# 'Just Another Day' for public safety officers

*The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents or businessmen and women with questions, concerns or additional information should call the department, 473-7262.*

"Just another day" is what every police officer looks forward to. Each and every day in the life of a Farmington public safety officer (PSO) is a little bit different than the day before.

A lot of what he/she does is service oriented; several citizens per day will call the department requesting some type of service.

These services include, opening car doors when keys have been locked inside, help in locating cats and dogs (sometimes lost children, but thank God this isn't a frequent request), taking that accident report that happened in the parking lot or accompanying a business person to the bank with the evening deposit to make sure it arrives there safely and the list is endless.

**BUT YOU** see, Farmington public safety officers, like most other officers, are "happy and eager" to assist with these type requests, for it was their willingness to help others that caused them to select law enforcement as a profession.

Unfortunately, every day a citizen will become a victim of some type of crime and call upon the department to investigate the crime.

Quickly, a public safety officer will respond to investigate the crime, which may be an armed robbery, breaking and entering, auto theft or some form of vandalism such as a broken window, slashed tires or knocked-down mailbox. A complete and detailed investigation will be conducted and follow-up investigation will be handled by a detective assigned to the case.

**DURING THIS** same day, a public safety officer will quickly activate his patrol cars lights and siren in a rush to get to a medical emergency. Seven of the departments public safety officers are emergency medical technicians and will not only respond quickly (usually within two minutes), but they will be able to diagnosis most problems and begin emergency treatment of sick and injured persons.

Yes, and on this same day, you may be greeted by one of these public safety officers as they signal your vehicle to pull over. You may be the recipient of a violation for speeding, running a traffic signal or stop sign. You may receive just a warning, but either action will be done in an effort to "keep-em-alive" on our streets. The department has not had a fatal accident since 1981.

**DURING THE** course of the day, he/she must keep the patrol car clean, gased and oiled and while looking in every direction as he patrols, he must not sway outside the traffic lanes or exceed the speed limit.

When a Farmington resident calls the public safety department about "smoke in their house" or an actual fire, all on-duty public safety officers and several off-duty public safety officers will respond.

As they arrive in their patrol cars, they will quickly remove their gun belts and put on their protective fire gear. This public safety officer will be most concerned about rescue of anyone inside the home or business place and work toward a quick "knock-down" of the fire to preserve your property.

As the shift comes to an end, the patrol car will be turned over to another public safety officer and the oncoming shift must be briefed on all pertinent information. As the public safety officer arrives home, he/she will quietly thank God for "just another day."

**The easy to read Farmington Public Safety logo is worn by both police officers and fire fighters.**

## Beautification team picks officers

Officers of the Farmington Beautification Committee for the 1989-90 business year are Jackie Steuer, chairperson; Joan Lorenz, vice chair and treasurer; and Rosemary Fitzpatrick, secretary.

There are vacancies on the committee; any interested citizen may attend monthly meetings. Contact Farmington City Hall or one of the committee members.

Some of the committee's projects are art awards luncheon held each year in October, a flower sale and promotion of community beautification.

## campus pipeline

*If you have news from a college, university or other campus of higher education — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Farmington Observer readers. Send items to: Campus Pipeline, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.*

### ● EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

Preveen Pathak of Farmington Hills received the Kalamazoo College Honors Scholarship. He is a North Farmington High graduate.

Christopher Cahill of Farmington Hills received a $500 scholarship from the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan. He is majoring in accounting at Western Michigan University and is active in hall council, intramural sports and the pre-law society.

He also won a $500 scholarship last year.

Bertis Cook, a Famrington Hills resident and police officer, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship by Central Michigan University. He was selected by the graduate advisers of CMU's Detroit-area programs on the basis of his outstanding academic record.

Maria Chalogianis of Farmington Hills has received a scholarship from Alma College. She received the Religious Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate commitment and leadership in churches of all denominations.

Chalogianis is a 1989 graduate of Harrison High School, Farmington Hills.

### ● NEW GRADUATES

Laurie Cyrowski, Jennifer Ewald, James Hailing and Mary Manion from the Farmington area graduated from Marquette University, Milwaukee.

