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## Garage fire

A malfunctioning propane space heater caused about \$7,500 in damage to a detached garage on the 28100 block of Wildwood Trail about 10 a.m. Monday. Above, Farmington Hills firefighters (from left) Paul Cusack, John Wells and Larry Henderson look for smoldering fire. The fire was extinguished within five minutes.

# Device notifies police for hearing impaired

The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents or businesspeople with questions, concerns or additional information should contact the department at 473-7262.

Hearing-impaired people now have the means to accurately communicate with their local police departments to summon police, fire and emergency medical assistance. A Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, called a TDD, has been in operation at the Farmington Department of Public Safety since November 1988, when the Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency phone system went into operation, according to Commander Chuck Lee.

Telecommunications for the deaf began in 1983 when an acoustic coupler was developed that could accurately transmit and receive teletypewriter signals over telephone lines.

Hearing-impaired people with a TDD unit at home simply type the message they wish to send to their local police agency on the keyboard provided.

They then push a "send" key that transmits their message and causes the police agency's TDD unit to ring. There is no phone for the police to pick up; communication is established through keyboards at both the caller's home and the police department. The keyboard is similar to a



Claudia Jump, a Farmington Department of Public Safety dispatcher, uses a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) at the communications console in the dispatch room.

normal typewriter keyboard. THE PUBLIC safety department has several preprogramming messages in their unit that can be used to communicate quickly with a deaf person. These can be sent to the caller by pushing a single key — saving time during emergencies.

These might include messages or questions such as: "what is your address," "have everyone leave the house," "unlock the door and watch for the rescue units," or "can you describe the person or vehicle."

Besides having the ability to read messages, the unit has a printer built in which types out every message on paper so it may be saved or further reviewed.



## Egg hunt Event is Saturday

The Farmington Area Jaycees will sponsor an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. In case of rain, the hunt is scheduled for the following Saturday, March 25, at the same time and place, Heritage Park on Farmington Road, south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

## Paper drive planned

Scouts from Larkshire, Beechview and William Grace elementary school's will sponsor a paper drive to "improve the environment and help decrease landfill space," parent Colleen Davis said.

The drive will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-7 at Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills.

Newspapers and whatever comes in the Sunday magazine section will be accepted. Newspapers can be free-standing, tied with string or placed in paper bags. No plastic bags or taped paper will be accepted.

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