

### New Selective System

# City's Traffic Safety Unit Will Begin Operation Soon

BY WYLIE GERDES

FARMINGTON A new division in the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety plans to use a modern concept of traffic law enforcement to decrease the number of auto mishaps in the city. The new division, the Traffic Safety Unit, will begin operation Sept. 1. Sergeant R.H. Miller, ranking officer in the unit, hopes "selective enforcement" by the unit at major accident and violation producing intersections in Farmington will cut injuries and property damage. "Selective enforcement,"

Miller explains, "is enforcement proportionate to the time, place and type of violation." It means that officers will be especially alert for certain types of violations at certain times of the day at several major intersections. "The intersections of major concern are: Grand River - Halstead, Grand River - Orchard Lake, Grand River - Nine Mile and Grand River - 10 Mile. The Traffic Safety Unit, Miller commented, will have at least one officer on duty 24-hours. Besides Miller, four officers and a clerk will be assigned to the unit. Miller added that the Traffic Safety officers will patrol in the department's "ambulance," a station wagon equipped as an ambulance. Besides patrol, the officers will do surveys of street situations, educate the public and prepare traffic ordinances and laws. The federal government, through a grant, paid for half of the "ambulance" and half of the expenses of the new Traffic Safety Unit.

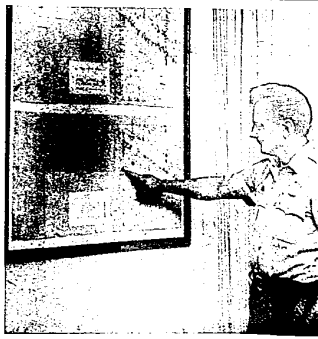
A SYSTEM of selective enforcement depends on analysis of past records on traffic arrests and circumstances which contribute to accidents. Analysis of information recorded on accident reports tells the unit which violations to watch for at which corners. Miller uses maps, charts and computers to investigate violations and accidents. Six large maps of Farmington dotted with colored pins, are hanging in Miller's office. The maps show locations of accidents in 1967, 1968 and 1969, two maps for each year. One shows accidents and the other shows violations. Charts showing the proportion of circumstances connected with accidents and the number of tickets issued for that particular violation have been compiled by Miller.

THE TRAFFIC Improvement Association of Oakland County, through its computer, can supply a list of accidents and contributing circumstances. Miller displayed a list of accidents which happened during 1968 at the intersection of Grand River and Nine Mile. At that intersection, about half the accidents had failure to yield listed as a contributing factor. From year to year, Miller said, "the percentages of different types of accidents vary but the overall picture is about the same."

Most accidents occur from 1-5 p.m. on a Friday or Saturday and failure to yield right-of-way is the major contributing factor. The intersections of major concern are: Grand River - Halstead, Grand River - Orchard Lake, Grand River - Nine Mile and Grand River - 10 Mile. The Traffic Safety Unit, Miller commented, will have at least one officer on duty 24-hours. Besides Miller, four officers and a clerk will be assigned to the unit. Miller added that the Traffic Safety officers will patrol in the department's "ambulance," a station wagon equipped as an ambulance. Besides patrol, the officers will do surveys of street situations, educate the public and prepare traffic ordinances and laws. The federal government, through a grant, paid for half of the "ambulance" and half of the expenses of the new Traffic Safety Unit.

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Christian Gallantry Marine PFC Randall L. Christian, son of Alton P. Christian, Jr. of 35600 Lyman Rd., Farmington is a member of a unit which has been awarded the Unit Citation of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He is serving with Headquarters Co., Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division in Vietnam. The division won its most recent award on behalf of the Republic of Vietnam for its combat achievements from April, 1966 to March, 1969.



SERGEANT R.H. MILLER of the Farmington City Police points to the intersection of Freedom and Farmington Roads on a map. The pins in the lower map represent the locations of accidents during 1969, and those in the upper map represent the locations of moving violations. (Evert photo)



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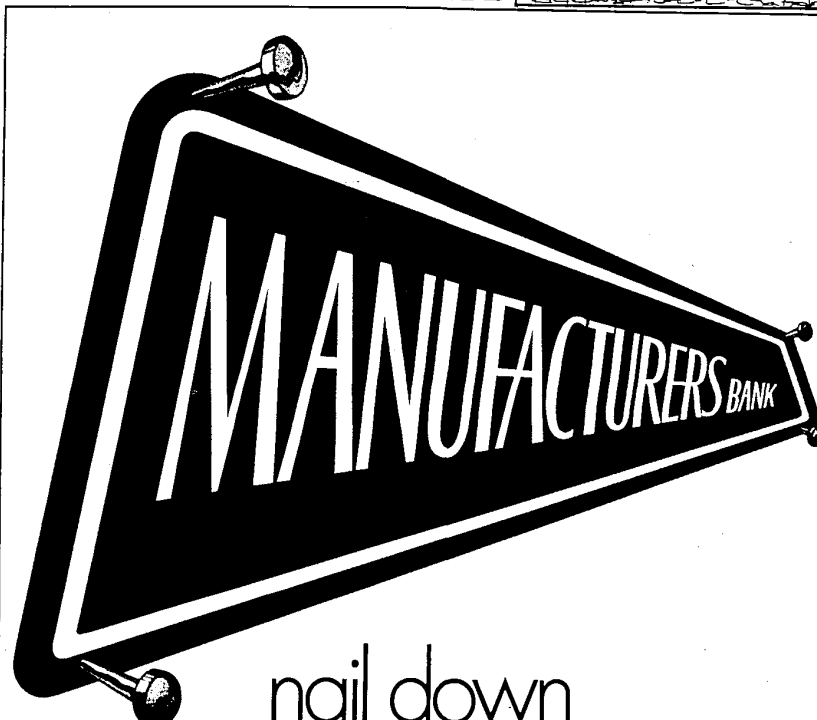
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A four-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A man asks 'CAN YOU READ THAT?' pointing to a sign that says 'DJs says verbally - taking GRAND OPENING SOON'. A woman replies 'NO THERE'S A CLAUD IN THE WAY'. Panel 2: The man asks 'ISN'T CLAUDIA IN MICHIGAN?'. The woman replies 'YA, I THINK HE'S ADDING THE SOUTHEAST EDGE'. Panel 3: The man asks 'WHAT MUST BE THEM?'. The woman replies 'I'M SURE THEY'RE THE LETTERS ON THEIR BACKS'. Panel 4: The man asks 'YA, LET'S GOZ TO THE ROOFTOPS NEXT WEEK'. The woman replies 'THE FLYING AT 20,000 FEET MAKES IT HARD TO READ'.