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was one of eight Oakland County agencies to purchase the system without grant assistance, is paying \$6,868 per year for maintenance.

Farmington's total expenditure of \$12,500 will come from its 1999-2000 general fund.

In urging council members to approve the city's participation, City Manager Frank Lauffoff noted Farmington has been selected as one of the first two in Oakland County to have the fingerprinting system installed via the grant. Ferndale is believed to be the other.

Livescan computer technology enables fingerprinted suspects to be identified in a matter of minutes instead of days, Lauffoff said.

At present, prints done in the current ink-and-card system have to be mailed out to

FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM

identifying agencies.

Goss told the council the system makes a real-time image of each fingerprint on a large screen, thus enabling police to see and immediately correct bad images before they are recorded.

"We get a perfect print every time," he said — unlike the smudged prints that can happen via ink-and-card.

Furthermore, Goss said, the system searches a national database and "We should be able to get clearance on a person within 20 minutes."

The faster speed of the Livescan system "can significantly reduce a community's liability regarding false arrest claims," Lauffoff said.

Additionally, Livescan fingerprinting will become "an important part" of Oakland County's new Court Law Enforcement Management Information System (C.L.E.M.I.S.), enabling it to share information with all law enforcement agencies, he said.

Lauffoff said the new technology will be "necessary" in the future and that "the benefits, efficiencies and liability reduction will be many and immediate."

He noted that Goss, after evaluating the equipment, designed the new lock-up facility with Livescan installation in mind.

CAMPUS PIPELINE

DCB DEANS

The following Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at the Detroit College of Business:

Dolores Kosh, Mark Lebrke, Sharon Richard, son, Troy Strong and Suzette Wiscinski.

JOURNALISM SCHOLAR

Daniel Pierce has been awarded the Herick Scholarship by the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Pierce is a senior majoring in advertising, journalism and history. He graduated from North Farmington High School

and plans to work in public relations.

TEAM WORK

Joe Kirkland of Farmington, along with a team of students from Loyola University Chicago recently took first place in the national Business Ethics Fortnight competition at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. The team addressed the "English Only" policy some firms have adopted to homogenize language use on company grounds, policies which include conversations in break rooms and on the telephone.

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Suspect
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Shortly after noon Tuesday, a 13-year-old girl said a man in a red pickup truck tried to talk to her and a friend while they played catch in the front yard.

She went inside her house and the truck drove off.

A man said he saw someone matching the description eating with another man at Denny's on Grand River and Sincela around 10:40 p.m. Wednesday.

A 16-year-old Hills girl reported a man in a white car followed her home and peered inside a first-floor window of the family's home on Wembley Street Wednesday.

The man driving a car similar to a 1980s Chevy Celebrity continued to follow her to an aunt's home in

The suspect is described as a slightly overweight white male between 30-50 years old. He has light hazel or blue eyes with sandy blond or light brown hair, authorities said.

His truck is believed to be a faded red pickup, possibly a Chevrolet S-10 model. The driver's right side fender is painted a different color, police said.

On Thursday, Wixom police also a report the suspect had been sighted there.

"There are some similarities," said Kevin Hobert, a Novi police detective.

On June 20, the man approached in his pickup six girls between ages of 5-11 in the Novi and Northville area. He spoke to one female and made gestures to others in what is believed to have been an attempt to get them to come closer to his vehicle.

In one Hills case, the man said "home run" while watching two girls playing catch. He also made a reference that some boys were down the street before he drove away.

The girl told Hills police the man matched the composite shown on TV later that night. She wasn't able to provide a license plate number, police said.

FAMILY FUN

Here are just a few activities to entertain you and your children during the summer:

■ Downtown Farmington's Summer Fun series presents Zemo the Yo-Yo Man at 10:30 a.m. and noon, Wednesday, June 30, in the downtown area under the tent.

■ Hear the best of the latest and greatest in children's books as well as those stories that have stood the test of time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Border's Books in Farmington Hills. Call 737-3980.

■ The summer day camp at the Longene House in Farmington Hills is still accepting registrants ages 6-12. Theme weeks include the great outdoors, science, outer space and flight. The cost is \$80 per week. Call 477-8404.

■ The Downtown Development Authority presents its evening concert series "Celebrate the Sounds" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, under the gazebo in downtown Farmington next to the Village Commons on Grand River. "Beats Sittin' Home" will perform Folk and Bluegrass music.

■ The Novi Community Band will perform as part of the Stars in the Park concert series at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. This musical series is presented by the city's Department of Special Services and features local talent every Thursday night.