

today's hot line

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The new City of Farmington Hills council dug into the problem of road repairs, but with little result Monday. For a status report on problems and progress, turn to:

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Friday, the 13th, is causing Workshop in the Woods no qualms. That's the date you'll be able to hear students perform their mid-season chamber music concert. It will be at Duns Scotus College in Southfield.

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A new idea comes forth in the months-long controversy over where regional parks should be developed. This one calls for an "inner ring" of recreational development - very close to the Overland suburbs.

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Three Soroptimist clubs in this area have new officers for the coming year. You can meet the presidents in today's Observing Life.

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It's scheduled next week at the Women-center on the Orchard Ridge campus of OCC. Find out what it's all about in Observing Life.

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Camper SALE



There's one going on every week in the Classified Section of your hometown newspaper! Campers galore! All ready for your inspection! It's a great time to buy and the place to look is under "Campers" in today's paper. And if you want to be a part of the big sale, place your ad today by calling

522-0900

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Feasibility Study Is Asked For A Medical Rescue Unit

By DAN McCOSH

"Where these units are in use, they are saving lives."

— Ronald Holko

When Farmington Hills voters approved the new city, they also approved the establishment of a human rescue unit.

The new council authorized a three-month feasibility study Monday to investigate the cost and practicality of the proposal.

The new service is called for in the city charter, although no date for start-up is specified.

A report from Public Service Director Ronald Holko to the council brought mainly a lukewarm response.

The human rescue service is seen as similar to the operation in Detroit and Southfield. Trucks equipped with stretchers, resuscitation equipment and sophisticated first-aid materials are manned by trained personnel.

In Southfield, the trucks are also equipped with machines which monitor a patient's condition for a fast diagnosis at the hospital.

Farmington Hills currently relies on police for the urban fire department and private ambulance companies for medical emergencies, according to Holko's report.

Police, trained in first aid, are usually first at the scene of an accident. Following are the ambulance and firemen.

He referred to "some of the problems we have been having with the ambulance

companies," during his report to the council, adding "this is expected."

Holko told the council he was not anxious to start up the service immediately, without looking carefully at the experience of surrounding areas.

"They have run into trouble in the cost of equipment, manpower and administration—these have been the general problem areas," Holko said.

He pointed out each Southfield unit had cost \$132,000. Now, he added, they felt they needed four units to be effective.

He suggested beginning with a single truck, based at the present police station at Orchard Lake and 11 Mile Road.

"Is there truly a need?" Mrs. Joan Dudley expressed at least one of the concerns of the council.

"Where these units are being used, they save lives," Holko said.

Councilman Earl Orthhauser had several more pointed questions:

- What kind of training would be needed?
- What are the medical people going to do when there are no calls?
- Could they supplement the fire department?

Holko said the men would most likely be returning servicemen with experience as medics, or hospital aides.

He admitted training the men presented the possibility they would then leave for a better job, and this has been a problem in some cities, but added this is a problem with police too.

He was willing to consider the fire-medical combination, which is the system in Southfield.

He cautioned this meant the unit would sometimes be at a fire when they were called, and wouldn't be in the proper sanitary uniform for medical work.

This was not a problem with several units, like Southfield uses, he said.

Farmington has about 900 injury cases a year at the present time, according to the report. Of these, about 500 are car accidents, with about 145 resuscitator calls.

The idea of contracting for the service was also considered.

Holko said a company contacted wanted at least a three-year contract, and he was unable to find a private contractor to work without an extended contract.



REGISTRATION for the second annual Farmington-Southfield Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic was done by Chris McDevitt, Southfield, and Elinor Morandi, Farmington. (Evert photo)

Stopping Home Burglaries

Operation Theft-Guard Working

With police reports from the suburbs showing an increase in crime, especially burglaries in homes, plans for an intensive drive to check such thefts are underway.

