

Emergency Phone System Valuable Aid on Freeway

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As many of you know, I led a long campaign to develop and provide emergency telephones on the freeways.

As the full system of freeway phones near completion, it is gratifying to report fine citizen acceptance for these life-saving devices.

By 1970 approximately 2,300 telephones will be operating at quarter-mile intervals on every freeway in the County.

Phones are already assisting motorists daily on the full length of the Harbor and San Diego Freeways in my district. The installations on the Santa Monica Freeway will be complete this year.

CALLS PLACED on these phones go direct to the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles Police Department.

I recently inspected the receiving and dispatching center for freeway phones at the California Highway Patrol headquarters on North Vermont Avenue and was informed that the Highway Patrol received 557 calls during the month of May.

Requests for tow service totaled 301. Both the CHP and LAPD are equipped to refer calls directly to the Southern California Automobile Club and the CHP reports that approximately one out of four calls, and about half the calls for tow service, are routed directly to the club.

THE VALUES of the emergency telephones are:

- They save lives and bring quick assistance to injured.
- They bring help to motorists with car trouble. (Anyone who has ever been "stranded" on a freeway knows how valuable that is!)
- They save the taxpayers money and the motorists time.

Any time a stranded or disabled vehicle can be removed quickly from the freeway, traffic jams are relieved and hundreds of hours are saved for freeway motorists.

BECAUSE the caller can tell his problem directly to a policeman, the expense of dispatching an officer to every freeway incident is saved. If tow service is all that is needed, there is no need to send an officer. On the other hand, if an ambulance is needed, it can be dispatched directly rather than having to send an officer to assess the problem and then radio for the ambulance.

I recently wrote Inspector Howard Amborn of the California Highway Patrol to make sure there was adequate staffing to answer the freeway phones so citizens do not have to wait an undue period of time.

The Inspector informs me he is taking necessary steps to provide not only sufficient manpower but additional equipment if necessary to "provide the level of service intended for those who drive on the freeway."



WINS HONDA . . . Carl Weber (right), of 23321 Shadycroft Ave., has been selected as a winner in the Frito-Lay Honda Sweepstakes. He received his new Honda 90 from Stan Hanover, manager of the Foods Co. Supermarket at 2655 Pacific Coast Hwy.

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