

Local officers hoof it for MDA fund-raiser

Farmington Hills police raised at least \$2,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at their first 10K run for law enforcement officers Sunday morning, a prelude to the annual department open house that afternoon.

"It went real well," said officer Michael Farley, race coordinator. "We had some bugs with water stations and mile markers, but I got a lot of positive feedback. We hope to have a bigger and bigger run every year."



Officer Michael Farley served as race coordinator.

All proceeds will go to the MDA. The \$12 entry fee included a T-shirt, Papa Romano's donated food. The starting line included 105 runners.

Team entries represented sworn officers in Farmington Hills, Oak Park, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Monroe, Detroit, Novi, Sterling Heights and Windsor. The FBI and the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service also fielded teams.

Officers from the Farmington Department of Public Safety, Michigan State Police and Farmington Hills Fire Department also were among the runners.

Trophies and plaques were awarded in both team and individual categories.

"Already I've got my wheels turned for next year," Farley said. "I think it'll turn out to be a real great thing for promoting camaraderie among police officers and others in public safety."

But the main objective, he reminded, "is to raise money for a charity. And we did that."

Next year, Farley hopes to open the race to the general public.

The run will continue to be a prelude to the annual Farmington Hills Police Department open house the first Sunday in June.



Law enforcement officers begin the 10K run to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Hosts sought for French students

A French exchange-student group is looking for Farmington-area families to host French students for four weeks this summer.

Lolirs Culturels A L'echange needs host families for male students ages 16-19 for the month of August only.

LEC is a non-profit group that works to allow French teenagers ages 13-19 to discover and appreciate

the culture of a different country.

The exchange students are thoroughly screened and have studied English.

LEC works to make sure that both the host family and the teenager spend a happy, safe enriching summer, McQuison said.

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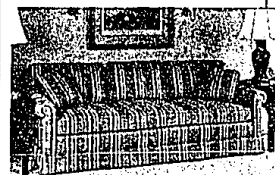
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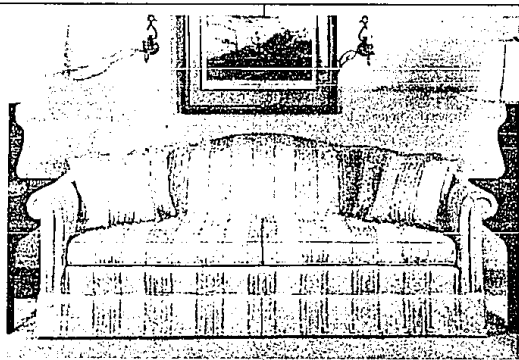
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