

City Chief Warns Of Fire Hazards

Home furnaces demand less wire coal stoked, but still re-attention now than when they were preventive main-tenance to avoid a costly and possibly tragic holocaust.

City of Farmington Public Safety Director Robert Deadman recalls that 6.5 of the city's fire runs last year were prompted by defective heating units.

"There's been no snow so far this winter," he said, knocking on wood.

But the peak heating season is here, the time of year when furnaces fire frequently and put the crucial parts to their greatest test.

DEADMAN said homeowners can protect themselves most by checking three items: cleanliness of burners, tightness and condition of blower fan belts, and condition of electrical wires and connections.

"Most of the fires in winter on gas furnaces are caused by motors overheating because of loose or worn fan belts," he said.

"On oil units the usual problem is an unclean firing jet."

"We have to place some of the furnace fires in the category of electrical fires, which were 11% of our runs last year, because the origin was with electrical parts of the furnace."

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"Defects show up more often at this time of year. Don't overload. Do not replace fuses with fuses of higher ampere."

A couple of other winter bugaboos burned in his memory of last year, too. "One time we were called when a battery charger had been left on a car in an attached garage overnight. The family of 14 had gone to bed. Somehow the battery charger shorted. We pretty near lost a family of 14, but all escaped."

"Another time a light bulb had been left on a car motor in an attached garage overnight. It too, caused a fire. None of the occupants of the house was injured, thankfully."

Deadman said fire damage was limited to the garage areas in both cases, thanks to modern fire wall home construction, but smoke damage was extensive throughout the house.

Extensive smoke damage is usually the worst of furnace fires, too, he said, especially if the blower fan continues running, spewing the sooty material throughout the heating system.

Grounding Necessary

By using electric tools with third-wire grounding or approved static insulation, the danger of electric shock will be greatly reduced, advises the Michigan Bureau of Safety and Regulation.

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FARMINGTON A new program for women will begin at the Farmington Community Center Wednesday, Jan. 14. It will be the first of a series of investigation into identity programs sponsored by the Continuum Center of Oakland University.

The 10-session program, meeting Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., offers an approach to self-evaluation and life planning for women. It includes psychological testing and structured group interaction, as well as information-gathering focusing on employment and educational interest goals.

The Farmington Community Center has been cooperating with Oakland University's Continuum Center in making this program possible. All women who desire to make some constructive change in their lives, and who wish to assess their own abilities, goals and interests, are invited to attend the first orientation session on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 12:30 p.m.

Staff members will be on hand to explain the nature and purpose of the investigation into identity program, and to explore its relevance for each woman.

This is a complimentary session, and women may register for the program at the end of the orientation meeting. The Farmington Community Center is on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile. Call the Continuum Center, Oakland University, for information: 377-2000, ext. 2146.

Math Whizzes Named Winners

Seven North Farmington High School students have qualified as semi-finalists in the annual Michigan math prize competition. They are now waiting to learn which of them has reached the finals.

Included in the group are Bob Hamilton, Charles Davis, Bill Joy, Ken Grabowski, Lee Katterman, Robin Eichen, and Leslie Trawick.

Who's Worse?

Crossing between intersections was responsible for 60% of the pedestrian deaths in 1968, according to annual figures. More than 9,600 pedestrians were blamed for their own deaths last year.

Elevated Police Cars Seen For City In 70s

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ger car doesn't make a very good surveillance platform, you know. They aren't well designed to carry equipment, either. I see specially designed police vehicles coming in."

About the patrolman's appearance, he said, "I don't see how they can carry any more than they already do."

"Walkie-talkie has been and will be an increasingly important tool. It keeps the patrolman in constant touch with the station, to call for help or check information."

"MACE, the pressurized chemical deterrent, is here to stay, although it has been controversial in some areas and will never replace the night-stick completely."

"We'll see a real expansion of the use of the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), which is a statewide computer storage and rapid answering service."

"All of our drivers' license information is on it now. They're adding a new function at the rate of about one per year."

"HERE IN FARMINGTON we apprehended 114 persons wanted in other communities from April through December."

Police routinely now call to their station for a LEIN check whenever they stop a motorist, thus confirming license information and, as Deadman said, learning if the motorist is on a wanted list. (A direct call from patrol car to the state computer, via helmet radio, would eliminate a function.)

Deadman sees information such as description and type of operation of criminals being added to LEIN, enabling detectives to quickly direct their searches, also.

Deadman also sees increasing use of central files for many departments on a regional basis, with or without the aid of a Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) plan of this type.

TV surveillance, both in high crime areas and at high accident locations, is another coming tool, according to Deadman. He doesn't see this as being feasible particularly on a

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Complete Sex Ed Course

FARMINGTON Parents from the Fairview district have just completed a six-week course in sex education offered through the Farmington public schools.

The program offered to parents in the district has received national recognition and is the model being used by Wayne State University and Merrill-Palmer Institute for program development and instructor training in other districts.

One comment by Mrs. Marilyn Handler of Olde Franklin indicates the value of the class. Mrs. Handler said, "It is the most worthwhile course for parents that my husband and I have ever taken."

Anyone interested in enrolling for the next class session to begin in January, may call the adult education office, 476-0810, for further information.

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