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Farmington city clerk Josephine Bushoy Whitman, Steven Doran, Thomas Cowher, (right) swears in five new public safety reserve officers. Pictured (from left) are: Gary

Five new public safety reserve officers sworn in

Five reserve officers were sworn in at Farmington City Hall April 9. As reserves, they will aid regular officers, who handle both police and fire calls for the city.

The new reserve officers have taken the 160-hour, first-level fire-fighting training course. They must also complete an additional 24 hours of in-house training with the department's field training officers before being allowed to ride with full-time officers on patrol.

The new reserve officers include:

- Michael Canan, 33, of Livonia manages the Bonanza Wine Shoppe

in Livonia. Married with two children, Canan holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University.

- Thomas Cowher, 25, of Livonia is an engineer with Robotron Corp. of Southfield. Cowher is married and is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University, Southfield.

- Steven Doran, 26, of Farmington Hills is director of loss prevention with ACA Retailers of Southfield. He is single and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1984.

- Claude Durand, 43, of Novi manages and cooks for Superbowl Shooters in Fowlerville. Durand is single and is enrolled in the law enforcement program at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

- Gary Whitman, 26, of Farmington Hills is with the marketing department of Equifax Services in Southfield. He is a 1982 graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison High School. Engaged to be married, Whitman holds an associate degree in law enforcement from Henry Ford Community College and attends Madonna College in Livonia.

Attention, mature drivers

Because of an overwhelming response by area senior drivers, a second session of the Senior Driver Retraining Workshop will be held at Farmington Community Schools, 30415 Shilwaukee Road 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 3-4.

The workshop is designed to help seniors improve their driving skills, increase their confidence, and maintain their driving mobility. Graduates may also be eligible for multi-year discounts on their automobile insurance premiums.

The workshop is presented by the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County under a federal

grant received through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

THE WORKSHOP features 55 Alive/Mature Driving, the first comprehensive driver refresher course geared to the specific needs of older motorists.

Developed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, strategies for compensating, updated traffic rules, defensive driving, coping with today's traffic volumes, energy saving and accident prevention measures.

Participants can measure their brake reaction time, visual acuity, peripheral vision, depth perception, ability to recover from glare for night driving, and other elements important to safe driving.

They may also take part in a driving exercise which allows them to drive their own vehicles with an instructor present. The instructor will point out possible problem areas in driving behavior and suggest strategies for improvement.

No records of scores are maintained, and results have no bearing on a driver's license. The goal of the workshop is simply to help older drivers continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible.

OVER 700 Oakland County seniors have already participated in the workshop, which is regarded as a national pilot program. It is the only driver retraining program for seniors in the United States which includes psycho-physical testing and actual behind-the-wheel assessment. Persons 50 years of age or older are eligible to participate. The workshop fee is \$7.

To register, send a check or money order made payable to AARP, along with your name, address and telephone number, to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, 2510 South Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills 48013. For information, call TIA at 354-4971.

McCabe will head funeral directors

Kevin L. McCabe, chief executive officer of McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills, was elected president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association District 6, which represents 80 funeral homes in Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties.

His duties will include representing the district membership by act-

ing as a liaison between the funeral industry and government officials, hospitals, nursing homes and the community at large. McCabe formerly held the offices of vice president and secretary for District 6 of the M.F.D.A.

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