20-year veteran cops VFW's top officer award

Chief William J. Dwyer of the Farmington Hills Police Department announced that Officer Timothy Swanson was recognized as Police Officer of the Year by the Farmington area VFW on Feb. 12.

Swanson was selected by the police department's Citation and Award Board, comprised of his fellow officers.

His law enforcement career began in 1974, when he was appointed to the position of police cadet. In 1976, he was promoted to the rank of police officer.

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Swanson has served in various espacities within the department such as the juvenile section, patrol division, and his current as signment in the investigative section. He also represented the department as a member of the Southwest Oakland County Auto Theft Unit, where he became a recognized expert witness in the field of auto theft.

Swanson is an instructor at Scholoraft, where he present in-service training to officers on auto theft. He serves as the liaison officer to the department's Cheplain Program.

One of the department's most decorated officers, Swanson has been influential in the successful disposition of several major cases during 1993.

His initiative, leadership and

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performance in a case involving Universal Auto, 28001 Grand Revening ton Hills, is one example. The investigation led to the recovery of 25 automobiles and the confiscation of hundreds of files.

There were investigations from numerous other law enforcement agencies that had tried unsuc-cessfully for years to investigate the fraudulent operation that victimized the public.

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Through his dedication and perseverance, Swanson obtained warrants through the Oakland Country Prosecutor's Office charging the suspects with fraud. His investigation helped the State of Illinois in resolving fraud cases and the recovery of more than 100 vehicles.

As a result of his investigation, he was invited on Nov. 3, 1993, to teatify before the Michigan State Senate on proposed laws being considered as a result of the case.

Swanson and his wife, Colleen, have three children.



Hills' top officer: Tim Swanson was named Police Officer of the Year in Farmington Hills by the Farmington VFW.

CLARIFICATION

A caption under the color photograph on page 1 of the Feb. 14 Farmington Observer should have identified Brian Studer as the Eagle Elementary School student in the wheelchair.

Engler to stump for Proposal A

Gov. John Engler will speak on the merits of Proposal A, the bal-lot proposal that would hike the state sales tax, from 2-3 p.m. Sat-urday, Feb. 26, in Shannon Hall of the Mercy Cente on 11 Mile Road cast of Middlebelt in Farm-ington Hills.

Engler, who supports Proposal A, will take questions from the audience after his talk. Michigan voters will settle the ballot proposal question in a special election March 15.



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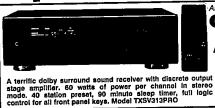
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