



At the police department open house, the police team gives a mighty heave on the way to winning the annual tug of war with the fire department.

## Cops again out-tug firemen

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special writer

The competition was too tough for the Farmington Hills Fire Department in the second annual tug of war contest against the police department June 4 during the police department's 40th anniversary celebration. The open house celebration, on the police facility grounds at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, was highlighted by the tug of war competition.

"What we did to them was a crime," said Officer Chuck Hubbard, police team coach, while pointing to the "crime scene-do not enter" banner separating spectators from the event. Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said his team was not as "fired-up" as the police team. He blamed the loss on his team's fatigue over a long week of firefighting.

"We had a hard time finding a coach this year," Marinucci said. "We called the Windsor and Detroit police departments for help, but they said they would not go against their brothers in blue."

THE FIREFIGHTERS said they could not take the contest as seriously as their opponents and showed up in tropical shorts, fluorescent sunglasses and shower caps.

The police tugged in their polished blue and gold uniforms and arrested all chances for the firefighters to lead during the two-out-of-three wins competition.

A victory plaque was presented to police Chief William Dwyer by Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever.

THE CELEBRATION allows citizens to become familiar with law enforcement services, Sever said.

"This has been a process of the department reaching out in the form of a helping hand and the citizens respond by reaching back," Sever said.

"Many citizens are reluctant and don't see the police department as a friend. This type of event allows citizens to see that there are a lot of programs the department has to offer."

"Every community should know their police department and what functions the department provides for them," Dwyer said. "We are a very community-oriented service, and we welcome their part in various crime prevention."

McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog were among the celebrities who attended the celebration.

THE WINDSOR Police Pipe Band offered musical entertainment. A karate demonstration, including a six-brick split with one stab, was conducted by the Farmington Hills YMCA American Korean Tae Kwan Do Organization. The organization will be working in conjunction with the police department to emphasize self-defense.

"People need to be aware of how they can make a difference in a dangerous situation," said Nick Colling, American Korean Tae Kwan Do instructor. "One lucky shot or one mistake will make the difference."

Fingerprinting of children, a weapons display, bicycle registering, police and fire truck displays and crime prevention programs were also included in the day's events.



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Kathy Oeder of Farmington Hills and her nephew, Alexander Mammoser, 3, of Canton Township, check out Strawberry Pie, ridden by Oakland County public safety officer Debora Stormer, at the police department open house.

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