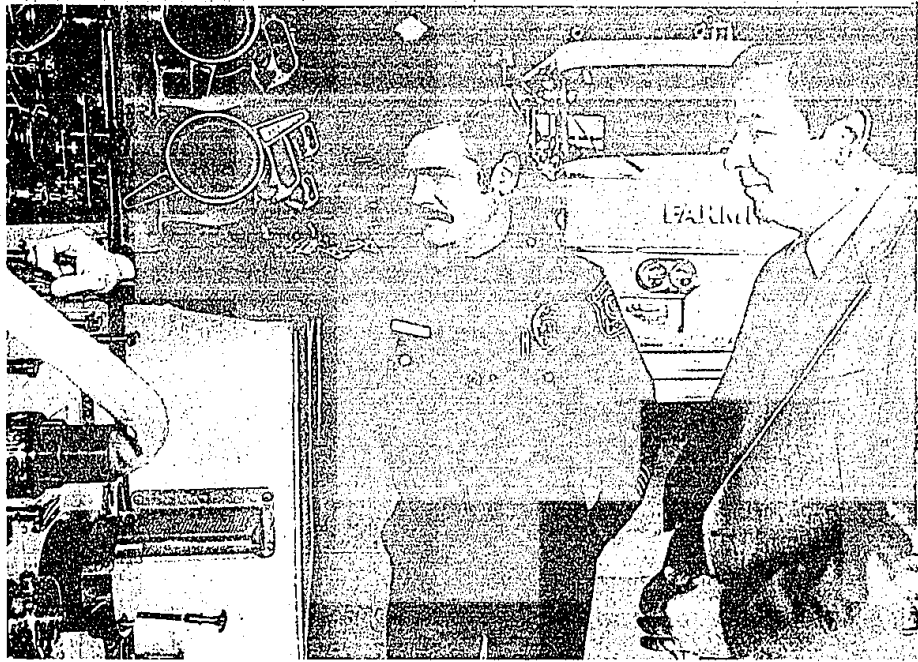
Robert F. Deadman, Farmington city manager, said he'd "take a hard look at the current staff" in recruiting a new department head. The search for the replacements hasn't started yet, he added.

In addition to Seifert and Switzer, several other Farmington public safety officers have left in the past two years. Some of them are John Santomuro, now public safety director in Pittsfield Township near Ann Arbor; Norm Madison, Pittsfield's fire marshal; and Chip Sneider, police chief in Milan.

"Nobody's taken a step down," noted Switzer. "They've all advanced. It shows the kind of development they have here."

Added Deadman, himself a former director of public safety, "We've got some good people here. I wouldn't be surprised if more chiefs came out of this department."

Deputy Director Frank J. Lauboff will run the department in the interim, Deadman said.



FILE PHOTO

G. Robert Seifert (right), soon to depart for Oak Park, and Norm Maddison, now in Pittsfield Township, examined a piece of fire

fighting equipment in March 1980 just after Seifert was named Farmington's public safety director.

DeMattia aids firm's growth

The R.A. DeMattia Co. of Farmington Hills is the construction manager for Dealers Financial Services Inc.,

which is building a new national headquarters in Northville on the shores of man-made Lake Success in the Northville Shores Office Center.

obituaries

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CHARLES J. HOWARD

Mr. Howard of Farmington Hills died Aug. 5 in Redford Community Hospital.

Mr. Howard was an engineer for General Electric Corp. before retiring. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, sister, Beatrice Martin.

Services were Aug. 8 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Kenneth Davis officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

JAMES V. SAYERS

Mr. Sayers, 78, of Pontiac, formerly of Farmington, died Aug. 5 in Georgian-Bloomfield Nursing Home.

Mr. Sayers worked for Ford Motor before retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; sons, James and Robert; brothers, Daniel, Harold and Ralph; sisters, Ann Manser and Clara Malloney; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 7 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Edward Belcak officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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