

# Mutual aid:

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**I**MAGINE TRYING to work out differences in tactics and equipment while battling a house fire.

Those differences provided a backdrop for a joint fire department training exercise June 9 in Farmington Hills. The Michigan Fire Chiefs Association and the Farmington Hills Fire Department hosted the 3-hour session.

"We knew certain procedural and equipment problems would arise, so we talked about them ahead of time, then watched to see how people reacted to them," said Lt. Thomas Shurtleff, training officer for the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

"Everybody worked well together. There were no major glitches."

Firefighters from West Bloomfield, Livonia and Farmington Hills shared the roles of first responder and backup departments during the three separate fires.

Training took place at an old farmhouse on 12 Mile near Halsted. Troy-based Copper Creek Ltd., developers of Copper Creek, donated the furnished structure.

INVITATIONS WERE sent to Gov. Blanchard and each state lawmaker. None could attend but Blanchard sent a representative, Sgt. Gary Kurt of the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal's Division.

The hosts hoped to generate support for legislative bills that would mandate minimum training standards for all new firefighters, full-time or part-time, effective in 1988.

A statewide coalition of fire chiefs, inspectors, instructors and firefighters support the measures.

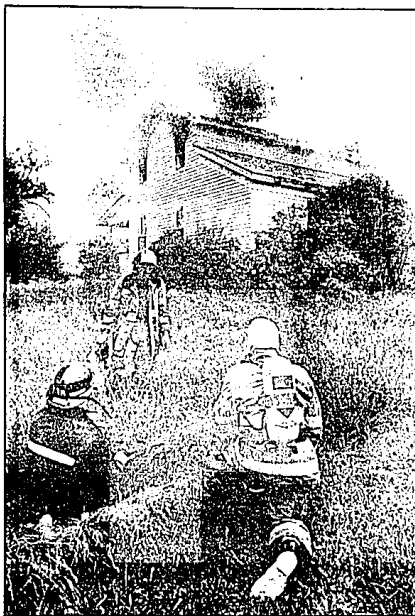
"We wanted to get everybody together so they had some common knowledge about training before lobbying for the bills began," Shurtleff said.

From a mutual aid perspective, every department arriving at a fire should have a minimum level of certifiable experience. "We had hoped to show that with standardized training, different departments could function together, no matter what size the departments were," Shurtleff said.



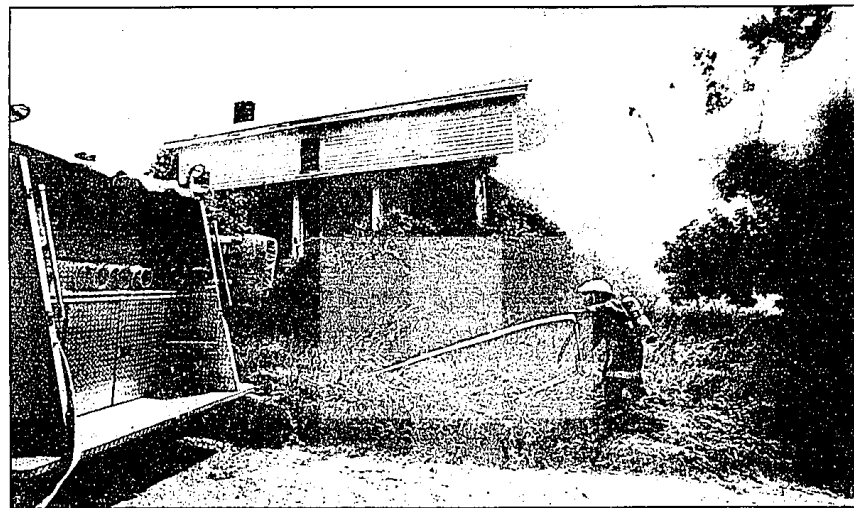
Farmington Hills Fire Chief Richard Marinucci helps Lt. Gregory Kirt, Michigan State Police fire marshal, don protective clothing before entering the burning house during the training burn.

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West Bloomfield firefighter Randy Callahan (left, crouching) observes the progress of the training burn with Lt. Tom Shurtleff, Farmington Hills Fire Department training officer. Hills fire technician specialist Paul Cusac is shown walking toward the camera.



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A West Bloomfield firefighter in full protective clothing deploys a hose from the back of a truck before entering the house to put out the fire.

## short takes

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### ● SHE'S PROMOTED

Vonda Belanger of Farmington Hills, claims administrator for Consumers Power Co.'s metro region, was promoted to third party coordinator, a newly created position.

### ● NEW ASSISTANT

Larry Rustiewicz of Farmington Hills has joined Oakwood Health Services Corp., Dearborn, as assistant administrator for construction services.

His responsibilities include coordinating all Oakwood Health Services' construction projects, including Oakwood Hospital's seven-year master facility plan (a major renovation and construction project).

Before joining Oakwood, Rustiewicz managed facilities planning with CIGNA Health Plan. He also spent 15 years in construction and health facilities planning and development with the U.S. Army Medical Command in Europe and the United States.

### ● 'WHITE GLOVE' STORE

Center Tire Inc. of Farmington, a Metro 25 Car Care Center at 23534 Farmington Road in Farmington, was designated a "White Glove" store, joining an elite group of auto service dealers.

