



At the desk, Cadet Daniel Massey dispatches information.

Efficiency aim of MODAT system

By CARL STODDARD

After two weeks, MODAT is parking along smoothly, according to Farmington Hills Public Safety Director Ronald Holko.

MODAT, short for Mobil Digital Training, is a computerized radio system.

Farmington Hills is the only city in Michigan and one of about 20 cities in the country to have the system, Holko said.

The \$46,000 electronic system has replaced the conventional police radios in the 11 marked cars as well as the radio dispatch system at police headquarters. Holko said the system will be expanded soon to include all five fire department vehicles.

THE SYSTEM has reduced radio transmissions by about 80 percent and yet makes it easier for the dispatcher at the station to keep abreast of the status of all vehicles.

With the system, patrol cars are called in the conventional manner. Over the radio, the officers are told the nature of the problem and the address, plus any additional information.

At this point, MODAT comes into play.

Rather than radio back to the station that they have received the order, the officers simply push a button. The information is transmitted electronically to the station. At the station, the information is automatically printed out.

OFFICERS WILL be able to signal the station when they receive a call, when they respond, if they need assistance, even if they stop for lunch.

The pushbutton system has reduced radio transmission time and increased the efficiency of the department, Holko pointed out.

Embezzlement background

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statements it was at their insistence the case was taken to the state police following Kelly's suspension.

The secretary who apparently originally uncovered the embezzlement, Mrs. Deborah Roberts, says she was fired for her report, which Holko denies.

WITH THE prosecutor settling the criminal charges, and the hearings on both Lt. Kelly and Mrs. Roberts expected to review the charges against the director, the flamboyant handling

of the old Teeple case may be avoided.

But the incident is the toughest test

yet faced by the relatively new director in his relations with the department.

Grace Kennedy, 44, of Boulder, Colorado, was taken to Botsford Hospital following a two-car accident March 21 on I-96 in Farmington.

According to the Farmington Hills police, Grace Kennedy, 44, of Boulder, lost control of her car while driving in the eastbound lane. Her car spun around and was struck by a car

driven by Patrick Michael Kelly, 25, of Hartland.

The accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m., just west of Halstead Road.

Mrs. Kennedy was taken to Botsford Hospital by a passing motorist. She was treated and released.

Police said no traffic violations were issued.



In the car, patrolman John Hedrick works the MODAT



Memorial coin for sale honors sesquicentennial

Coin collectors are looking forward to the sale of the memorial coin of the Farmington sesquicentennial.

The silver, nickel and bronze medallions are both a fund-raising effort of the sesquicentennial committee and a souvenir of the town's 150th anniversary.

The coins feature both the logo designed for the celebration and the slogan "Pride in the past, faith in the future."

There will be three coins, one of solid silver, to be sold for \$3; the nickel-silver to be sold for \$1; and the bronze coin for \$2.

AN AUCTION of the first silver coin will be held during the chamber of commerce's sesquicentennial dance June 1.

The first 100 silver coins will be in numbered sequence, of interest to collectors.

The coin was mainly due to the work of Robert Briggs, who died shortly before the design was set.

A plate with scenes of historic Farmington houses is also being prepared for sale during the celebration.

Other items being prepared by the committee include bow ties, pennants and bumper stickers.

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