

Working under the supervision of Police Chief Andrew Plano of White Lake Township, a group of eight men activated a Civilian Defense Auxiliary Police unit in White Lake Township on June 1, 1955. This unit, consisting of Norman Ihrke, Louis Marsh, Joseph Lesar, Harvey Bruns, Raymond Kurnz, Carl Shelford, Dollege Powers, and Ferdinand Vetter completed 78 hours of classroom training including 24 hours of Police and Law, 24 hours of Standard Red Cross First Aid, 10 hours of Advanced Red Cross First Aid, and 20 hours of special classes. In addition to this, many hours have been spent in planning and conducting the business of the unit.

Since being sworn in upon completion of the training course, practical application of their training has been obtained by assisting the local Fire Dept. in directing traffic at fires and other emergencies and taking scheduled tours of duty with the Police Dept. on road patrol and other activities. The unit has amassed a total of 703 3/4 hours of duty to date in these operations, an average of 166 hours of training and application per man. Members of the unit have also been acting as instructors for a new class of five recruits which has been started and is now in progress.

Uniforms and equipment for the unit have been purchased through donations and largely through group fund raising efforts and personal expenditures. The men of this unit have exhibited a remarkable sense of civic and patriotic duty in that of the eight original members, none have dropped out, attendance at classes was perfect except for vacations or sickness, and response to emergency calls and tours of duty has been nothing short of praiseworthy.