Citizens committee works for public safety millage

A citizens committee was out in force during the weekend of Oct. 14-15 and expects to be out again to push for passage of the Farm-ington Hills Public Safety tax.

The 1-mill proposal will go to voters Nov. 7.

The Committee for a Safer Farmington Hills delivered litera-ture on the proposal that would add more firefighters and police

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Both the police officers' union local and the command officers' union have endorsed the proposed al. All five eity council candidates and mayoral candidate Aldo Var-nozzi favor the proposal. Mayoral candidate Paul Sowerby said he neither favors nor opposes the tax.

Hills police are well below the national average of officers per residents.



Milling about: Corey Bartsch, far left, and Ben Vaughan, fur right, of the Citizens for a Safer Farmington Hills were among the many who distributed fart sheets and lawn signs promoting the Nov. 7 Public Safety millage. The Doughty family of Clark, Clau-dia, Chris and Brian, put one of the signs in their Kendallwood subdivision yard. They were among the 3,000 registered voters and their families contacted during the Oct. 14-15 door to-door campaign by committee workers.



officers and cut down on response times. Lt. Tom Shurtleff, a firefighter and committee member, said the committee will be out at least two more weekends before the vote. Farmington Hills spends \$13.8 million a year on public safety compared to \$23.8 million in Livonia. Medical emergency runs exceed 4,500 syear, an increase of 78 percent since 1934.

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