

Police identify car fire victim

Bloomfield Township police identified the man whose badly burned body was found in a car on Nov. 24 as that of Scott Westbrook III, 52, of Troy.

Lt. Jeffrey Werner said police still have not determined the cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Police said they received a call about a car fire at 5:37 p.m. at Square Lake Road near Opdyke.

When police arrived they found Westbrook's 1989 Pontiac Sunbird engulfed in flames. Westbrook's body was discovered in the driver's seat of the car after the fire was put out.

"We've been unable to determine the source of the fire or how his car got to where it got," said Werner.

THE CAR WAS found in a ditch. The body was taken to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office where an autopsy was performed. Cause of death was determined to be the fire, Werner said.

Westbrook worked for the Pontiac School District since 1973 as director of vocational education.

"He was an outstanding individual," said John Hughes, assistant superintendent for personnel and labor affairs. He said Westbrook served as president of the board of the local administrators' union.

Werner said no one knows where Westbrook was going at the time of the accident. He had left his home while his wife was out.

"There's not a lot to go on, but the investigation is continuing," Werner said.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

They're off and trotting

The annual Turkey Trot, held at Power Middle School in Farmington Hills Nov. 22, was a huge success, according to Power Principal Laura Miner. More than 200 youngsters and parents, 24 staff members, three dogs and one turkey trotted, walked or ran one mile around the school, she said. About \$725 in pledges for the Farmington Emergency Fund was raised. The

money was used to buy Thanksgiving dinners for the needy of the Farmington area. The event was sponsored by the Power Student Assistance Teams. "Our theme this year was that students can be contributing members of the community," said Miner. "This is one way the kids could get involved and give something back."

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