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Both Morrison and Saunders-Dreyer completed a training course to prepare for the job, Goss said.

Monday afternoon, however, the new arrangement seemed farcical. In heavy snow, students, escorted by fifth-grade safety patrol members, made the long walk from Longacre to the corner, only to find no one there to help them cross.

After a wait of several minutes, Longacre and volunteer crossing guard Mary Gossman filled in to make sure the youngsters safely crossed.

"You can't be late, you just cannot be late," said Gossman, exasperated. "You have to be here on time."

"It's her first day," said one parent about Wilkin. "It's not a good start, is it?"

Earlier on Monday, Goss said having Wilkin stationed at the crossing "should make the environment a lot safer for kids moving to and from. We're hoping this will be a consistent effort."

Also looking forward to seeing the same face every day - instead of a revolving door of well-meaning parents - was Longacre safety patrol member Courtney Green.

"I think it's good that they'll have one (crossing guard) here ... all the time," said Courtney, while waiting for Wilkin to turn up.

But it wasn't until 4:10 p.m., before Wilkin's vehicle pulled up to the corner, just five minutes before the end of her half-hour patrol.

The bad weather didn't cut it as an excuse, Gossman said. "Not when you've got respon-



Filling in: Mary Gossman helps students cross while waiting for the newly hired crossing guard to arrive.

sibilities and take care of kids."

Gossman, a volunteer crossing guard for about two years, said an officer called her Friday and told her "we (parents) didn't need

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tim let the Nissan through and took down the license plate number and phoned police.

When police stopped the Nissan on Orchard Lake and 10 Mile, a female passenger immediately told officers the gun was in her purse. Police found a loaded .9 millimeter Smith & Wesson with a live round in the chamber. Officers also found four rounds of ammunition in the car.

The driver told police the woman had nothing to do with the incident and the gun belonged to him. She was released but taken to the station so she could find another ride.

Serial numbers on the pistol were also altered. Police also found a white napkin containing 3.5 grams of marijuana in the Nissan.

Public may review EPA draft at library

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 is considering approval for storage of PCB-contaminated waste from other sources at Dynex Industries, Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Under the draft approval, Dynex would be subject to all EPA requirements, including fire

prevention, PCB release tracking, and employee training.

Public comments on the draft will be accepted through Feb. 20, 1999. They can be sent to Kao Lee, Toxics Program Section (DT-8J) U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., 60604. A draft approval is

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