

PREPARATIONS

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management coordinator.

"We've formulated mutual-aid plans and updated our emergency operation plans," Goss said. "We've had monthly meetings with emergency management for the county and quarterly meetings with the schools."

"The nationwide high alert status will involve an increased presence in and around the schools by the Farmington Public Safety Department."

"We consider schools a very high priority," Goss said, adding, "I won't go any further than that because I don't think it should be public knowledge. We will take appropriate precautions."

Goss said every family should have a disaster plan. He suggested three Web sites for information: www.fema.gov (click on "Are you ready?"), www.citizenship.gov and www.redcross.org.

The FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) site contains informa-

tion about terrorism; attacks on computer or telecommunication networks; preparing for building explosions which can collapse buildings and cause fires; bomb threats; suspicious parcels and letters; chemical and biological weapons and attacks; and nuclear and radiological attacks.

"One critical thing is if you have a high maintenance medication for high blood pressure or for your heart, you may want to go to your doctor and ask him for a 90-day supply, and keep that with your kit," Goss said.

Goss suggested storing distilled water because it keeps forever, having a radio, flashlight and first aid kit ready. In the event of a chemical or biological attack, doors and windows should be tightly closed and heating/air conditioning systems turned off. Residents may need to take other measures if they have homes that aren't well insulated.

"I'd find one room in the basement or the main floor, a room I know I can secure," Goss said. "It might be as sim-

ple as putting wet blankets around the door."

No matter what a family chooses to do, members should have a plan in place before disaster strikes, he added.

HILLS PREPARES

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer told Mayor Nancy Bates on Monday the city police and fire departments are prepared for emergencies during a war.

He said the city works with other police and national agencies in a unified force.

If war breaks out, all police personnel will be required to wear their uniforms, including police liaison officers.

Officers will also be making stops in schools to make their presence known.

"If anyone sees or hears about anything suspicious, they can call 9-1-1," Dwyer said. "I think we're prepared for what is ahead of us."

The chief said places of worship, schools and Botsford Hospital are identified as "soft targets" for any terrorist activity, and appropriate plans are in

place to protect those locations.

"We've had a series of meetings since 9/11, as far as protecting the community," Dwyer said. "We sit on the Anti-Terrorist Task Force for Detroit. We've been receiving intelligence information in a very swift manner compared to prior to 9/11. We all talk to each other."

While cities and school districts can plan, officials have to prepare for the unexpected as best they can, Dwyer said. If there is a need for additional manpower, detectives and department administrators, who will be wearing uniforms, will respond.

"If there is a need for additional personnel through mutual aid, it may take an hour for other people to get there," Dwyer said. "This way you can mobilize everybody in the department."

SCHOOL DRILLS

In the Farmington Public School District, Estrale Michaelson, director of Safe Schools and Student Services, who works regularly with local

public safety officers, is calling on school building crisis management teams to review and practice any drills they may have delayed or avoided, Goss said.

Goss concurs with Michaelson that the key to remaining calm is to practice, practice, practice. Some schools may be further ahead than others with drills, but Goss doesn't believe there is any school or building which is inadequately prepared.

"(Estrale) is like a drill sergeant," Goss said, a compliment to Michaelson's dedication. "Many of our buildings have been practicing," Michaelson said. "The one thing which alleviates fear is knowing what to do and who's in charge."

Administrators lead crisis management teams.

"The goal has been for everyone to practice," Michaelson said. "We are now going to institute more consistency there. We're going to recommend to the district that perhaps these drills may be practiced quarterly. A set recommendation has not been made yet."

The district already holds a variety of drills: tornado, evacuation (which used to be called fire drills) and three levels of lockdown — building, classroom and lock down, take cover, where there is imminent threat of danger.

"We know some may or may not have practiced all of them, but we are practicing," Michaelson said.

"Since the last couple of months, more buildings have practiced than have not. Within the next two to three weeks, all buildings will have practiced their drills."

Preparedness is a dynamic situation and there's a need to stay flexible, Goss said. "There's weapons of mass destruction and weapons of mass disruption. It has to do with our perception."

When people ask Goss how far they should go with their emergency preparedness, he reminds them people laughed heartily at Nosh.

"After 40 days and 40 nights, he was looking pretty smart," Goss said.

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Book recounts history of Boys & Girls Republic

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"This is an institution of people who really care about what's happening to these kids. They all have different approaches, but they still do care."

Guy Pitman Ziegler has learned a lot about Boys and Girls Republic, based in Farmington Hills. With its roots as far back as 1890, BGR has grown over the years into a fully accredited facility serving children with a different array of problems, but the same basic needs — to be nurtured and still held responsible for themselves.

Ziegler relates the organization's history in *For the Good of the Children*, published earlier this year by Wayne State University Press. The book was actually finished in 1996, commissioned by BGR, he said. They held onto it over the years, and when archival information was moved into the public domain, the opportunity to have the history widely published opened up.

A part-time professor in the Wayne State English department, Ziegler learned of the advertisement for writers through her husband, a history teacher. She was among seven people who interviewed for the project, which was championed by Clyde L. Reed.

"They didn't want someone who would



As it turned out, Ziegler spent a year and a half digging through documents. She found the work engaging, and it fit well with her life-long interest in children and young adults.

"Getting into the primary materials was the very best part," she said. "I was fascinated by the boys' stories. Homer Lane (the first superintendent) was absolutely amazing. He was a remarkable person."

Lane established a self-governing system that allowed the boys to exercise some control over their own lives. The book includes vivid accounts of his dealings with such difficult issues as personal hygiene and honesty — far removed from the problems of drug addiction and aggressive behavior in young people today.

"The stories are very funny and very sad at the same time," said Ziegler, who now lives with her husband, Bob, in Florida. "It was terrific material."

In addition to the Republic's story, Ziegler also takes a look at the way society has changed during the last century, as well as the evolution of approaches to helping young people resolve serious issues in their lives.

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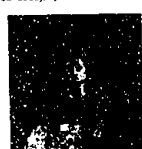
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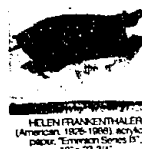
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