

Explorers make it easy to comply with number law

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Reflective house numbers - Explorers in Post 11 at the Auburn Fire Station are making it easy for local residents and businesses to potentially save a life while complying with state and local laws.

They are selling highly reflective house numbers that "glow like they are lit"

with the slightest touch of light, making it easy for emergency personnel to find houses on which they are placed, even at night.

Fire Chief Roger Belhumeur said state law and local bylaws require that contrasting numbers, at least four inches in height, be attached and plainly visible on every house.

"It's so difficult, particularly at night, to see house numbers. We spend precious minutes searching when we should be treating a patient or responding to an emergency. These numbers can mean the difference between life and death," he said.

The numbers are \$4.75 each, and are on display at the fire station in Drury Square. Proceeds will go to benefit Explorer Post 11.

Also available are larger numbers for businesses, as required by law, as well as "highly illuminating reflectors" for mailboxes and posts to prevent accidental plowing or other mishaps, and suction-cup handicapped signs for mounting in vehicles.

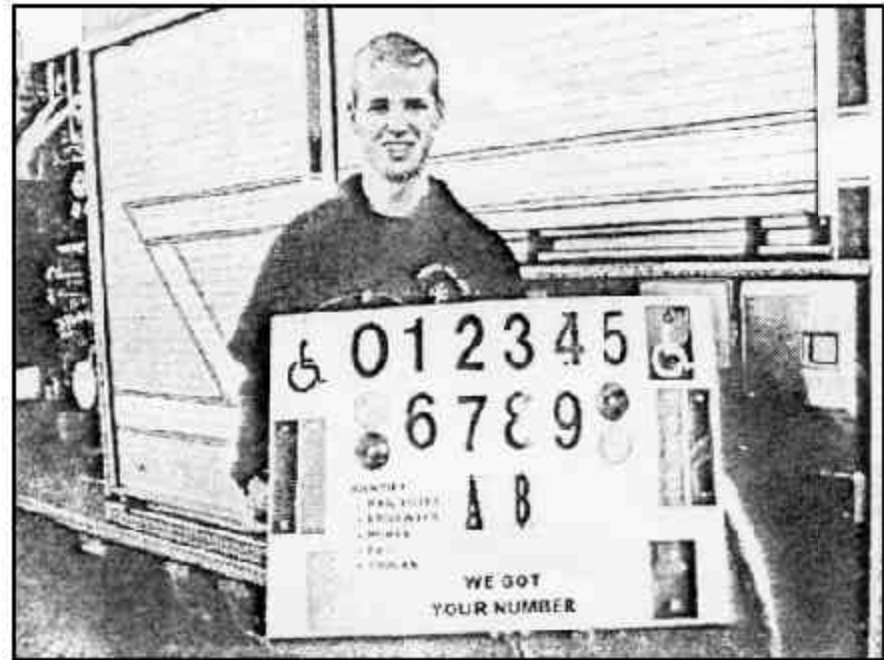
"Everyone wins. The public safety is enhanced and the Explorer Post benefits," Belhumeur said.

The attractive numbers are black with white reflectors suitable for all houses and clearly visible to emergency vehicles day and night.

Belhumeur said, "We can't do any good if someone is having a medical problem if we can't find the house. In an emergency, minutes can save or cost a life."

Explorer Post 11 is selling highly reflective house numbers that comply with state and local laws to help increase public safety. Firefighter Eric Mterson, post advisor, displays some of the numbers now available.

(Ellie Oleson photo)



Outside/Inside double sided display.

Available for promoting fund raisers

