Community Corner

This week's question: How does the story of the Farmington Hills woman, who was beaten and robbed at the fireworks.in downtown Detroit affect your opinion

We asked this question at the Crossroads A&W in Farmington.

of the city?





'i still go because i feel can protect myself. But i tell my children no.'



- Scott Phillips Farmington Hills



- Lyndi Noonan Farmington Hills



— Carolyn Tata Livonia



Farmington Hills

Team trains for hazardous material emergencies



Firefighters (from left) Mark Neal of Westland, training-session-in-Farmington Hills for-the-Alan Brandemill of Livonia and Mike Frost of Garden City repair pressurized tanks during a Response Team.

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IN 1990 ALONE, HIRT responded to five incidents. In August, for example, the team went to Canton Township, where hazardous materials were disposed of in a stream. Two days later they went to Northville Township, where a toxic and corrosive material was found in an abandoned building. In December, they responded to the runway crash of two passenger jets at Detroit Metropolitan Aitport.

But these firefighters aren't walking blindly and uninformed into a situation. There's plenty of training and studying behind them. By December, the whole team is expected to be trained at the technical nevel, which is the minimum level of training the state now requires for those who respond to hazardous materials.

The topics covered in the team's training includes decontamination and proper use of equipment. The team in 1999 also had the opportunity to practice on simulated hazardous spills.

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Even since HRRT formed in 1988-89, laws have changed. Training is a constant, as is studying and keeping abreast of the laws and regulations governing hazardous and toxic materials.

In June, Farmington Hills hosted the monthly training, Beginning this month, the group will train twice a month through December, Kurzeja sald.

AT THE LATEST training session, HIRT members practiced the use of chlorine kits. Chlorine, Kurzeja said, comes in a variety of containers, from cylinders

to tank trucks. The kits contain the tools necessary to stop a chlorine leak. "We need to do this on a frequent basis," Kurzeja



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Canton Township firefighter Paul Pavioff re-pairs a water leak during the monthly training for the Western Wayne County Hazerdous in-cident Response Team.

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