



In American gear: Max Anthouard, a firefighter when he lived in France, poses in Farmington Hills garb with Ore, a firefighter's dog, at Station 1.

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"In Paris, before we arrived (at a fire), we knew what we were going to do," he said. "Here, we don't know how many people are going to respond. When I heard that it was volunteer, I asked 'what happens if nobody comes?' That hasn't happened yet. Everything works out very well."

A few weeks ago, Anthouard was part of a crew to respond to a garage fire. The blaze was enough to contend with, but he and other firefighters also grappled with icy conditions. Fire and ice weren't the only things to make Anthouard sweat and slip.

His English would quickly become as unraveled as a hose at a four-alarm blaze when he first came to Farmington with his wife, Mary, who is from this area. Today, he speaks the language *tres bien*. He became one of the crew at Fire Station No. 1.

"You have to concentrate and listen when he speaks to hear the subtitles with his accent," said

Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Mike Garr.

"Last year at the fire safety house, we had a family in from Quebec. He was able to take them through the house in French."

"My English was kind of bad; They (other firefighters) were wonderful," Anthouard said. "They took me under their wing with the language."

"We joke around. Sometimes they look at me with a question mark over their head. First, it was me with the question mark when they spoke to me. Now it's their turn."

Anthouard was asked to cook for the crew. He had planned an elaborate course of rabbit, which is a popular delicacy in France.

However, Anthouard was left holding the pan as the bunny connection fell through. He whipped up an un-Parisian course of macaroni instead.

He'd like a larger serving of the comradery that comes with working full time.

## New officer



Joins Hills force: Evan Warsecke, 25, became the newest member of the Farmington Hills Police Department at swearing in ceremonies Jan. 28. Warsecke, who joined the department as a cadet in 1990, will attend the Oakland County Police Academy later this month before becoming a patrol officer full time.

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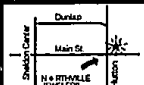
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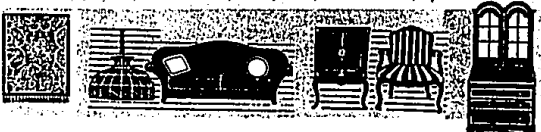
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