

# Yearlong anti-drug efforts planned

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The Farmington Hills Police Department's relatively new crime prevention advisory committee will spearhead the planned three-prong attack on substance abuse. The program will highlight strong law enforcement, rehabilitation and in-depth educational programs for the community.

The designated week will be kicked off Monday, April 18, with a mayoral proclamation followed by the unveiling of a 19-point plan of action for 1988-89. The plan is designed to fight drug abuse, improve rehabilitation services and educate children, teens, parents and community members.

"THIS WHOLE substance abuse problem is coming out of the closet," Farmington Hills police chief William Dwyer said, adding that affluent suburbs are beginning to acknowledge the increase of substance abuse in their communities.

Consider that one-third of all kids in the United States use illegal drugs or that one of every 20 high school seniors admit to using marijuana daily, Dwyer said.

Or consider that the government spends \$10 billion annually to stop the supply of illegal drugs. Or that two-thirds of all crimes committed in the country are drug-related and that 3 million people are cocaine users, 500,000 are heroin addicts and one in every five employees uses drugs on the job, Dwyer continued.

Drug use is "ubiquitous as french fries," said Jim King, a special agent for the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Crack cocaine, which is considered the "most addictive drug known to mankind," is available today in all high schools and middle schools, he said.

The campaign's roots are in the police department, but will spread to involve administrators, teachers and



Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department shows a display case of confiscated drug paraphernalia. The display will

be used to educate parents and community members on the type of items used in substance abuse.

students in the Farmington Public Schools, community organizations and city officials. The advisory committee is comprised of clergy, residents, business leaders, attorneys and substance abuse authorities.

"EDUCATION IS the big thrust," Dwyer said. "I think we have a very comprehensive plan. We are systematically going to prioritize items and implement them as soon as possible."

Red ribbons will symbolize drug awareness during the "Say No To Drugs" week. They will be worn by all city personnel, school administrators, students and parents. All city and police cars and school buses will boast "Say No To Drugs" bumper

stickers and similar posters will be placed throughout the city in religious organizations, schools and stores.

The special week also will be highlighted by two panel discussions featuring local substance abuse authorities. The panels will focus on how to identify potential drug and alcohol problems and how to obtain professional and confidential help. Cable viewers will be able to call in and ask questions of the panelists.

The first program will be broadcast at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, from the North Farmington High School auditorium, 32900 13 Mile, before an audience of high school and middle school students. Panelists will discuss drug effects and law

enforcement. The program will air on educational cable access Channel 10.

The second program at 8 p.m. April 20 in North Farmington's auditorium will be geared more to parents, who are encouraged to attend the panel discussion, said Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department. Panelists will discuss what parents can do to help children learn about drugs or kick the habit.

Other programs are planned through May, including discussions of the city's narcotic paraphernalia and host liability ordinances and the effect substance abuse has on families. The programs will provide information on where to seek help for substance abuse.

## Education can aid drug abuse fight

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Education is the key to reducing substance abuse.

"I don't believe we are all aware of the impact, the tremendous problem drugs cause our society," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said.

Education underscores what is planned as a yearlong campaign to fight drug and alcohol abuse in Farmington Hills. The campaign will be kicked-off with a specially designated "Say No To Drugs" week April 17-23.

Dwyer and other Farmington Hills police officials were joined Monday by area authorities on substance abuse and the criminal justice system. The group presented its ideas and plans for a yearlong substance abuse battle to the Farmington Hills City Council.

"Drugs are ingrained in our society," Dwyer said. Today the popular and cheap drug is crack cocaine. Five years from now another equally potent drug will inevitably take its place, he said.

Efforts on the local, state and federal levels will continue to cut the supply of illegal drugs entering the country. But law enforcement officials acknowledge that's simply not enough of a weapon to stem the increasing substance abuse.

"DESPISE RECORD seizures, we are still getting our butts kicked," said Jim King, veteran special agent for the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

The time has come, King said, when the DEA has to acknowledge that the American demand for ille-

gal drugs must be addressed as strongly as the DEA addresses the supply side of the industry.

"What we have to recognize is that law enforcement is not going to win this war. We're not going to eliminate the supply," he said. "We can't blame rehabilitation. They can't blame crime prevention. We've been passing the buck around for many years."

The new thrust must be toward the demand side of the illegal drug industry. Education is a way of cutting that demand. But it takes cooperation of law enforcement, parents, schools, the community and children, King said.

"If it wasn't for the drug users, there wouldn't be any suppliers," King continued.

Farmington Public Schools deputy superintendent Michael Flanagan agreed. "We believe the future of this country is at stake. We don't feel that's overstated."

The district, he said, is revamping its curriculum to include drug abuse education, particularly in health classes. Education for teachers also is included. But sometimes there's even a simpler way of getting the message across to kids by saying, "We love you. Don't use drugs."

"It's nothing complicated. Sometimes it's as simple as telling them (children) you won't take it," Flanagan said.

FARMINGTON HILLS city councilwoman Jan Dolan asked Flanagan if the school district has a program that directly helps students kick their habits. "As far as I'm concerned that's my tax dollars well spent," she said.

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## Bly speaks on issues for men

Internationally honored writer Robert Bly, winner of the National Book Award, will lead the mens workshop titled "Passion and Purpose in the Male Psyche."

The workshop is set for Saturday, May 7, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Bly's presence in Michigan will give a major boost to the growing men's movement in the state.

Bly is one of America's foremost poets and an internationally renowned leader in the men's movement. He first gained national attention with the publication of "The Light Around the Body," which won the prestigious National Book Award. He has published 14 books while becoming increasingly involved in men's issues.

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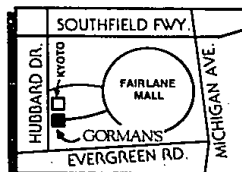
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