

Botsford examines bio-hazard protocols

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These days, a little white powder can close down a retail store, ground a jet airliner and send ordinary people into a panic, in fear for their lives.

But as media reports of anthrax infections grow, a Botsford Hospital physician advises being exposed to the spores doesn't have to mean death, or even sickness.

"Even if you've inhaled it, you don't get sick for days after," said David Walter, D.O., Director of Emergency Medicine at Botsford. "And if you get antibiotics right away, chances are you

won't get sick."

Walter said anyone exposed to an unknown substance should follow procedures recommended by the Michigan Department of Health.

"What they really want you to do is stay where you are and call 911," he said. "If the dust gets into the air and on you, the quicker you get it off, the better off you'll be."

The powder should be covered, if possible, to keep it from being spread. Those exposed should thoroughly wash any areas of contact. Hazardous materials teams will have victims remove their clothing, wash down and put on Tyvek suits. They'll also test the substance to determine

whether it's a viable threat.

Walters urged anyone exposed not to travel to the emergency room on their own, because that would just spread the contamination. However, Botsford does have decontamination procedures to deal with such an occurrence.

"We'll contact the police department, and they'll involve the FBI," Walters said. "They will come here and investigate it like a crime, which is what it is."

Botsford has been on the same level of alert as the entire nation since the Sept. 11 attacks that toppled the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon. The hospital immediately formed a sub-committee that has been

meeting twice weekly to review

Both Wayne and Oakland counties contacted hospital officials on the day of the attacks, to determine how many patients could be served if something happened in Detroit. Walters said that calculation includes how many beds are empty, how many patients could safely be discharged and whether some rooms could hold additional patients.

He urged anyone exposed to an unidentified white powder to first "Stay calm and remain where you are...wash your hands with soap and water, and call the police. Try not to get the dust into the air."

CAMPUS PIPELINE

U OF M GRADS

The following area residents graduated from the University of Michigan following the spring semester: Timothy Banner, Vanessa De Sousa, Scott Mishler, Diane Domas, Shamita Shah and Issers Oleg.

DAVENPORT DEAN'S

The following Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at Davenport University following the spring and summer semesters:

Lewis Duffing, Denise Hubbard, Dana Paddock, Vincent Sitto, Yuko Ueda, Mary Waxer and David Weaver.

ALBION SPORTS

■ **Katie Escott**, the daughter of John Escott and Elaine Escott

of Farmington, is a member of the volleyball team at Albion College. Escott, a sophomore at Albion, is a graduate of Farmington High School.

■ Amanda Dobkowski, the daughter of Robert and MaryJo Dobkowski of Farmington, is a member of the women's cross-country team at Albion College. Dobkowski, a junior at Albion, is a graduate of North Farmington High School.

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was subordinate to the Chamber, while the application indicated that the Chamber was subordinate to the DDA.

■ Lack of evidence to indicate what role the DDA played in the acquisition, improvement, and management of the Civic Theatre building.

■ Lack of adequate, consistent communication between the DDA, local businesses, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Farmington Merchants Association and other organizations regarding downtown issues.

■ Concern about what has or has not happened to the "1997 Visioning Process" with respect to the downtown. Followup since 1997 was unclear.

Downey said the Main Street application asked for help with building up the relationship between the downtown business community, the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce.

A panel of "bolstered" by one panel member of the Main Street selection committee was

the fact that Farmington had no residential historical district but not a commercial historic district, the DDA's Downey said.

"The answers were in the application," she said. "That's why we are meeting with Bob Donohue, because some of these things we don't understand."

At Oct. 11 luncheon that included Donohue, Downey and Carleigh Flaherty, director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, was canceled and is expected to be rescheduled.

Until that time, Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff said he would reserve comment. "We don't understand it and we want to get more information," Lauhoff said.

Donohue complimented the city on its well organized application. "Even though their roles are different than the DDA, the Chamber of Commerce was very effective and the city was very supportive," Donohue said.

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