

Nebus promoted to assistant chief

Farmington Hills police are promoting from within, sending one veteran back to familiar haunts.

Commander Chuck Nebus is returning to where he's spent 16 of his 24 years in the department - the Investigative Bureau. He'll head the department as a newly-promoted assistant chief, replacing Richard Murphy who retired last month after 30 years.

Nebus' promotion was part of several announced during a ceremony Friday in Farmington Hills City Hall.

Lt. Pat Browne, a 20-year veteran, moves up to commander while Sgt. Gil Kohls becomes a lieutenant. Officer and investigator Patrick Comini jumps to the rank of sergeant.

Also, under the restructuring, the department elevates two cadets to officers, hires four cadets and brings in two new officers as part of the public safety millage.

"It will be a little bit like going home again," said Nebus, 42, who was hired as a cadet in 1974. "There is a great crew of experienced, hard-working and dedicated investigators down there, and I'm looking forward to working with them."

Nebus will oversee the bureau, which includes 14 investigators who handle cases that range from burglaries and fraud to homicides. Last year, investigators obtained nearly 500 adult

felony and misdemeanor warrants and sought 176 petitions for juveniles offenders.

Nebus, who was Officer of the Year in 1985, has racked up 25 departmental citations and awards.

In addition to being a patrol officer and investigator, Nebus worked as supervisor of the crime prevention and detective sections. He's also been a patrol shift and administrative division lieutenant.

Nebus is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

During the past 15 months, he's been commander of the Administration Bureau.

Browne replaces Nebus as commander of the Administrative Bureau. He's been working as bureau lieutenant, guiding the department's crime prevention and school liaison officer sections as well as the Records Department.

Browne, 48, who spent six years as a Detroit police officer,



Asst. Chief Nebus



Commander Browne



Lt. Kohls



Sgt. Comini

will oversee the support services such as vehicle maintenance and communications.

"There certainly will be new responsibilities and new challenges. At the same time, though, I'll be working with a lot of the same people," Browne said. "We will continue the team effort we've always had here."

In 20 years with the department, Browne has earned 14 citations and awards. He's also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and earned a master's degree from EMU. His son, Patrick, is a Troy police officer.

Kohls becomes a lieutenant after 18 years with the department. He worked as a Detroit police officer for seven years prior to coming to the Hills.

Kohls, who was named Officer of the Year in 1988, has been supervisor of the crime suppression unit.

Comini, 33, has been a Hills officer for 11 years. He's been a patrol officer, detective and arson investigator. He was instrumental in solving two homicide cases.

Christopher Steuer and David Kemp have both been hired as officers and will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Four cadets are promoted to the rank of officer. Of those, Garin Anderson and Gino Martin are assigned to the Patrol Division while T. Derek Tobin and Brian Moore are headed to the police academy.

The department also hired four cadets: Craig Dorsa, Daniel Bloese, Surort Shamoun and Michael Flatt.

Town meeting brings county board here

Residents in the Farmington and Farmington Hills areas are invited to attend the Regional Town Hall meeting being sponsored by Oakland County Commissioners David L. Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills, and Donn L. Wolf, R-Farmington, from 7-9

p.m. Monday, July 27, at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31655 W. 11 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

This will mark the second board of commissioners event in Farmington Hills. Moffitt, chairman of the Public Services Com-

mittee, initiated a pilot program this year to hold a series of Public Services Committee meetings in local communities instead of at the county courthouse.

The April 28 meeting was the first board of commissioners meeting ever to be televised, carried live by Time Warner Cable.

"This town hall meeting is a continuation of his efforts to make government more accessible to the people," Moffitt said.

"Commissioner Moffitt's televised Public Services Committee meeting appears to have started a community meeting trend," Wolf said, "that will make county government better known to our citizens and is certainly a

welcomed development."

The regional town hall meeting in Farmington Hills will also be carried live by Time Warner Cable. Representatives for Oakland County's health division, sheriff's department and road commission will be on hand to answer questions and will provide an overview of their respective programs.

The meetings, held in conjunction with Oakland County departments, provide citizens with a "one-stop shop" of information on job opportunities, emergency services, and low interest home improvement loans.

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Officers, public cited

Farmington Hills police Officers Duane Herrick and William Maffesoli were recently awarded a Lifesaving Award by the Farmington Hills Police Department's Citation and Award Board recently.

In March, the officers were sent to a home where they found a woman lying on the floor trying to commit suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning, using the exhaust from a running vehicle.

Their thoroughness and quick actions stopped the suicide attempt, according to the Citation and Award Board.

Officer Jeff Weiss of the Livonia Police Department was awarded a citation for his helping arrest three suspects after an armed robbery and recovering a firearm.

Officer Weiss monitored radio reports of an armed robbery at the 7-Eleven store at Farmington and Nine Mile in November. He stationed himself at the likely escape route and, even though no vehicle description was given, he recalled the description of a vehicle in the area at the time and saw that vehicle and stopped it.

Officer Alex Pruss was awarded a citation for his role in arresting two suspects and recovering a loaded .38 caliber revolver, which was stolen in a prior burglary in Livonia.

In March, Officer Pruss had been dispatched to Purdue Street on a report of a home invasion. He interviewed a resident who said she saw two people walking in the area who matched the description of the suspects. They were arrested.

Officer Daniel Rodriguez was awarded a citation for his attention and follow-up on patrol information in checking the Little Caesar's Pizza Warehouse on Commerce Drive, where two men were loading scrap metal into their truck. His investigation showed the two were stealing the materials and they were arrested on larceny charges.

Officer Duane Fox was

awarded a citation for his role in stopping a vehicle at North Farmington High for a traffic offense in April. He found the vehicle occupants were not students and had no business at the school. They were charged with trespassing, driving with suspended license and the vehicle was determined to have been stolen.

Officer Gary Lavin was awarded a citation for his "perseverance and street sense" in arresting the suspect after a home invasion in April. With no suspects at the scene, Officer Lavin stayed in the area and stopped a car driving with its headlights off. The occupants were determined to be responsible.

Officers Brian Bastianelli and Brian Branson were cited for their thoroughness in discovering a loaded 9 mm semi-automatic pistol in April. After a license plate stop, the two found the driver a voluntary missing person. The pistol was found after the driver allowed the officers to search the vehicle.

Unit citations were awarded to Sgt. Gary Mallow, Officer Marlin Goblo, Officer Damian Woodmore, Officer Ronald Gosson and Dispatcher Kathy Thom for their teamwork in stopping a life-threatening situation after a domestic dispute after a woman fired a shotgun at her husband.

A civilian citation was awarded to Louis Rhodes for his role in calmly reporting and providing information regarding two cars racing through a neighborhood and firing shots. Although he was one of 40 callers, Rhodes' call was the most helpful.

Letters of appreciation were also offered to Officers Gary Lavin, Richard Blom, Gregory Hughes, Mark Mostek and Paul Nicholas.

A Chief's letter was awarded to Toyler McCarthy, Christopher Robinson, Luna Alor, Dorothea Wright and Estelle Duncan for save a choking victim in May.

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