

# Officer

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description of the vehicle on the radio.

A few minutes later, he saw the Geo stopped at the light on Grand River and Farmington. Schulz went up to the car and pulled the driver out, making the arrest. A handful of festival goers gave him a hearty round of applause.

Such heads-up police work earned him the commendation. A car waiting at a light also played a role in one of his citations.

Schulz spotted a man walking toward a car at a light on Orchard Lake and Farmington in the early morning March 18. When seeing the patrol car, the man darted from the street.

Schulz ran after him. When the

suspect fell over a snowbank behind the Winery, a loaded semi-automatic handgun was found in his hand. The action prevented a possible carjacking.

He was also cited for work at a crime scene June 22, which led to warrants being issued to two men after a break-in at the Clark Oil Station on Nine Mile.

Schulz lifted fingerprints from there and from a stolen vehicle that was later recovered. Warrants were issued after the men were linked to the break-in through fingerprints and glass fragments found in one suspect's shoes.

Even when off-duty, Schulz has been there.

While getting his haircut last year, he noticed a woman stealing shampoo in the salon. When she ran out, he chased her down and held her until police arrived.

Some say such uncanny police work is an art, others attribute it to instinct. Schulz has acquired both since joining the department in 1987.

"Sometimes, it's immediate," Schulz said. "As soon as you see something, you know there's something wrong. Other times... you watch something or someone for awhile and listen to what they're saying, and you realize what they're saying doesn't make any sense."

He always wanted to be a police

officer, especially after a family friend took him out for a ride in a squad car.

After graduating from Saginaw Arthur Hill High in 1981, he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State.

Since joining the Farmington

Public Safety Department, he's worked in the detective bureau, been a field training officer, a range officer and an evidence technician. He was promoted to P801 in June 1993.

"There's a variety of activity

we're involved with as a public safety department," said Schulz, who is married to Elizabeth and has a 10-month old son, Zachary. "You not only work with criminal cases, but with fire and medical also. It's never the same thing day to day."

## Officers, citizens receive awards

Officers and citizens were honored at the Farmington Public Safety Department's annual awards ceremony March 29 in city council chambers.

Among the award winners are:

■ Commander Charles Lee, the Professional Excellence Award. Lee has been involved with several crime prevention programs since joining the department in 1969. He started the Community Observation Patrol Service (COPS) and Neighborhood Watch program. Since Neighborhood Watch's inception in 1973, there's been a sharp decrease in burglaries. He's also been involved in THINK, a drug and alcohol awareness program for elementary school students.

■ Officers Vince Ziegler, Duane Cowger and Hilton Hyde, life-saving awards. All three officers worked as a team when a resident had stopped breathing Sept. 12, 1993. They set up the defibrillator unit and began CPR using a bag valve mask. They continued as EMS technicians arrived. The

man was stabilized and later admitted into the hospital.

■ Officers Duane Cowger and Richard Hennessey, life-saving awards. Both Cowger and Hennessey, using the Heimlich Maneuver, helped dislodge food from the throat of a choking 66-year-old woman at Fairlane Convalescence Living Center. After their action, she was able to breathe normally and refused to be taken to the hospital.

■ Officer Daniel Potter, departmental citation. Potter tracked down a man June 11, 1992, who had burglarized and assaulted a 69-year-old resident at a Wynet Condominium residence. In his search, Potter checked nearby Pogo's Bar when he noticed a man perspiring heavily. He searched the individual and found gloves and a screwdriver. The man was later convicted in the crime.

■ Officer Carl Swanderski, departmental citation. Swanderski arrested the driver of a stolen Acura Legend from Sunshine Honda on Grand River April 16, 1993. Swanderski noticed the ve-

hicle and attempted a stop. The driver turned into a alley and jumped from the moving vehicle. After a foot chase, Swanderski arrested the man.

■ Myron Hayslett, civilian citation. Hayslett used the Heimlich Maneuver to save a 2-year-old girl from choking to death in A&W restaurant parking lot on April 17, 1992.

■ Jay Obsniuk, certificate of appreciation. While delivering papers Oct. 22, 1993, Obsniuk noticed two men running from a garage in Jamestown Apartments. Obsniuk found a friend with a car phone and called police, who were able to arrest the men responsible for several car break-ins at the apartment.

■ Tom McEntee, certificate of appreciation. McEntee went into Grand River and Nine Mile Road after witnessing a traffic accident to help an injured and distraught passenger from a badly damaged vehicle. McEntee remained with the person until an ambulance had arrived.

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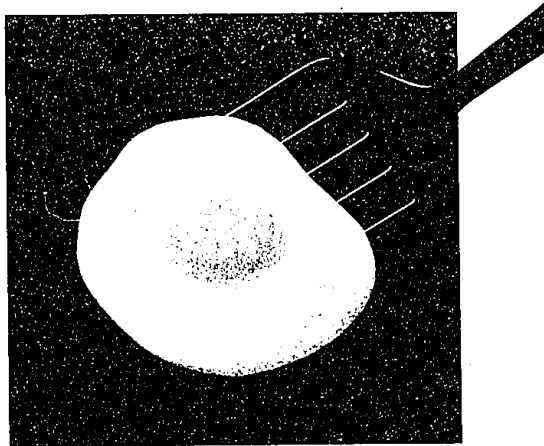
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