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The shooting victims, both Detroiters, aged 16 and 19, were taken to Botsford General Hospital and reportedly underwent surgery Saturday morning. One was believed to have been working security.

A hospital spokesman would not comment on their condition Saturday.

One was shot twice in the side and back, and the other took three bullets in a leg. The youth with the cut hand was treated at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

A fistfight inside the building apparently led to the shootings, police said. The shooting took place outside — at least six shots were fired.

Police found a .32-caliber pistol, but it may not have been related to the shootings.

Eight witnesses were being questioned.

Police, summoned by a 9-1-1 call, arrived to find panic and pandemonium at the center, as hundreds of young people rushed to get out.

"Most of the kids just wanted to get out of there," said police Sgt. Peter Larion, one of the first officers to arrive at the center. "A few were fighting. Most just wanted out."

Chief Dwyer said he would investigate claims attributed to partygoers that police officers entered the party with guns drawn, adding to the panic.

Police stayed on the scene until 3 a.m. Saturday collecting evidence. Larion said he feared another gun was somewhere in the center.

"There's some sort of a big Naval function there tomorrow, and we have to be certain there are no more guns in there," he said.

The party, apparently organized by three young men, was attended by people from area high schools and colleges. More than 20 high schools — mostly Detroit schools, but some suburban ones, too — were listed on the flyer.



Fighting questions: Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer (left) and Sgt. Peter Larion meet the press early Saturday.

Watch meeting set

A Neighborhood Watch orientation meeting is planned for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, in the city council chambers at the Farmington Hills city Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Residents of Hills subdivisions with Neighborhood Watch programs who have not been to an orientation meeting are urged

to attend, said Kim Kemake, crime prevention technician for the Farmington Hills police.

Neighborhood Watch is a program where residents learn how to protect themselves and their neighborhoods from crime. For more information, call 473-9640 weekdays between business hours.

Farmington Road to close

Farmington Road will be closed between 11 and 12 Mile roads on Saturday, Aug. 8, beginning at 7 a.m.

The installation of a water main across Farmington Road is the reason for the closing, city officials

said. The work should be completed by that afternoon, he added.

Local access will be provided to Oakland Community College — Orchard Ridge campus and Biddlestone Lane from 12 Mile Road, and to Harlan Drive from 11 Mile.

Election from page 1A

trict Court in Farmington. The retirement of Judge Margaret Schaeffer leaves an open seat on the bench and seven Farmington Hills attorneys are running.

Candidates are: Steven Gabel, Kenneth Knoppow, Jack McDonald, Marla Parker, Richard Poehlman, Shirley Saltzman and Gerald Surowiec. The top two vote-getters will face each other in the November general election.

Another high-visibility race takes place in the new 11th Congressional District, which includes Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Republican candidates are Dave Hurliman, Alice Gilbert and Joe Knollenberg. Democrats are Walter O. Briggs IV and Michael Meyer. The top vote-getter in each party will square off in November.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Local Lotto loser wins second-chance car

Dennis Helferty of Farmington Hills got extra mileage out of his Lotto ticket.

After trying his luck on Lotto, he won a new Pontiac Grand Am in the fourth drawing of the "Lotto 20 Car Giveaway" second-chance sweepstakes.

In celebration of the Michigan Lottery's 20th anniversary, the bureau is giving away 20 new automobiles through Sept. 11.

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cle. The Lottery will give away two automobiles each week for 10 weeks.

Helferty, 45, is an animal control officer for Redford Township.

"This is terrific," Helferty said after hearing the good news about

winning a new Pontiac Grand Am. "I've never won anything in my life. This is great. I can't get over it."

A regular Lottery player for the past 20 years, he purchased his "Lotto 20 Car Giveaway" ticket at Meijer in Westland.



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