

## Firefighter, police walk kicks off at Ambassador Bridge

In response to the hundreds of firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Farmington Hills Fire Fighters Association, Farmington Hills Police Officers Association, Farmington Hills Command Officers Association, and the Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association are proud to announce a benevolent walk from the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit to the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City.

This walk, entitled "Bridge to Bridge; Side by Side" is intended to demonstrate the solidarity of the fire service and law enforcement communities during this time of mourning. The walk begins on the Detroit side of the Ambassador Bridge at 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 11, and will conclude on the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn Bridge approximately seven days later. It will feature a relay format with at least one

firefighter and one law enforcement officer walking each mile of the 600-mile route.

Law enforcement agencies and fire departments in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York are presently being contacted and walkers will be strategically positioned along the route.

Because there is no limit to how many firefighters or law enforcement officers may walk, all are welcome to participate. However, regional coordinators and donation collection points are being established and interested walkers are encouraged to contact the coordinator closest to them.

Walkers will be symbolically passing a firefighter's helmet and tactical officer's helmet along the route so they can be presented to the City of New York at the conclusion. Donations will be accepted before, during, and after the walk with

all proceeds going to the Widows and Children's Fund of the United Firefighters Association of New York, and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New York.

Anyone wishing to make donations is encouraged to make checks payable to either the UFA Widows and Children's Fund or the PBA Widows and Children's Fund and mail it to:

Bridge to Bridge;  
Side by Side  
c/o Farmington Hills  
Fire Fighters Association  
P.O. Box 184  
Farmington, MI 48332-0184

All anticipated expenses associated with "Bridge to Bridge; Side by Side" have already been offset. This will allow 100 percent of the proceeds to be donated to the families.

## DaimlerChrysler Services announces move to Hills

DaimlerChrysler Services North America, the financial services arm of DaimlerChrysler AG, announced today that it will purchase Michigan National Bank's headquarters building at 2777 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills.

"We are very excited about it," said Hills Mayor Nancy Bates. "The community is very pleased to welcome DaimlerChrysler to join the other outstanding corporations that make their home here. We have an awful lot of automotive services companies, but we don't have an auto maker, so we're very excited."

The building will serve as the new headquarters for DaimlerChrysler Services North America and has capacity to house 1,300 employees. The 287,000 square foot complex is a campus arrangement of four, connecting buildings situated on 35 acres of land.

DaimlerChrysler Services North America has nearly 900 employees currently located in the American Center at 2777 Franklin Road in Southfield. These employees as well as an

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—President, CEO

additional 100 working at satellite offices will relocate to the new building in the third quarter of 2002.

"This building represents a new beginning for DaimlerChrysler Services North America," stated Jurgen Walker, president and CEO of DaimlerChrysler Services North America. "Several goals can be achieved with this new complex. We'll be able to bring all of our employees under one roof, thus facilitating communications and best practices amongst the different brands within DaimlerChrysler Services. At the same time, the new environment will further enhance our new identity as the captive financial services provider for the Chrysler, Mer-

cedes-Benz and Freightliner brands."

Frank Fountain, senior vice president, government affairs for DaimlerChrysler, praised the support given for this project stating:

"State, county and local officials were instrumental in providing the necessary framework which enabled us to take advantage of a unique opportunity. We applaud the city of Farmington Hills for assisting DaimlerChrysler Services with the necessary infrastructure to make the relocation happen."

"Our decision to remain in the region clearly illustrates our commitment to Oakland County and our investment in the community of which our workforce is an integral part," added Walker.

DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC has more than 5,000 employees who manage a portfolio of \$85 billion with nearly 4 million contracts. DaimlerChrysler Services North America is a division of DaimlerChrysler Services AG, located in Berlin, Germany.

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