

Officials commend firefighters' exemplary efforts

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Farmington Hills city officials were especially aware of their fire department's good deeds at the Nov. 3 annual recognition banquet.

"You are a marvelous example of what a fire department should be," said Mayor Joanne Smith at the Farmington Hills Activities Center.

City Manager Bill Costick joined in the thanks, adding that he hoped the proposed public safety millage would help the department do even more, which it did. He thanked those firefighters who campaigned for the proposal on their own time.

"Thank all of you who have been working so hard," he said.

WDIV Channel 4 reporter Anne Thompson, an Emmy Award Winner for her work on fire safety broadcasts, emceed the event.

After firefighters, their families and friends watched Fire Chief Richard Marinucci's "Infamous slide show" of fires, storms and other emergencies handled by the department in the past year, awards were given to those firefighters who distinguished themselves.

Jim Etzin of Station 1 was the recruit firefighter of the year. John Wells was the career firefighter of the year and Sgt. Dave Chrisko was named firefighter of the year.

Chrisko, who works for Chrysler Corp. and is a paid-on-call volunteer at Station 1, became a li-

censed paramedic "through his own initiative," Marinucci said. He also earned a life saving award and unit citation during the year.

"I'm kind of in shock about receiving this award," Chrisko said. "I think the chief (Marinucci) has created this atmosphere and provided training that makes this possible."

In addition, firefighters received individual awards.

Life saving awards went to Gregory Glowacki and David Morlarty for helping a woman in respiratory arrest Nov. 11, 1994; Dave Chrisko, Morlarty, Richard Cray and Paul Novicki of CEMS for

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helping a man in cardiac arrest on Jan. 22, 1995; Gary Delp Robert Rebovy, Michelle Behr of CEMS, Farmington Hills Police Officer James Kase, Walter Kurzeja, Todd Salley and Mark Burger of CEMS for helping a man in cardiac arrest on Feb. 23, 1995; John Wells, Scott Hufnagel of CEMS and Andy Savage of CEMS for helping a woman in labor/delivery on April 13, 1995; and Kurzeja, Salley, Jeffrey Strock, Robert Rebovy and Derick Smith for helping a man in cardiac arrest May 24, 1995.

Certificates of merit were awarded to Corey Bartsch for

coordinating the department's open house, John Dresden for department support/inventions, and Michael "straight man" Garr, Dennis "Tod" Hughes, and Donald "Phil" St. Clair for their school assembly program, "The Answer Guy."

Unit citations went to Kenneth Block, John Kastran, Benjamin Vaughan, Shannon Leary of CEMS, Mark Borman, Les Panoushek and Dan Presowal for helping a woman in a personal injury accident on Oct. 18, 1994; Dennis Atkins, Joseph Schornack and Max Anthouard for helping a woman in respiratory arrest on Nov. 11, 1994; Chrisko, Michael Crawford, Richard Miller, Linda Donikien of CEMS, Hills police

Officer Michael Fluhard, Cray, Scott DeCamillo, Morlarty and Michael Kotulak of CEMS for helping a patient in cardiac arrest on Nov. 24, 1994; Dennis Atkins, James Etzin, Norbert Leppanen, Michael Crawford and Gregory Glowacki for helping a man in cardiac arrest on Jan. 22, 1995; Martin Knorp, Charles Rollins, Dennis Martin and Jeffrey Strock for helping a man in cardiac arrest on Feb. 23, 1995; Richard Miller and Panoushek for helping a woman in labor and delivery on April 13, 1995; James Cheyne, Gregory Pyffe, Dresden and Todd Hemmi for helping a man in cardiac arrest on May 24, 1995; and George Baker, Eric Lullave and Kastran for helping a man in cardiac arrest on Oct. 2, 1995.

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Farmington Hills and a \$1,000 air bag and \$500 AM/FM cassette/CD stereo was stolen Nov. 8.

A Farmington Hills man, 59, told Hills police that when he was in the Botsford General Hospital emergency room Oct. 2 when a woman he described as white, 5

feet 7, 140 pounds, 30, wearing light blue hospital scrubs with a hospital badge took \$2,700 in cash from him. The man, who had suffered a stroke, could not speak at the time, and could only speak recently, said his speech therapist.

Sixteen \$100 gift certificates

(\$1,600) for Honey Baked Ham were stolen from Exposure Marketing, Inc. on Northwestern in Farmington Hills Nov. 2-7.

A \$500 white Maltese dog was stolen from a woman at Pet Supplies Plus on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Nov. 9. The dog

had jumped out of its owner's car while she was shopping at Kmart. The dog was found and while waiting to be picked up by animal control, it was claimed by a woman, 40, and her mother, 70. The real owner came to the store after the dog had been claimed.

Three wheel covers (\$250) were stolen from a blue 1991 Olds Cutlass parked in the Kroger lot at 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Nov. 9.

A cellular phone (\$150) was stolen from a 1986 Toyota parked at Drake's Apartments in Farmington Hills Nov. 7.

A TI-82 pocket calculator (\$125), silver pen (\$50), and leather purse (\$30) were stolen from student backpacks at Farmington High Nov. 7. The calculator was found near a trash bin later.

CHILD ABANDONMENT

A Detroit Edison worker noticed a 3-year-old boy left unattended at a residence on Beacon Tree in Farmington Hills Nov. 4 and called Hills police. When officers arrived, the boy's mother, 34, had returned home from picking up a friend's child at Forest Elementary. She said that when she left, the boy and his brother, 2, were sleeping.

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