

Halting crime: That's his aim

By Bob Sklar
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Farmington Hills Police Lt. Richard Murphy is hooked on advanced training in the field of crime prevention.

"Extra training gives you an extra edge in the state-of-the-art techniques of crime prevention," said Murphy, newly elected president of the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners.

"The society's purpose is to provide technical assistance to police departments and other agencies involved in crime prevention. An international thrust is its top attraction.

"It gives the rare opportunity to network with lots of other people also working in crime prevention," Murphy said.

"It lets you share successes and failures. And it lets you develop contacts for particular problems."

MURPHY was elected to a one-year term as president at the society's ninth annual conference, held Sept. 30 to Oct. 4 in Portland, Ore.

The conference drew participants from such diverse foreign lands as Canada, South Korea and England.

Murphy's immediate goal is to complete development of a standard curriculum for crime prevention training.

"There's no uniform standard for training now," he said. "Some police departments offer a two-week course in crime prevention but little beyond that. Other departments just name a crime prevention officer and let him learn on the job."

Curriculum development, begun last year, is targeted for completion by next year's conference in Montreal.

PROGRAM CATALOGUING is another of Murphy's projects.

The society recently signed a one-year contract with the National Crime Prevention Council and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, both in Washington, to document all crime prevention programs offered by U.S. police departments.

Although the annual conference provides a setting for some advanced crime prevention training, Murphy hopes to introduce regional training sessions, particularly in the west.

"A lot of police departments can't afford to send officers to the national conference. That's a \$1,000 bill for some. Through regional sessions, we hope to bring training to the officers," Murphy said.

MURPHY ALSO is president of the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

That group offers quarterly training more advanced than what's available through the Detroit Police Academy's two-week basic course. The course covers such fundamentals as locks, alarms and security surveys.

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training at its three-day fall conference on such topics as computer fraud, rural crime prevention and credit card fraud.

Murphy, who joined the Farmington Hills Police Department in 1970, is commander of the investigation division.

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Many burglaries remain unsolved and even if the perpetrator of the crime is apprehended, it does not completely compensate for the invasion of privacy, loss of a victim's possessions or the damages resulting from a break-in.

Since burglary is a crime of opportunity, reducing those opportunities is the most practical approach to prevention. The majority of security deficiencies can be corrected easily and inexpensively.

The Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Section offers information and instruction to community members in analyzing their security weaknesses through the Residential and Commercial Security Survey Program.

These surveys, available free of charge, provide an invaluable community service by evaluating potential security risks and recommending measures that can be implemented to reduce those risks.

If you would like to take advantage of this free program, please complete the accompanying form and return it to the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Appointments can also be arranged by calling the Crime Prevention Section at 474-6181, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.