The time is ripe for such a campaign. The police realize it from the rising robberies. Insurance companies know it from the growth in claims. Homeowners are well aware of it from the number of homes in their neighborhood that have been broken into.

That's why the Observer Newspaper Group, which circulates in seven communities in Wayne and Oakland counties, has started an Operation "Theft Guard" campaign.

Such a drive has worked wonders in the more than 600 cities. It hasn't halted the robberies but it has reduced the total to a minimum in a period of less than four years.

What is Operation theft guard?

It started in a small California city five years ago and reduced home break-ins so drastically it attracted attention in all parts of the land.

Actually the program is very simple. It involves homeowners, police and fire departments, community leaders and civic service clubs.

The program has been started in many of the suburbs with varied success. The Observer Group believes the time has arrived to emphasize the importance of the operation with an all-out effort, urging homeowners to take advantage of the plan.

Operation theft guard, known by other names in some communities, offers the homeowner an opportunity to

engrave a permanent identification mark on all valuable portable items.

Usually police authorities recommend the driver's license number be placed on each article.

The engraving units are available in all communities covered by Observer newspapers, with the exception of Garden City and Plymouth. The others are: Livonia, Redford Township, Farmington, Westland, and Southfield.

It is a simple matter to obtain one of the markers. They are available at police and fire stations free of charge but the homeowner must sign a form guaranteeing return within 24 hours.

The homeowner engraves his driver license number on all portable valuable items. When he returns the engraver he receives decals for the front and back bumpers of his car and for posting in the front and back windows of his home in prominent spots.

The decals inform would-be thieves that the articles have been branded for easy identification in case of theft. Generally that is enough for the burglars who realize that marked items are hard to dispose of.

The theory behind such markings is that the articles will be a drag on the underworld market and very difficult to sell or turn over to a "fence."

Thus, if a thief doesn't have a market, there is little sense of breaking into homes or business places.

Livonia Police Chief Robert Turner and Fire Chief John Bunk, boosters of Operation Identification, say the biggest drawback is getting

residents to use the engravers and to join in the project.

"We believe this is one of the best programs ever brought out to combat home and business break-ins," says Turner. "If an article is marked with a permanent identification, then thieves won't be bothered trying to break in. They can't sell such articles and they know it."

"Our men believe this program will curb the rapidly growing list of such thefts. It may not have an immediate effect but you can wager it will reduce the total number in a reasonable time."

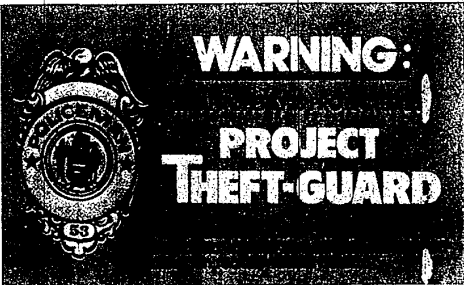
Operation theft guard was started in Monterey Park, Calif. five years ago and now is being used in more than 600 cities.

It has progressed so rapidly because cities have discovered it is effective because it:

- Provides an active workable partnership for service groups, police and fire departments and citizens to work together to prevent crime.
- Makes any community a bad scene for the burglars by serving notice the valuables are marked for identification and therefore are too hot to handle.
- Provides positive evidence for prosecution when the criminal is caught in possession of identifiable items.

To make all of this effective, there has to be more interest on the part of homeowners to use the engravers and to do the marking themselves.

(The third article of this series will tell how Operation Identification began in California.)



Ransom Call Reported In Susie Jaeger Case

A ransom call was received by the Montana Sheriff investigating the June 25 disappearance of seven-year-old Susie Jaeger, Farmington, on a family camping trip.

The money is being collected. Would the person who called the other night please call again?

The parents discovered the child's slashed open and the child's toys scattered outside.

Sheriff L. D. W. Anderson said the family asked him to release a statement: "A ransom call has been received.

Published reports indicated a \$50,000 ransom was being asked.