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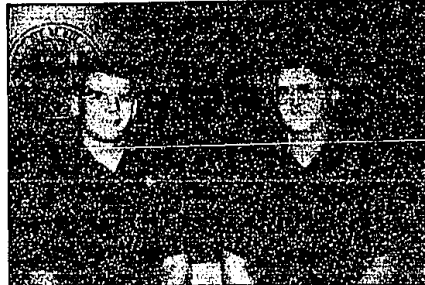
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 NEWSPAPERS



Promoted: Officer Gary Mailloux (left) was promoted to sergeant, and Sgt. Pat Browne (right) was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant in ceremonies Aug. 18.



New officers: Alexander Pruss (left) and Michael Manderachia were sworn in as Farmington Hills police officers Aug. 18. Both served as cadets with the department before becoming officers.

Veteran officer retires; 2 promoted; 2 hired

BY BILL COUTANT
 STAFF WRITER

A veteran Farmington Hills police officer is trading in his badge for an ice cream scoop.

Lt. Gordon Ross, who began as a Farmington Township police officer in 1964, was honored during ceremonies Aug. 18 at City Hall. Ross and his wife of 36 years, Linda, will still be around, though, operating the Silver Dairy on Grand River in Farmington. He is retiring after 31 years on the force.

Ross, who ended his career as supervisor of the department's detective division, thanked his fellow officers and his family for the support.

"What I've seen since I've been here is a department and a city that improves each year," he said. Police Chief Bill Dwyer credited Ross as part of the reason for the improvement.

"He was a pioneer of undercover and surveillance techniques," Dwyer said. "Residential burglaries had skyrocketed when Lt. Ross began working in undercover. That really turned around."

Ross worked in patrol division and juvenile section as well as in the detective bureau and crime suppression. He earned many awards for his police work and was promoted to sergeant in 1974 and lieutenant in 1979.

Ross and his wife have three grown children and plan to con-

tinue in the ice cream business in Farmington.

Inspector Richard Niemisto, who had served with Ross for almost 30 years, said the department would miss the former U.S. Army paratrooper.

"It's like a chapter of your life has been put in an archive," Niemisto said.

Along with the retirement, two officers were promoted and two cadets were sworn in as new officers.

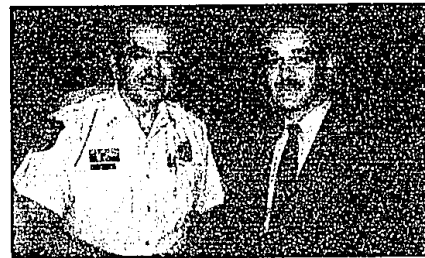
Sgt. Pat Browne, with the department since 1978 after serving with the Detroit police, was promoted to lieutenant.

Browne has served with the patrol division and juvenile section and has been instrumental in developing the department's crime lab. Browne is pursuing a master's degree through Eastern Michigan University.

He has earned a letter of commendation, four unit citations, one merit citations and three letters of appreciation during his career in Farmington Hills. Browne, who is married with two children, began his new duties as a shift commander this week.

Officer Gary Mailloux, a member of the department since 1980, was promoted to sergeant.

Mailloux, who served as a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy before joining the Hills department, has worked in the patrol di-



Retiring: Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer (left) congratulates retiring Lt. Gordon Ross, who is leaving after 31 years with the department.

vision, traffic section, crime suppression and crime prevention. He has earned many honors and placed first on the department's recently established promotional list.

Dwyer also congratulated cadets Alexander Pruss and Michael Manderachia on being sworn in as officers.

Pruss, who like Manderachia joined the department Dec. 10, 1994, is a graduate of Calvin College in criminal justice. In the spring of 1993, he worked to help

the homeless of Florida in the wake of hurricane Andrew. He began attending the Oakland Police Academy Monday.

Manderachia has an associate's degree from Oakland Community College and is studying criminal justice at Wayne State University. A graduate of the academy, Manderachia began his field training on patrol Monday.



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 DR. KRUTTSCH

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