

13 OCC employees honored for service

Thirteen employees of Oakland Community College's main office were recognized for years of service at a reception in Bloomfield Hills.

Also at the reception, registrars office assistant Peggy Rantala was named employee of the year. Rantala, a resident of Rochester Hills, has been employed by the college for seven years.

Service award recipients are as follows:

Recognized for 25 years of employment were Marian Knott of Bloomfield Hills, Mary Jo Lloyd of Bloomfield Hills, Ean Siwula

OCC Hills campus to host sexual harassment talk

Macomb County assistant prosecutor Steve Kaplan will speak on "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" beginning 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the Smith Theater of Oakland Community College's Farmington Hills campus.

of Starling Heights and Glenn Woodward of Rochester Hills. Recognized for 20 years of employment were Marsha McElroy of Oxford and Jackie Sibley of Waterford.

Recognized for 15 years of employment were Peggy Powell of Rochester Hills and Nancy Szabo of Oxford.

Recognized for 10 years of employment were Rochelle Ginsburg of Oak Park, Robin McClelland of Davidsburg, Mike Ruthenberg of Bloomfield Hills and Stan Strong of Flint.

Admission is free. The speech will last one hour and be followed by a question and answer period. For additional data, call Harvey Bronstein at (810) 471-7744. The Farmington Hills campus is located on Orchard Lake Road just south of I-696.

Schools DARE to expand efforts

By MARIE CHRISTNEY STAFF WRITER

Come January, Clarenceville Middle School eighth-graders will once again be taught by Livonia police officer in the classroom. As sixth-graders, the students first met the police when the officers led Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes at both Grandview and Eastford.

On Thursday, the Clarenceville Board of Education approved a DARE-type program for eighth-graders. Livonia police had asked that money from a \$48,000 state grant be used to extend the program into Clarenceville Middle School.

"The 10-consecutive-day program consists of lessons on social skills and violence prevention strategies to be taught cooperatively by the officer and the classroom teacher," wrote Livonia police Chief Leo Grive in a letter outlining the program to Clarenceville Middle School principal Carl Wagner.

"The lessons taught will reinforce content on resistance techniques and substance abuse prevention that was taught when students were sixth-graders in the elementary school."

to teach students about the dangers of drug abuse. The DARE program helps youngsters build self-esteem; it also gives them tools to resist peer pressure.

The new program, developed in California by both educators and police, dives deeper into the problem areas middle schoolers are most apt to encounter. Its official name is DARE to Resist Drugs and Violence; Lessons for Junior High and Middle Schools.

The program emphasizes the peaceful resolution of youthful conflicts. Over the 10-day period, in 47-minute sessions, both Stapleton and Donaldson will explore:

Day 1, how drug use and abuse affects individuals.

Day 2, how violence and weapons can interfere with the rights and safety of others.

Day 3, the consequences of drug use on the individual and society.

Day 4, how to assertively re-

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force content on resistance techniques and substance abuse prevention that was taught when students were sixth-graders in the elementary school."

Led by Officer Cynthia Stapleton, the program will run for the first time in January as part of Chuck Donaldson's life skills class. Stapleton explained the emphasis of the program to the trustees Thursday.

"It is designed for eighth-graders and the problems they have in middle school," she said. "It's a new program, not like the core DARE curriculum which started in 1988. You'll be one of the first districts to have it."

"Taught by Livonia police, the program also started this fall in the four middle schools in Livonia Public Schools.

In the 17-week DARE program, now in all Livonia and Clarenceville elementary schools, police officers go into classrooms

assist the pressure to use drugs.

Day 5, how to form positive relationships.

Day 6, how to resolve conflicts without turning to violence.

Day 7, how to deal with anger without damaging property or living things.

Day 8, how to resist gang pressures.

Day 9, each student will write a personal commitment to the anti-drug, anti-violence values taught in class.

Day 10, each student will read their personal statement.

"At the start of the class, students will be presented to see what they know or say about the above areas. When the class ends, they will again be tested to see what they have learned or how their views have changed.

In approval of the program, the trustees insisted that the class take place only in the life skills class and not take time away from other academic classes.

"We're anxious to see how the eighth-graders react to this," said trustee Vernice Dunkle. "They're a different breed."

OCC focus: Night vision technology

As part of a nationwide program initiated by ITT Corporation to support local crime fighting efforts, ITT Automotive donated two Night Enforcer Night Vision Viewers to the Oakland Police Academy of Oakland Community College. The viewers feature the latest in night vision technology to shed light on nighttime law enforcement surveillance operations.

ITT Automotive Security Manager Joseph Tackett presented the Night Vision unit to Dr. Joseph March, Dean of Public Service Programs, Oakland Community College, and Richard Tillman, Coordinator of Training, Oakland Police Academy, Oakland Community College, accepting on behalf of the college. The Oakland Police Academy is recognized as one of the leading police training facilities in the region.

"Like other ITT business units, ITT Automotive is committed to supporting programs which promote the social well-being of the community," said Val Brown, manager of Corporate and Industry Relations, ITT Automotive in a news release. "The donation of these viewers represents a very tangible means of providing that support."

The hand-held viewer, born of proven Night Enforcer technology used during Desert Storm, was introduced to the law enforcement community in February of this year. Night Enforcer gathers and amplifies ambient light, allowing police to covertly observe suspicious activities and conduct nighttime surveillance in near darkness.

The equipment also can be used for search and rescue, disaster aid, hostage situations and many other emergency response activities. Night Enforcer is produced in Roanoke, Va. by ITT Night Vision, the commercial arm of ITT Electro-Optical Products Division (EOPD), a unit of ITT Defense & Electronics. ITT EOPD is the largest manufacturer of night vision equipment in the world. ITT Defense & Electronics is a worldwide producer of commercial and defense electronic systems and component.

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