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is at least so they know that strategically, we're prepared."

The precautions follow the May 13 community meeting, titled "Can It Happen Here," which followed the April shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Shootings also took place last week at the North Valley Jewish Community Center near Los Angeles.

"We are not immune (to school violence) here in Farmington and Farmington Hills," Dwyer said. "Based on my 38 years in law enforcement, we have to prepare."

"If we experience violence at the schools we're strategically going to be in position to respond immediately."

Other precautions announced by Dwyer include the following:

■ Juvenile investigators will report in uniform at each middle school on the opening day.

■ Confidential response instructions for emergencies are in place, including details such as floor plans, mutual aid, contacts and staging areas.

■ The department's mobile command center will be used during emergencies.

■ Officers will be on hand for various school athletic events and other functions whenever needed.

"There will be zero tolerance for any students who commit crimes or engage in disruptive behavior at school," stated Dwyer's press release.

Similar initiatives are expected in the Farmington Public Safety Department,

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said its director, Gary Goss. Among plans are to bring in an Internet system to investigate on-line crimes, such as the e-mail threats that dogged North high in the spring.

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ble). We just want to be ready."

Farmington High School's police liaison Officer Christine Schutz won't wear a uniform, Goss said. But she will be stationed at the Shiawassee Road building five days a week instead of two.

Whether students will be permitted to bring backpacks to school is being determined by Farmington Public Schools. District officials also are telling employees and parents that several buildings now in the final stages of construction (including FHS) will sufficiently be completed in time for the first day of school.

Bob Maxfield, superintendent of schools, was out of town Friday and unavailable for comment.

## Plans

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—Birmingham Temple

Semite graffiti at Adat Shalom. The incident was reported to the Michigan Anti-Defamation League, which monitors such hate crimes.

The graffiti appeared to be the work of an anarchist group with a strong anti-Israel agenda, an ADL spokesman said at time.

In December, a caller left an anti-Semitic message on Hills Councilwoman Vicki Barnett's answering machine. Barnett reported the incident to the Farmington Hills police.

In April 1998, a Farmington neighborhood was inflamed calling attention to a white supremacist joke line.

While those incidents pale in magnitude compared to recent shootings in Chicago and Los Angeles, the root of such hatred has people concerned and taking precautions.

"We're horrified as Americans and as Jewish people," Adat Shalom's Nevins said about the latest incident in which a man killed a postal worker and wounded five at a Jewish community center. "It's as if a cycle of violence has engulfed America."

Birmingham Temple's Sherwin Wine agreed.

"We live in a culture of violence," Wine said. "I think such instances of violence encourages more violence."

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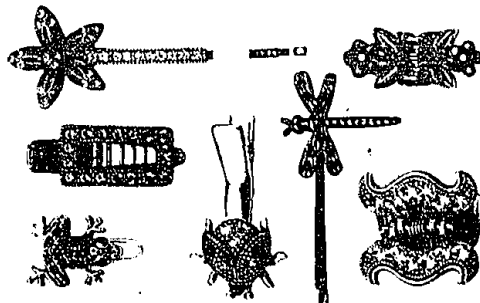
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