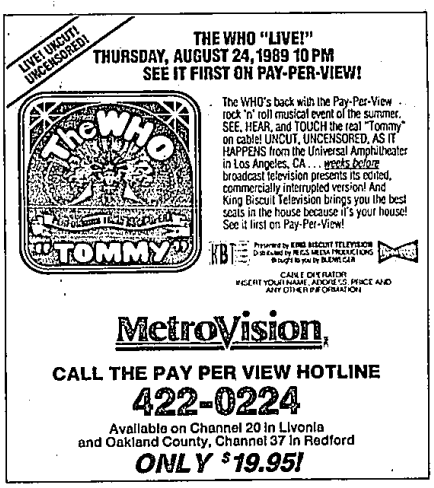
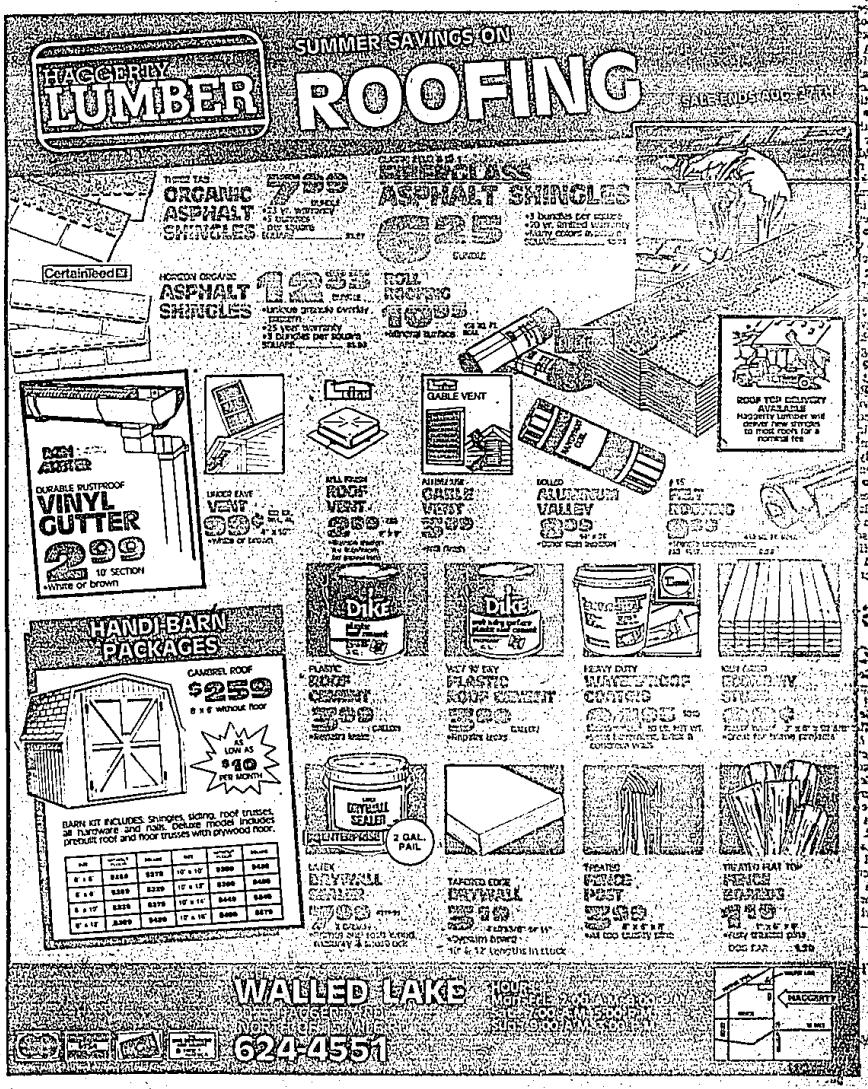
John Jankowski of Farmington Hills graduated from Central Michigan University's extended degree program, designed for students interested in pursuing an advanced degree while maintaining full-time employment.

Roger Shubert of Farmington Hills graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Business School. He is a 1985 graduate of North Farmington High School and works in Chicago.

Sylvia Sedman of Farmington Hills received a doctoral degree in oncology from the University of Wisconsin.

Sheryl Jaffee of Farmington Hills received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin.

### ● DEAN'S LIST

Mark Rakoczy of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Northwood Institute, Midland.

Amy Heard of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Western Illinois University.