

Evidence gathering is job of new team

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Technicians are required to respond to breaking and entering, armed and unarmed robberies, shootings, stabbings, serious assaults and any other type of crime in which evidence could be collected, Green said.

"Each scene is different. Each dictates a different collection of evidence. With some scientific work you can determine a lot you wouldn't have otherwise known," Green said.

On arrival, technicians would first examine the overall crime scene. Many times there is a breaking and

entering done through an open door. They snatch a purse and they're gone. So there's not much to gather in that case."

But in crimes where doors or windows are broken to gain entry, several kinds of evidence can be left behind. Blood from breaking a glass window, fingerprints and impressions left by the tool that pried open a door are all useful pieces of evidence, Green said.

"Evidence technicians look at what was possibly touched. He will then process these items for fingerprints. It's a tedious process. Often,

once they have been lifted, we don't know who they belong to. But we can fingerprint the homeowners to eliminate some of them," Green said.

Fingerprints can be used to confirm or eliminate a person's involvement in a crime. For example, he said, unless the criminal's prints are already on file at the police department, all that can be done is to take prints at the scene of similar robberies.

But by 1988 a computerized system is expected to be available through the FBI and possibly the state that would allow police to auto-

matically match freshly taken prints with those on file. Currently it must be done manually at the Farmington Hills department.

Blood and fluid samples, for example, would be collected by Hills technicians and sent to the state police crime lab for scientific investigation. In sex-related crimes, blood and hair samples and fluids can "be used to confirm or eliminate someone," Green said.

Tire and shoe imprints are other useful pieces of evidence.

"A number of things can be determined from them," Green said.

"With tire prints, paint scrapings, we can determine the type of car,"

Technicians will also develop composites of perpetrators. The department has kits containing graphics of facial features — noses, eyes, eyebrows, mouths, hair styles. A crime victim would describe the perpetrator to the technician, who can build a picture that can be distributed to the public.

"Time is of the essence with this. It (description) is freshest in the mind when a crime happens," Green said.

With evidence in hand, technicians

can hold it until police have a person arrested. At that time, fingerprints or blood samples, for example, can be matched. Or technicians can try to match their evidence with prints and samples of known criminals, Green said.

After technicians have collected and processed evidence, including accurate and precise documentation of what has been collected, they could be called on to testify in court.

Officers who are serving as evidence technicians are Doug Anderson, Pat Browne, Bill Duffey, Dan Herrick, Dan Luoma and Jim Worthington.

Change Ordinance repeal allows political lawn signs

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was not unanimous. Councilwoman Judy Soronen and Councilman Terry Sever opposed it. Both preferred adoption of a more restrictive ordinance.

"I really would prefer to have some restrictions on these signs," Sever said. Soronen agreed and asked council to find "the happy medium" — allowing signs with restrictions.

But other council members decided it was time to give politicians and their signs a chance.

IN ITS DECISION to repeal the political sign prohibition, the council abandoned any restrictions on the placement, size or length of time signs may remain.

But council members made it equally clear that should problems arise with the signs, they will return to the drawing board and develop restrictions.

If problems arise — regarding either size, placement or length of time signs remain standing — the council will have a "reasonable basis" on which to place restrictions, Councilwoman Joan Dudley said.

The city's sign ordinance was adopted in 1972. It does not specifically mention political signs.

But political signs have been inter-

preted as falling under reference to non-accessory signs, which are permitted only in "light industrial districts" with the exception of "signs used for advertising vacant land or existing buildings for rent, lease or sale."

AFTER GRAPPLING with the placement of restrictions on political signs, Dudley joined an enthusiastic Councilman Don Wolf in suggesting total repeal of the sign prohibition.

In its decision Monday, the council rejected adoption of one of two proposed ordinances prepared by Bibeau that would have allowed political signs with restrictions.

The first proposal did not offer strong restrictions other than that the signs must be removed within 10 days following an election. A \$10 service charge would have been levied against the property owner who failed to remove a sign within the required time period.

The second proposal was more regulatory, offering restrictions on size as well as the amount of time

prior to an election that signs could be posted.

Initially, council members displayed intentions of adopting one of the two proposed ordinances with yet additional restrictions. Some of the restrictions included smaller-sized signs and requiring people to obtain property owners' permission before placing signs on lawns.

But Bibeau told the council that obtaining property owners' permission could not be a prerequisite to the city allowing placement of political signs.

The council also suggested further restricting the deadline for sign removal to the Monday following an election.

Dudley, however, strongly opposed levying a \$10 charge on property owners who failed to remove political signs. "The problem is we are penalizing property owners for removal of signs they may not have wanted, invited or approved of on their property," she said.

DUDLEY INSTEAD suggested

that candidates register their intended use of political signs with the city. "I have not read anything that says we can't have someone who says we're going to be in charge of this."

But after a variety of opinions offered by current political candidates in the audience, council followed suggestions from Farmington Hills resident and Southfield attorney David Harron and agreed to give politicians and others a free hand in use of signs.

Harron originally protested the city's sign prohibition in late July after he was warned by a zoning officer when he placed a judicial political sign on his front lawn prior to the August primary.

He subsequently complained to the ACLU, which had threatened to bring suit against the city, and possibly city officials personally.

Farmington Hills resident Michael Lockman, ACLU Oakland County vice chairman, joined Harron in demanding a change in the city's existing political sign prohibition.

The city's existing ordinance "de-

nies people their most basic freedom of speech," Lockman told the Observer in early August.

He said the ordinance also denied residents equal protection because it allows commercial speech in the form of real estate signs.

"If it wouldn't be enforced that way, there wouldn't be a problem," said Lockman, who was not at Monday's meeting.

HARRON CONTINUED his arguments Monday against the city's longtime position on the placement of political signs.

"What you are doing is arguing against how many angels can sit on top of a pin," Harron told the council as they debated what restrictions should be placed on political signs.

Harron criticized the council for arguing how they could constitutionally infringe on residents' constitutional rights. "I frankly don't like either ordinance (proposed by Bibeau) because they single out an individual type of expression."

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