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## 'Talking Squad Car' Is Shown At Law Enforcement Meeting

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Among the hundreds of new police aids exhibited at a law enforcement conference here was a squad car that talks.

The car is called Mike and it asks passengers to "kick my left tire, it itches."

Mike has an electronic system that allows a patrolman to operate a public address unit by remote control.

"The car is designed to give safety lectures to school kids," said a salesman at the 79th International Chiefs of Police Conference. "You park it in a school lot and when the kids come around it starts talking to them."

"Sometimes kids are afraid of a policeman, but they just naturally take to a car."

Mike was one of the featured attractions among the gimmicks, gadgets and computer-age weaponry on display by more than 200 merchants at the Salt Palace, where police leaders from 25 nations were meeting.

Another innovation to help the man in blue is a black plastic nightstick called the "Prosecutor," which a brochure said

was designed to protect an officer from "the popular police brutality charge."

The club has a short handle fixed at a right angle, allowing the officer to conceal it along the length of his arm. From this position, the brochure says, "jabs, chops, blocks and many other techniques may be used . . . with tremendous effectiveness without open shots from our friendly photographer."

A salesman in another booth demonstrated a machine gun with a laser beam sight. The laser projects a pencil-thin beam of light hundreds of yards away. The .22 caliber weapon fires 180 rounds a minute.

"You just put the light on the target and pull the trigger," the salesman said.

The visiting chiefs also got a look at a new type of highway sign aimed at controlling speeders.

The sign watches oncoming motorists with radar, and if they are breaking the limit it flashes a warning to slow down and tells how fast they are going.

"It can be used as a warning signal or to catch violators," a spokesman said.