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YOUTH SERVICE CORPS BANQUET

Suggested Remarks by Commissioner Girardin

IT SEEMS THAT A GREAT DEAL OF OUR TIME NOWADAYS IS SPENT IN CITY EXPLAINING OR APOLOGIZING FOR MISBEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF OUR YOUTH. RESPONSIBILITIES. AS CORPSMEN, YOU WERE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN YOUR PATROL AND REPORTING. TODAY, HOWEVER, WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM WHICH HONORS YOUTHFUL DETROITERS - - - SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS OF THE DETROIT POLICE YOUTH SERVICE CORPS!

I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR EFFORTS, AS ORIGINAL AND ON BEHALF OF MAYOR CAVANAGH AND THE CITIZENS OF DETROIT, AND, IN MY CAPACITY AS POLICE COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE YOUTH SERVICE CORPS, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU HERE TODAY AND TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THE FINE WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PAST SUMMER BY OUR CORPSMEN.

PLANS ARE ALREADY BEING DEVELOPED FOR NEXT SUMMER WITH A GREATER ORGANIZATION, A MORE REGULATED PROGRAM, AND, (WITH SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT,) A CHANCE TO EARN SOME MONEY WHILE TAKING PART IN YOUR CITY'S WORK!

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, YOU WERE THE TESTING GROUND FOR THIS PROGRAM, IN FOUR MAJOR POLICE PRECINCT AREAS. THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS, NEARLY 7,500 HOURS OF EXTRA PATROL WERE FURNISHED. YOUR GROUPS REPORTED ON 324 ABANDONED CARS, ISSUED OR REPORTED 1,365 DOG AND BICYCLE LICENSE WARNINGS, OVER 100 SIGNS, SIGNALS AND HOLES IN THE STREET, WARNED NEIGHBORS AND REPORTED ON WASTE AND LITTER - - - AND MANY HOURS OF ATTENTION TO THE SAFETY OF OUR SMALLER CHILDREN.

YOU WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING PROGRAMS---AND TO ENJOY THE FIELD DAY, A BASEBALL GAME AND A TRIP TO BELLE ISLE!

MOST IMPORTANT, YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CITY AND ABOUT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT---TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITIES. AS CORPSMEN, YOU WERE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN YOUR PATROL AND REPORTING---RELIEVING MUCH NEEDED POLICE PERSONNEL FOR OTHER ENFORCEMENT DUTIES!

I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR EFFORTS, AS ORIGINAL AND CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH SERVICE CORPS, HAVE PROVEN SO VALUABLE THAT WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM AND EXTEND IT TO OTHER BOYS IN THE COMING YEAR!

PLANS ARE ALREADY BEING DEVELOPED FOR NEXT SPRING---WITH A GREATER ORGANIZATION, A MORE REGULATED PROGRAM, AND, (WITH SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT,) A CHANCE TO EARN SOME MONEY WHILE TAKING PART IN YOUR CITY'S WORK!

IN CLOSING, MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU AND SAY THAT YOUR CITY IS PROUD OF YOU! YOUR BEHAVIOR AND APPEARANCE ON OUR STREETS CAN HELP TO MAKE DETROIT AN EVEN GREATER PLACE TO LIVE!

THANK YOU!