

Chiefs Take A Stand, Then Clam Up

Edwin Gleza, Redford Township police chief heading the Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association, answers "no comment" to questions about the group's position on sheriff department staffing.

"After adopting our resolution, we adopted a motion saying members would answer only 'no comment,'" Gleza explained.

He obviously, however, was not happy with being muzzled, and his face told volumes when a Detroit Free Press article about the action was shown to him.

"There's the resolution. It's all we said and all we meant. I can't comment any further," he replied.

THE RESOLUTION stated:
"The Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police unanimously opposes any reduction in the total law enforcement capability in Wayne County."

In a preamble, it stated, also:

"The topic of discussion (leading to the resolution) was the rumored reduction of the law enforcement forces in Wayne County by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners."

Reporters immediately after the Oct. 28 chiefs' action depended on the commissioners



TOP MAN — Redford Township Police Chief Edwin Gleza has commanded the Western Wayne County Task Force, under a committee of 13-member community mayors, since its inception in 1967.

and the sheriff as news sources.

Thus, the chiefs thrust the issue into the political arena. All members of the Board of Commissioners and the sheriff were facing election decisions the following week.

SHERIFF WILLIAM Lucas had requested extra county funding to support a new special investigations unit "Metro Squad" separately from existing road patrols.

The commissioners had indicated money was not available and that such funding would require reduction or elimination of the road patrol.

Following the Chiefs' Association resolution, the commissioners approved a budget containing only a lump-sum for the sheriff, in effect telling the sheriff it was his decision.



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crowd control, his department alone cannot mobilize sufficient numbers fast enough. In such cases, the road patrol, which is circulating 12 cars constantly, has been called, and with great success.

Quick response with enough manpower to do a job is important in these events, said Gleza. In a tornado damage zone, for instance, quick police work is important to cordon off sightseers and looters and to set up traffic arteries for rescue and firefighting vehicles.

HE RECALLED that for a recent crowd control problem in Redford Township, he called the sheriff's department and ordered full mobilization of his own force at the same time.

The road patrol cars arrived first, most of them having been tuned to the situation while patrolling other county areas and ready to respond when called. His own men had to be awakened, suited and equipped from scratch.

It would be much too expensive for any one community to keep a ready force for such mass response situations, and equally too expensive to have even the Western Wayne County Task Force suitably ready.

He said the Task Force response time capability will probably be 45 minutes compared to less than a half hour for patrolling sheriff's deputies.

Police Seek Burglars

FARMINGTON Farmington Township police are investigating a burglary at Kenbrook School, 32130 Bonnet Hill.

Police said Peter Forge, principal of the elementary school, told them his secretary discovered the robbery when

she opened up the office. She noticed a large amount of grit on the floor and saw the safe had been broken into.

Officers said entry was made through a skylight over the custodian's supply room. About \$95 was reported missing.

Girl Scouts To Meet

FARMINGTON This week over 500 adult Girl Scouts, from Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington and Novi will meet to hear Jack Barrows, national staff member of the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A.

They will also participate in a discussion of local council services led by Mrs. Wilton J.

Norris of Berkeley, president of the Southfield Oakland Girl Scout Council.

The Farmington-Nowi meeting will be held Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. It will be chaired by Mrs. Herbert Pilo, area chairman of the Farmington-Nowi Girl Scout Association.



TEAM JERKING — As part of their crowd control training, members of the Western Wayne County Task Force tried working in tear gas, with and without proper masks.

Hard To Get High On Nutmeg

The Community Commission on Drug Abuse, as a public service to Observeland residents, has provided answers to some of the more frequently asked questions on drugs.

Questions may be sent to: P.O. Box "Drugs," Livonia, Mich. 48151.

Q. I've heard that it is possible to get "high" from nutmeg. Is this true? Are they referring to the common spice?

E.M., Westland
A. If large amounts of nutmeg are ingested, it is possible to develop a confused state similar to drunkenness. This requires taking huge amounts, which can be damaging to the kidneys. Yes, it is the common spice usually dusted on eggnog.

Q. What is blue velvet?

R.A., Detroit
A. It's a mixture of paregoric and pyribenzamine (a commonly prescribed anti-histamine) which is taken by intravenous injection. Very popular in Detroit several years ago, it has diminished in popularity because of medical reports of lung complications due to lodging of small particles of undissolved portions of the pyribenzamine in small vessels of the lung.

Q. Is marijuana a narcotic?

C.E., Livonia
A. No. The correct spelling is marijuana or marijuanna, and it is only a narcotic in the eyes

of the federal drug laws. Narcotics are derivatives of opium, and several synthetic chemicals which are closely related to opiates.

Q. What is hashish?
D.R., Livonia

A. Hashish is the purified

resin of the cannabis plant, the same plant from which marijuana is obtained.

Q. Can LSD cause brain damage?

A.D., Livonia
A. Most authorities agree that repeated heavy usage of LSD can definitely cause de-

monstrable brain damage. There is less agreement on the effects of a single dose. There are cases reported of psychosis following a single dose, but in most cases there is a question of whether or not there was pre-existing mental disease.

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