Mayor targets liquor violations

Controlling the sale of liquor to minors is one of Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever's priority mis-sions for 1989.

Aiming for a goal of zero viola-tions of liquor control laws among licensed establishments in the city. Sever is beginning with a series of letters to the 83 licensees and the Michigan Liquor Control Commis-

"I am sending a hard message. I expect to have you to have a procedure where people under 21 can't buy liquor. Our goal is working toward no violations," Sever said.

"Wo will sext whatever pressure is necessary to cause proper obser-vance of the law. We will not toler-ate accuses from responsible oper-actions of licensed establishments who are unable to guarantee that minors will not be sold fluor or other spir-its," according to Sever's letter.

Letters also will be sent to Patricia Knox, chairwoman of the LCC, and other commissioners urging maximum penalties for liquor law violators. We call on you to support our effort and revoke licenses from chronic violators to the maximum extent permitted by law."

THE LATEST focus, in conjunction with Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, stems from



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Sever's disappointment in licensees' poor marks in a series of undercover police cadet operations on the city's licenseed stabilishments.

"I am of the personal opinion that it's disappointing to see we've got more than 50 percent violators in the last couple years," Sever said.

Since October 1988, the police department conducted four undercover liquor law operations. Of 64 estabilishments checked in the first operation in October 1988, 76 percent, or 49, were cited for violations. Of 34 checked in June 1987, 12 or 35 percent were cited.

The best showing was in May 1988

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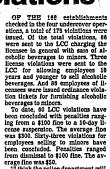
The city's SDM (beer and wine sales for off-premise consumption) and SDD (liquor sales for off-premise consumption) are performing better in following liquor laws than bars and restaurants, Dwyer sald.

Licensees were cited under both the state liquor laws and city ordi-

the state liquor laws and city ordi-nances prohibiting the sale of al-coholic beverages to minors.

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rom dismissant of the time. The average fine was \$50.
"I think the police department will continue these operations," Dwyer said. "We're not out there trying to entrap."



Lubavitch blaze may cost \$500,000

Damage from a fire during relig-ious school at the Lubavitch Center in Farmington Hills could ap-proach \$300,000, Rabbi Berel Shemtov sald.

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Farmington Hills fire investigators believe a space heater in the office where the fire started caught a sofa and a stuffed chair on fire about 11:30 a.m. Jan. 3.

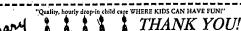
About 200 children, teachers and administrators were evacuated after a smoke alarm alerted the caretaker to the fire, in the office wing of the Orthodox Jewish center, 28555 Middlebelt.

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The day after the fire, classes for the 60 preschool and 40 religious school students were temporarily moved to homes of teachers and supporters and to the Lubavitch Center in Oak Park.

"It's not the best arrangemen but the children are adjusting well The time of learning is more preci-cus to us than the business side.' Shemtov said. Shemtov hopes to re-Flame damage was limited to sume some classes in the Farm the office wing. But there was ton Hills building by February.





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