

Exemplary, veteran employees honored

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From March through May, Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Charles Nebus was the officer in charge of seven armed robbery cases — one involving the shooting of a Livonia police officer. The cases involved 12 suspects, of which arrest warrants were issued for nine.

On July 20, District Chief Robert Rebovy of the Farmington Hills Fire Department was the first to arrive at the scene of a church fire. He noticed the fire was concentrated near a gas meter and shut down the gas flow before other firefighters arrived at the scene.

In another incident, Rebovy was first on the scene after a Farmington Hills dispatcher coached parents in providing their infant with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Rebovy took the infant to Botford General Hospital for further treatment.

Both Nebus and Rebovy were among those employees honored by city council members, administrators and other employees Monday at the Farmington Hills 10th annual appreciation and recognition awards night. City employees, as well as board and commission members, are honored annually for their years of service.

In selecting Nebus as police officer

of the year, Police Chief William Dwyer said, "His great attention to detail, persistence, analytical ability, determination and skillful presentation of the cases to prosecutors were exemplary, and led to an impressive clearance rate and successful prosecutions."

FOR THE past three years, the fire department, in conjunction with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has selected a firefighter of the year. The award is now included as part of the city's employee recognition night.

In selecting Rebovy, Fire Chief Richard Marinac said, "This individual has unselfishly given of himself to the department and to the community and because of this, the department has improved. Among some of the accomplishments of this individual are his actions during emergencies, his involvement in training and administration."

Other city employees were also honored for their length of service, as well as board and commission members for completion of their appointed terms.

For 20 years of service, the following employees were honored: Thomas Godwin, police inspector; Melvin Hall, police officer; Peter Larson, police sergeant; Raymond Marchewitz, police officer; Richard Niemisto, police

inspector; and JoAn Reynolds, city clerk.

For 15 years of service: John Kohls, police sergeant; Jerry McKenzie, police officer; Richard Murphy, police lieutenant; Joseph Rebb, police sergeant; Brad Schwartz, police officer; and Edmund Wozniak, police officer.

For 10 years of service: Dale Begay, equipment operator; Robert Boyd, equipment operator; Michael Breckenridge, paid-callback firefighter; Jean Coll, administrative secretary; Loreta Conway, senior adult program supervisor; Larry Dahlberg, Department of Public Works (DPW) maintenance supervisor; Debra DeSilvio, police records division supervisor; Stephen Hume, fire department district chief; Paul Ignash, DPW maintenance supervisor; David Justus, recreation supervisor; Andrew Lang, recreation superintendent; Walter Lay, equipment operator; Robert Malloy, equipment operator; Christine Martin, teleprocessing coordinator; Ford Price, equipment operator; Arthur Russik, engineering aide; Lorraine Schmidt, administrative secretary; Edward Smidals, equipment operator; Wayne Smith, equipment operator; Francis Stubbs, equipment and grounds supervisor; John

Wald, building official; Sandra Welso, account processing supervisor.

For five years of service: Wayne Beerbower, police officer; John Challor, inventory and records clerk; Timothy Connor, police officer; Bertis Cook, police officer; Larry Dailey, automotive mechanic; Joyce Delany, Sherman, juvenile services assistant; Douglas Fournier, park maintenance supervisor; David Granzin, fire lieutenant; Carrie Hajjar, paid-callback firefighter; Jeannette Hayward, community service officer; Rita Heenan, secretary; Terry Helman, paid-callback firefighter; Susan Johnson, account clerk; Gilbert Kohls, police officer; Richard Levine, paid-callback firefighter; Daniel Luoma, police officer; Gary Mailoux, police officer; William Michalak, police officer; Patrick Monti, police officer; Peter Morelli, paid-callback firefighter; C. Sue Roso, elections aide; Alan Soderlund, police officer; Lea Strickland, paid-callback firefighter; Nancy Summers, police officer; Wendy Therrien, secretary; Daniel Waker, paid-callback firefighter; and Penelope Witkege, word processing clerk.

BOARDS and commissions awards also were presented:
• Farmington Hills Planning Com-

mission — Susan Higgins (1984-85) and Robert Higgins (1984-85).

• Farmington Hills Historic District Commission — Dr. Lee Juliano (1981-84) and Gary Robertson (1981-85).

• Farmington Hills Historical Commission — Barbara Dupont (1983-85) and David Finney (1983-85).

• Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals — Robert Oswald (1981-85), James Ellis, posthumously (1975-85), Cathy Egypt (1981-85), and George Roberts (1977-85).

• Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees — Lois Carey (1979-85).

• Farmington Area Commission on Aging — Aldo Vagnoni (1981-85).

• Farmington Hills Rehabilitation Loan Board — Massie Kurzeja (1983-85).

• Farmington Hills Committee to Increase Voter Participation — Norbert Bartos (1978-85) and John Traflet (1981-83).

• Farmington Hills Board of Councillors — Barbara Stone (1982-84) and Susan Rennels (1981-85).

• Farmington Hills Energy Committee — Harold Gibson, Duane Whinnery, Mary Kay Zolten, Duane Duman, Laura Duman, all one-year terms in 1985.

Prayer breakfast on tap

WJBK-TV2 anchorman George Sells will be keynote speaker at the Farmington Area Jaycees 19th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The prayer breakfast at Glen Oaks County Golf Course, 30500 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, is the local version of the Jaycees' annual presidential breakfast in Washington, D.C. The program will also include pres-

entation of the annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Award as well as other service awards honoring local businesspeople's contributions to the Farmington Area Jaycees.

The public may attend the buffet-style breakfast and program. Tickets are \$7.50. For more information and reservations, call Rena Swanson, 478-6749.

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