

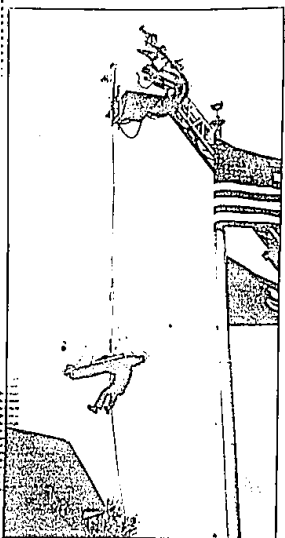
Rescue!

Fire prevention is spotlighted

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The department noted that free smoke detectors and installation are available for Farmington Hills residents. Call the community development office at 473-9505.

FIREFIGHTERS offer these smoke detector tips:



Farmington Hills firefighters demonstrate a rooftop rescue during the open house.

- One or more smoke detectors should be properly installed in your house. These inexpensive alarms have proven to be the difference between safe escape from a burning building and death or serious injury from fire.
- Explain to your children what a smoke detector does.
- Plan at least two escape routes from your house for every family member.
- Practice fire escape drills regularly.
- Regularly check to see if your smoke detector is operating properly and replace the batteries when needed.

National Fire Protection Association records show that residential fires nationally claim 4,000 lives each year. Last year, 301 people in Michigan lost their lives as a result of fire. Nearly 30 percent were children younger than 12.

"PLANNING IN advance for fire emergencies would save many of the lives lost annually in home fires and also significantly reduce fire-related injuries," according to a Michigan State Police press release.

Firefighters urge residents to practice Operation EDITH (Exit Drills in the Home). The fire department recommends that each family take part in a fire-safety evacuation drill this week by:

- Draw up a floor plan of your house and identify two routes of escape from each room, especially the bedrooms.
- Prearrange a safe place for your family to meet outside.
- Explain the exit drill so everyone understands.

Your escape plan should be tested several times during the year.

IF YOU discover or suspect fire in your house, firefighters urge that you:

- Sound an alarm to alert all occupants.
- Evacuate the building quickly. Don't stop for a favorite pet or valuables. Once out, do not re-enter. Never try to hide from smoke or fire.
- Stay low if there is smoke. The best air available is near the floor.
- Feel the door. If it's hot, or if smoke is coming in around the door, do not open it. Immediately use an alternate escape route.
- Prearrange a family meeting place outside the house and wait there for other family member.
- Assume that the fire department has been called.

Small children should never try to extinguish a fire, firefighters say.

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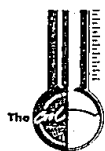
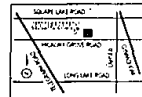


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History book on sale

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of this area, her autobiography and an article written by her on the Underground Railroad.

The book is available in limited edition hardbound for \$32.50 and in soft-bound edition for \$18.95. The first 500 hardcover copies are serially numbered.

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