

Residential burglary comparison - '86-'87

	Fourteen	Mile	21	36	20	6
1986	8	14	15	35	8	12
1987	20	20	Thirteen	Mile		
1986	4	11	15	12	21	20
1987	3	5	25	10	16	6
1986	2	696	13	5	6	25
1987	7	4	3	11	21	15
1986	3	35	6	13	9	44
1987	0	36	1	7	13	25
1986	11	6	10	29	27	
1987	7	16	5	32	40	
1986	19	8	13	21	22	89
1987	17	10	24	17	39	69

The chart above compares the number of residential burglaries in each section of Farmington Hills during the past two years. Below, commercial burglaries are compared for the same period.

Commercial burglary comparison - '86-'87

	Fourteen	Mile	0	8	18	8
1986	2	2	0	8	7	4
1987	2	1	0	8	7	4
1986	4	0	1	13	6	9
1987	0	1	2	8	5	9
1986	6	696	1	8	5	0
1987	5	0	0	10	3	1
1986	18	3	3	1	4	3
1987	16	2	0	2	2	1
1986	7	0	0	7	1	1
1987	4	0	0	6	1	1
1986	1	1	14	7	7	13
1987	4	1	14	14	11	19

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Car thefts, burglaries decrease

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Dwyer attributes the decreases to the decision to check the city's crime patterns on a daily basis followed with immediate patrol response.

"On a daily basis, we look at the crime problems. If we see an emergence of something, we immediately deploy officers rather than waiting a few weeks to see what happens," Dwyer said.

Crime prevention activities, such as Neighborhood Watch, and more visible patrols in neighborhoods helped reduce burglaries and robberies. Road patrols have been emphasized.

The cadet program, which allows cadets to free up officers for road patrol rather than conducting routine paperwork matters at the station, has put more officers on the road. A department reorganization a couple years ago also increased the number of officers on the road, Dwyer said.

"We're trying to be more visible in

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the subs and the commercial locations and we're trying to increase our crime prevention activities," he added.

LARCENIES INCREASED in 1987 to 1,541 from 1,756 the previous year. Notable increases in the larceny category include auto parts and accessories, larceny from a vehicle and bicycles. Larcenies in a building, however, decreased in 1987 to 398 from 414 in 1986.

"Larcenies of auto parts and of vehicles are in the area of people stealing hubcaps, radar detectors and hood ornaments," Dwyer said.

Motor vehicle theft remained the same as in 1986 at 437 incidents. Within that category, auto thefts decreased to 289 from 306 in 1986. Mo-

torcycle theft, however, increased from three in 1986 to 10 in 1987.

The decrease in auto thefts represents a turnaround. In 1986, auto thefts increased more than 30 percent over 1985. "SPOT (Special Patrol Operational Team) increased arrests last year by 102 percent. And now with the conspiracy unit (South-east Michigan Drug Conspiracy Investigative Unit), I would hope we will show a decrease in 1988," Dwyer said.

IN OTHER serious crimes, only one homicide was committed in 1987. But criminal sexual conduct incidents increased from 12 in 1986 to 15 last year. "The vast majority of these are between people related or acquainted," Dwyer said about the sex-related crimes.

Other notable changes between 1986 and 1987 occurred in vandalism, narcotic drug law enforcement and liquor law violations.

Vandalism, "which is a tough one to control," increased to 1,281 incidents compared to 1,212 in 1986. Liquor law violations decreased in 1987 to 134 from 219. The increase in 1986 was due to major enforcement sweeps of licensed liquor dealers in the city.

Narcotic law violations to 76 from 46 in 1986. "There will be a big push throughout the year," Dwyer said.

Crime prevention expansion planned for high-crime areas

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington Hills police officials plan to expand its crime prevention education into sections of the city that had increases in residential and commercial burglaries in 1987.

Of the city's 38 square-mile sections, section 35 in the southeast corner — bounded by Eight Mile, Inkster, Nine Mile and Middlebelt — is the best example of what crime prevention can do, police Chief William Dwyer said.

In 1987, residential crime prevention efforts there — an area that historically has the greatest number of criminal complaints — were beefed up to include Neighborhood Watch areas.

Residential burglaries dropped from 89 in 1986 to 69 in 1987. Commercial burglaries, however, increased from 13 in 1986 to 19 in 1987.

In the city's north end, burglaries in section 6 — bounded by 14 Mile,

Haggerty, 13 Mile and Halsted — increased from eight in 1986 to 20 last year.

Neighboring section 5 — bounded by 14 Mile, Halsted, 13 Mile and Drake — had an increase from 14 in 1986 to 20 in 1987. And in section 1 in the northeast corner — bounded by 14 Mile, Inkster, 13 Mile and Middlebelt — burglaries doubled from six in 1986.

"In the northern ends, we can attribute the increases to the increase in development," Dwyer said.

IN OTHER areas, which border neighboring communities, burglaries also increased.

An example is section 25 — bounded by Nine Mile, Inkster, 10 Mile and Middlebelt — where burglaries increased from 27 in 1986 to 40 last year. Section 33 — bounded by Eight Mile, Orchard Lake Road, Nine Mile and Farmington Road — increased from 13 in 1986 to 24 last year.

"Quite frankly, it (the increased burglaries) is because of what's happening in the communities bordering those areas," Dwyer said.

When crime increases in neighboring communities, areas near the Farmington Hills border will feel the effect, he added.

"It would be our intent in those areas to send our crime prevention technicians in," Dwyer said.

IN ADDITION to the Neighborhood Watch programs, the Hills department offers free residential and commercial security surveys. Crime prevention technicians will conduct on-site inspections to determine what measures can be taken to prevent breaking and entering. In 1987, technicians conducted 153 residential and 17 commercial surveys.

"It's a really good thing to have. It's a common-sense approach to crime prevention," said Joyce Sherman, juvenile services assistant. Similar surveys by private businesses cost about \$200, she said.

All too often, the free surveys are not utilized until after a robbery or breaking and entering occurs, Sherman said. Interiors and exteriors of structures are checked to determine whether better locking mechanisms, lighting or even landscaping measures are needed, she added.

"Lighting and sound are major deterrents to crime," Sherman said.

To make an appointment for the residential and commercial security survey, call the crime prevention office at 473-9540.

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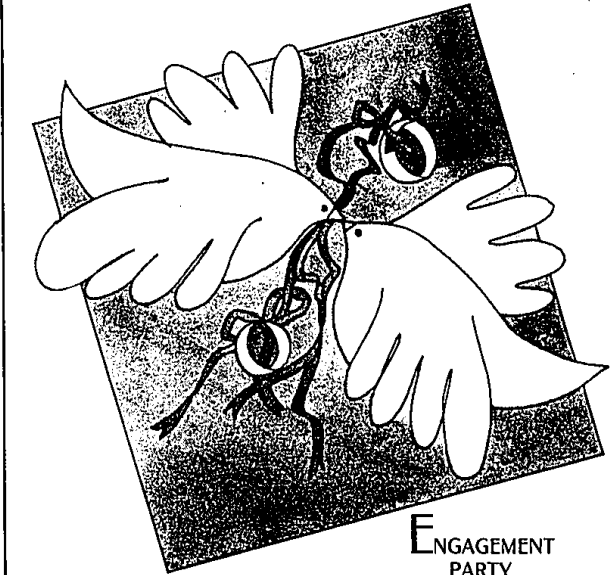
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