

Police, People Team To Fight Crime

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Rochester has a unique combat strategy directed at crime.

Community wide effort is the key, PACTAC — Police and Citizens Together Against Crime — the program to accomplish that.

PACTAC, the brainchild of the Rochester Police Department, was developed further by Pilot Cities, a federally funded research and innovative action agency in the criminal justice field that turned it into a six-month experiment complete with \$282,417 worth of federal funding and monitoring by research specialists.

PACTAC is a citizen paired with a policeman walking street beats in 16 neighborhoods all over town.

The aim of the project, Pilot Cities director Betty Croft explained, is to strengthen community participation in crime prevention by using citizens as liaison between the community and police. The team on the street will serve as a visible deterrent against crime and will be able to give on-the-spot response to street crimes.

Fifty-two citizens are being trained for their jobs as para-police. There are 43 men and nine women. Most of them are young and many are black. The 10-session training has two parts, according to the man in charge of the last five sessions.

Professor Bernard M. Bass,

director of the University of Rochester management research center, will conduct workshops for the police and citizens in role expectations, decision making, and dealing with problems they will face on the streets.

The first five sessions are for the civilians only, and are devoted to police training.

The citizen will walk with the policeman who patrols his neighborhood by car in the day time working from 7 to 11 p.m. for \$4 an hour not more than four nights a week, according to Captain Thomas Hastings.

Hastings, director of police research and development, engineered the project once Police Commissioner Joseph Battaglia made known he wanted men on beats again and better community relations.

With those, plus innovation, as his guidelines, Hastings set to work and came up with the one-of-a-kind program for preventive policing.

Tom Smith, U of R sociology professor on leave to Pilot Cities to conduct research on the effect of PACTAC, feels that if there is a marked decrease in crime and if better rapport results between the neighborhood and police, Rochester's project may trigger a nation-wide trend in police work.

"Para-police aides could handle the routine service calls that don't require full legal training or power," explained Smith, such as emergency traffic direction, family quarrels and minor theft reports.

Rochester, like most cities, has not had police foot patrols in several years. A shortage of manpower forced the development of police departments that respond only to calls for service, Hastings said.

Beginning June 11 that will be changed here. The training of 52 citizens and 50 policemen will be over and they will be paired up and walking 16 neighborhood beats.

The backgrounds of the people who applied for the job vary, but the reasons they applied all sounded about the same when they were interviewed during their first training class at the Police Academy on Scottsville Road last Tuesday night.

Concern for the community, desire to fill the communication gap that has grown between police and citizens, and experience in a possible future career were frequently given reasons for joining PACTAC.

Willie Campbell, 37 years old, who lives on Rauber Street and works for National Fire Extinguisher, says "this is something they should have had year ago it presents the opportunity for civilians to have a better understanding of the police department and helps me to understand them better."

Le Roy C. Smith, who is 33, lives on Salina Street and works for Xerox, agreed with Campbell and added that working with police will "round me out, giving me a better understanding of



people and the social situation as a whole."

Sitting nearby was Jim Rhoda, who is 23, has no other job besides PACTAC and lives on Pullman Avenue. He also thinks such a program is way over-due, and praised PACTAC for providing a "mixed group for a troubled citizen to talk to.

"If it is effective here," Rhoda continued, "maybe it will move through all the country and we will maybe get back to civilization."

"With a little luck," he added wistfully. "And a lot of walking," Smith quipped.

W. Ronald Jones, 23, of Bartlett Street, who teaches at Westside Street Academy, and Joyce Fordham of Frost Avenue, a junior sociology major at Nazareth College, were concerned about the real interest of the police for the community, but agreed the program is good because it gives the community a chance to work with policemen.

Street, says she understands the problem of policemen and feels this project will help fill the communication gap they have with citizens.

Tom Moriarity, 23, who works for Genesee Valley Medical Care and lives on Metropolitan Drive, feels the lack of coordination and cooperation between citizens and policemen is very wrong adding "with a civilian on the scene, people will find a policeman is not someone to be afraid of."

Diocesan Changes Made

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Michael will assume her duties July 1.

Sister James has previously been assistant vicar for education. She also has helped organize the World School of Inquiry, and has been an administrator for Project Unique, an early childhood program in the inner city.

Prior to her new assignment, Sister Michael was a consultant to the diocesan secondary school religious program. She was the theology department chairman at Cardinal Mooney High School, and taught at Mercy High School.

A diocesan Office of Planning will be established, and become a fully budgeted department for the 1973-74 year, it also was announced. This decision resulted first from the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Board's study of the diocese and strong recommendation for a planning office, and also from the evaluations of this recommendation by the Priests' Council, the Sisters' Council, and the Interdepartmental Staff.

Father Brent will head up an ad hoc committee to recruit and hire one person to supervise the Office of Planning.

Effective July 1, the activities of the Family Life Office, headed by Father Robert Collins, will now come under the aegis of Catholic Charities, directed by Father Joseph D'Aurizio. According to the job description, Father Collins will have "the opportunity to originate, coordinate, and foster marriage preparation and enrichment programs for parishes and regions."

Diocesan Appointments



Sister James Lynch, SSJ, to be coordinator for education services for the diocese.

Sister Michael Lappetito, RSM, to be director of the Religious Education Division.

Father Robert Collins to be director of the Family Life Office of Catholic Charities.

The Family Life office will be located with Charities at 50 Chestnut St.

Father James Moynihan, diocesan chancellor, will chair another ad hoc committee, this one to review the financial status of the diocese, to study alternatives in diocesan finances, and to recruit a diocesan fund developer.

It was also announced that Msgr. Donald Mulcahy has retired from his post as executive secretary to the Pastoral Council Formation Committee. Bishops Hogan, Hickey, and McCafferty, and the regional coordinators and Interdepartmental Staff will review the vacancy and will make an announcement on a replacement this summer.

Retreat Schedule

The Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, will hold men's retreats for 22 parishes this weekend, June 1-3. Contact the number listed or the house itself, 315-394-5700 for information regarding your parish's retreat.

Parishes scheduled this weekend are: St. Patrick, J. Morinelli, 458-9763; St. Louis, Pittsford, F. Kinsky, 586-5585; St. Michael, Penn Yan, C. O'Dell,

536-5450; St. James, Trumansburg, R. McLallen; St. Anthony of Padua, L. Tartaglia, 458-9157; St. Theodore, L. LoMaglio, 647-1311; St. Jude, W. DiBacco, 458-8213; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, John Pearson, 272-8081; St. Catherine, Ithaca, J. Minogue, 272-8738; St. Mary, Watkins Glen, 535-2786; All Saints, Ludlowville, 364-7747; St. Anthony, Groton, 898-5135; Sacred Heart, Romulus, 869-2261.

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