"Because we meet the standards, customers who walk into our store are assured of clean facilities and prompt, courteous service," said Bruce Havermill, Center Tire owner.

The White Glove symbol signifies that we have met the tough criteria of the program. We are proud to display the logo."

● NEW IN TOWN

Pauline's Hair Salon, at 24101 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington,

offers complete family hairstyling. Owner Pauline Gazouleas of Taylor said her staff also can create hairstyles for men and women with particularly discriminating tastes. She has done hairstyling for 22 years.

The telephone number is 474-7810.

Owners Russ and Anne Sperling of West Bloomfield have opened Cinnamon Sam's Bakery at 35574 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

A grand opening is set for June 27. The menu includes gourmet cinnamon rolls, cinnamon bread and a variety of muffins prepared and baked in public view. Fresh-baked items may be eaten on site or taken out. Products are all natural with no preservatives and low cholesterol.

The telephone number is 476-6464.

V.I.P. Floor Covering, Ltd., at 24365 Halsted in Farmington Hills, offers competitive pricing on rugs and fine carpets.

Owners Ron Mays and Frank Krohn encourage people to visit the showroom, have a cup of coffee and browse.

The grand opening will be July 10. The telephone number is 478-6806.

### ● MOVING UP

Kenneth Dosenbach of Farmington Hills was appointed plant manager for General Motors Hydra-matic Division's Strasburg, France, facility.

He began his career with General Motors in 1965 as a GMI student sponsored by Detroit Gear and Axle Division in Detroit.

His most recent assignment was manufacturing manager for GM's Willow Run plant.

### ● NAMED MANAGER

Bruce Belcove, formerly of Farmington, was appointed general manager of the "Star of Detroit." He became restaurant manager aboard the luxury cruise dining ship in 1986.

A graduate of Michigan State University's Hotel Restaurant Institute, he has held management positions at the Fog Cutter in Fort Huron and the Roma Cafe in Detroit.

### ● EARNS GRANT

Anne Benington of Farmington Hills and chairman of the foreign language department at Marian High School, Birmingham, has received a grant from the French government.

She is one of 25 U.S. teachers who will study this summer at the Centre International d'Etudes Pedagogiques at Sevre, a suburb of Paris.

The course of study will include

analysis of the French press and techniques for using and applying the French newspaper in the classroom.

The grant provides the teachers with observation of Paris newspaper production and interviews with French journalists.

### ● EXPANDS FACILITY

Tamara Friedman, founder of Tamara Institute De Beaute at 32480 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, has acquired an adjoining parcel to develop a shopping area featuring a cluster of shops.

She estimates that the total space of her new project will be 20,000 square feet. Her facility, Tamara Institute De Beaute, will expand to 5,000 square feet. Fitness Exercise Co. also will expand.

Negotiations are under way with a health food store, a weight reduction center, a baby sitting service and a boutique.

Ground will be broken in July. Friedman expects occupancy by December.

### ● NEW MALL SHOPS

Three new shops have opened at Tally Hall/Hunters Square, Farmington Hills.

The Fudgery, in business for six years, has 24 stores operating nationally, including one in Trapper's Alley, Detroit.

It combines entertainment with candy-making. Workers double as part-time song and dance entertainers while concocting seven sweet flavors, including chocolate pecan, Rocky Road and chocolate peanut butter.

Crowds gather around the open stage to watch the theatrics as well as the mixing, slabbing and cooling processes of fudge-making on 1,200-pound marble tables.

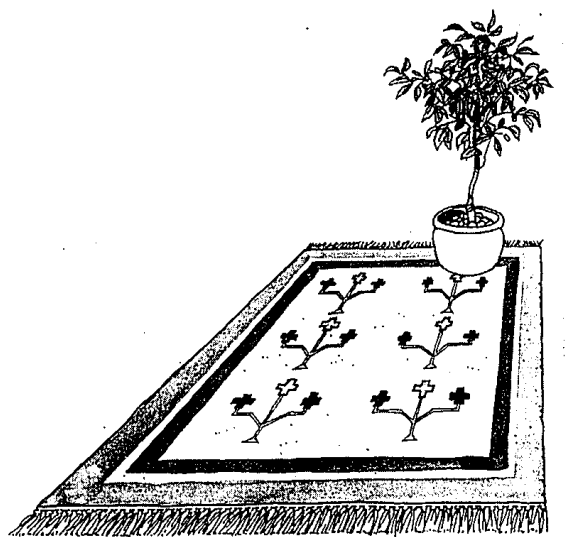
Cindy Riley, also known as the "Fudge Wrench," said, "The Fudgery will be bringing in their 'Fudge Queen' and 'Sparkle Crew' especially for the Tally Hall opening."

Also opening in the newly renovated mall are Beach Bound, a computer-fitted, custom bathing suit store; and Baby and Me, a shop selling infant through size 6 clothing plus maternity wear.

A fourth new store, Caddy Shack, opened in March. It specializes in discount golf apparel and equipment.

### ● PLAY LOTTO

Players of the Michigan Lottery Daily and Lotto games have two additional retail locations in the Farmington area: Orchard IGA, 24065 Orchard Lake, and Last Stop Party Store, 29154 Grand River.



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