

Township Police Chief Outlines Civil Disturbance Policies

EDITOR'S NOTE: Farmington Township Chief of Police Irving Yakes has released the following statement of the department's policy in the case of civil disturbances. Because of the high interest in such statements, and as a means of public service, The Farmington Enterprise & Observer publishes the entire statement. **CIVIL DISTURBANCES:** Their causes and action that can be taken to control them.

All good citizens can help in the prevention of a civil disturbance by doing the following two things:

Rumors create hysteria and rumors are now flying everywhere. These rumors tend to excite people and are passed from one person to another, gaining in text as the story is told and retold, much the same as a rolling snowball. Let us all unite in purpose and refrain from passing on unfounded rumors.

Any rumor, tip or information that comes your way should be reported to your local Police Department. We will investigate the rumor or information and handle it properly. Let your Police Department take care of the situation. Now that we have discussed prevention, let us now assume that a civil riot becomes a fact and comes to Farmington Township.

If we become involved in a riot it would come in one or more of the following three ways:

A Mob Action—This means hundreds or more people gathering together in a mob bent on destruction, fire-bombing and associated acts.

A Riot and Riot Action—This means one or more subjects, perhaps traveling by vehicle who would move from area to area attempting to panic people by shooting, looting, fire-bombing, etc.

Both Mob Action and Riot and Riot Tactics.

Before we cover the steps our Police Department has taken to safeguard this community let me say that the most important thing people can do is to stay calm. So called "Vigilante" groups could hinder Police work more than anything. If a point was reached where citizen help was desired we would call upon you for this task.

Comply with all restrictions which may be in force at the time. Stay at your home during any disturbance and rely on the police to handle the situation.

The Farmington Township Police are well trained and competent. They have been trained in riot control tactics and are presently undergoing further training. In weapons we have tear gas, helmets, shotguns and rifles, gas masks and mace should be required.

We have a mutual aid program set up in which 17 Southern Oakland communities have joined together and entered into contracts with each other. If one city is experiencing a riot

problem, the other 16 cities would each send men. For example, within minutes we could have 25 additional police officers, half-hour-50, one hour-100, depending on the type of disturbance.

We have the support of the Michigan State Police and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department as well as the Michigan National Guard, should it reach proportions warranting their assistance.

We have Civil Defense 2-way radio-equipped mobile cars with a base station located at our police headquarters. They will be stationed at all roads leading into our Township, to relay any information on any suspicious cars or persons entering our community. In turn they will be checked out by our police department.

A CENTRAL Control Office has been activated to handle the recording and dissemination of information received regarding suspicious persons, vehicles and activities. Any citizen or police officer in possession of pertinent information may contact the local intelligence officer, who will then query the Central Control Office regarding the data in question. The local intelligence officer would be advised of any previous contacts and the information would be recorded at the Center with availability to all local Law Enforcement Agencies.

We have a unified communication and radio-set-up established that would guide us during this time of strife, such as Inter-City Radio Communication to any Police Dept. in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb County.

We have an emergency portable electric generator at the Township Police Station that can be placed into operation in case of a power failure. This will assure continued operation of vital equipment at our department.

East Takes Honors In First Try

Farmington's East Junior High School walked off with two certificates of merit in its first entry into the Scholastic Art Awards Contest.

A total of 14 students submitted entries.

Winning art work was that of Gary Fletcher for a graphic design of an album cover and Craig Dyer for a contour line drawing. Both are ninth graders.

The award show is sponsored nationally by Scholastic Magazine and regionally by Crowley's and the Detroit News.

Our Fire Departments are now being given special training.

NEW LAWS are now in the legislature that will assist us regarding unlawful assembly and looting to riot.

Law and order must be maintained. The people must be safe on our streets and secure in their persons and homes. The law will be enforced utilizing every legal means to assure that the rights of the individual will be protected and that society may pursue its daily activities free from interference by law breakers.

A word of caution; All Police Agencies have had a rash of requests for gun permits and gun stores have been doing a

booming business. I wonder if all these weapons are going into homes where owners know how to use them and that these weapons are kept away from the curious hands of children. Please give this some thought as a man shot through a door last week in another city and killed his own daughter. What a tragedy to reach a point where hysteria governs all reason.

You can appreciate certain steps we have taken to protect our community. Myself and Det. Sgt. William Kelly attended a three-day seminar at Michigan State University early in March and all Law Enforcement Leaders were present. We were advised only that if and I repeat if it should take place, be prepared. —We are prepared.

Oemke Is New Officer

commencement exercises. He is a graduate of Farmington High School.

During his four years at MSU, Oemke was a member of Pershing Rifles, national military society established by Gen. John J. Pershing, and served as administrative officer of Ranger 1, an ROTC organization specializing in guerrilla and counter guerrilla techniques.

We ask all of you to "Maintain Your Cool," as today's youth put it.

This department will not tolerate any civil disturbance or violation of the law. We want to assure the citizens of the Township of Farmington, that whatever action or force is needed to enforce the law and maintain order will be taken by this department.

Trustees Debate Cost Of 'Ridge' Landscaping

Whether landscaping the central plaza area of the Orchard Ridge Campus at a cost of \$27,000 would turn the section into a "garden of Eden" or not is being debated by college trustees.

Trustee David W. Hackett leveled the charge. Although President John E. Tirrell Jr. recommended approval of the job at the price quoted by Kennau-Damgaard and Associates of Plymouth.

Hackett suggested that landscaping students plant the trees and shrubs.

BRUCE KING, director of new facilities, stated that it would take these 26 students too long to do the extensive project, even working fulltime and even if the college had the necessary equipment to do the job.

Trustee Gordon C. Henderson said that the college shouldn't wait until "students rise in protest" for the planting of trees.

Another trustee, Ralph R. Tyndall, has agreed that the size of the project or the costs should be reduced.

IN OTHER RECENT action, college board members blasted the architect of the Orchard Ridge campus for making too many errors in design of the buildings.

Giffels and Rossetti, Inc., of Detroit, and Perkins and Will, of Chicago, designed the campus for which they received an award.

Costs have exceeded the original contract by nearly eight percent in construction of one administration and six classroom buildings in Phase I of construction.

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