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Farmington intersection. Council members are encouraging other boards and commissions to take part in producing programs.

One to three-minute infomercials will explain the city's leaf-up pick and recycling programs, and park regulations.

The city produces a half-hour show "Farmington Focus," which provides quarterly updates. Plans include splicing that show into additional one- and two-minute highlights, Lauhoff said.

"We're going to mix it up as much as possible," Lauhoff said. "We want to make the channel valuable to people... so they tune in."

Programs are planned and taped at Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission studios in Farmington Hills.

"Each city pretty much runs their own channel," said Caren Collins, executive director of SWOCC. "We assist and facilitate them in any way we can."

However, a station of its own doesn't mean city council meetings will become part of the Monday night program line-up.

For one, city council chambers is not cable ready and the cost to do so would run around \$80,000, Mayor JoAnne McShane said.

"We have not had any requests — that I know of — to cablecast our meetings," McShane said. "Every now and then people will ask, 'Are you on cable?'"

"People I know of have not called city hall asking for the meetings to be on cable."

As a result of Farmington getting its own station, Farmington Hills will have full access to Channel 8. Farmington Public Schools programming is featured on Channel 10.

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"a crime he did not commit."

Hollie and Girardin were working as partners as armored van guards. After the victim was shot, Hollie called police from a nearby restaurant.

Police said they became suspicious once they viewed video tape evidence from a police in-car camera and the Michigan National Bank branch's camera which was focused on the ATM machine near where the victim was shot.

Police said the tape showed a pickup van arriving at the scene and found that it

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—Dearborn police chief

matched one driven by Rowson.

Deziel said the investigation then focused on Rowson.

Sharpe agreed that his client and Rowson were close. But the attorney added that his entire family is close.

"His entire extended family is close," Sharpe said. "It's not as if that means he helped participate in a crime."

Besides the bank tape, Deziel said an in-car video tape in the police cruiser that arrived first at the scene at about 11 p.m. showed Hollie holding up his hands.

Hollie told police that was to make sure they did not mistake him for the robber.

But Deziel said an enhancement of a video from inside the bank showed a different picture than Hollie's account of another man coming out of the bank, pointing a gun at Girardin and escaping with the nine bags of money.

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machine."

But the camera caught more, from the time the armored vehicle pulled up to the bank until police arrived.

"The lens is wide enough, it does capture the door leading into the bank," he said. "The enhancement allows us to see what goes on the other side."

Sharpe said he has yet to see the tapes, which his client is entitled to do under discovery rules.

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Man not guilty in death of state trooper in Hills

An Oakland County jury found a South Lyon man not guilty in the traffic death of a Michigan State Police trooper in Farmington Hills Dec. 19, 1995.

Robert Mellrath, 65, had been charged with negligent homicide after his 1989 Ford F160 pickup truck struck a 1993 Chevy Cavalier driven by Anthony Trent Crosby, 29, of Southfield.

Crosby, an off-duty Michigan State Police trooper, was driving west on Nine Mile through the intersection at Middlebelt when Mellrath turned his pickup left from the westbound lane at 6:45

p.m. to go north on Middlebelt.

Crosby, his wife Sonja, 32, and Mellrath were taken to Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Crosby died from injuries. His wife and Mellrath survived.

Farmington Hills Officer Mike Ciaramitaro said the jury found Mellrath not guilty Nov. 20 and told attorneys that there was not enough evidence to convict the South Lyon man.

Although it was not admitted as evidence at the trial, Crosby was not wearing a seat belt.

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