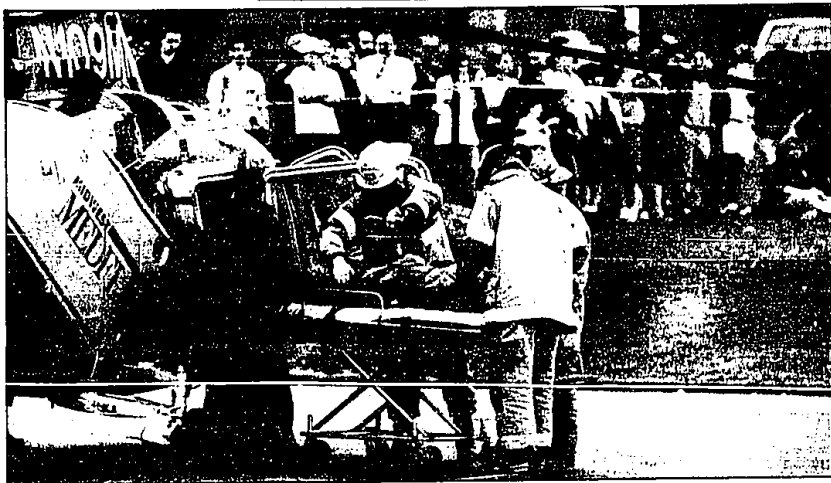


Mock accident at Harrison High



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Awareness drill: Farmington Hills Fire Department conducted a mock automobile accident Thursday at Harrison High School. Four students pretended to be victims in an alcohol-related crash in order to bring heightened awareness about drinking and driving at the start of this year's prom season. Fire officials used the *Jaws of Life* and Midwest Medflight flew in a helicopter in the simulated disaster. On Friday, WDIV-TV Channel 4 followed the evacuation process through the emergency room at Botsford Hospital.

Hills police officer honored for his soft touch on the job

Farmington Hills Police Lt. Patrick Browne was presented with the 1996 Chaplain's award by the Rev. Ralph Rebandt, Hills police chaplain in ceremonies at the city council meeting on April 22.

"With recent episodes where police officers have been in the

news for doing the wrong thing, we're pleased to honor an officer who is representative of the best police officers," Rebandt said.

Lt. Browne, an 18-year veteran of the department was recognized in particular for his handling of a hit-and-run incident in which a

13-year-old Hills boy was killed. Browne helped the family of the victim as the ranking patrol officer at the time of the September, 1995 incident.

"This shows something about the type of police department we have," said Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi.



Lt. Patrick Browne



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POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

■ FIRES

Farmington Hills firefighters from Stations 2 and 3 responded to a reported garage fire on Tuck Road at 4:51 p.m. April 24. Teenagers were cleaning a moped carburetor with gasoline. When they started the moped, it backfired, igniting the gas, causing a first degree burn to the forearm of a 14-year-old boy and second degree burns to the tip of the finger and thumb of a 13-year-old boy while they were putting out the fire. There was no damage to the garage. Damage to Zephyr mountain bike, battery charger, extension cord and helmet amounted to \$300.

■ THEFTS

The wheels and tires, worth \$700, were stolen from a 1995 Toyota Camry at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 20-22.

A \$300 Hitachi VCR, \$300 RCA 19-inch color TV, \$500 Samsung stereo, \$250 Sharp microwave oven, 10 gauge Browning shotgun worth \$1,600, 20 gauge shotgun worth \$1,600, 30.06 Remington rifle, tools and other items were stolen from a residence on Tareyton April 13-14.

German antiques (\$50,000) were stolen from a residence on Lancaster between Jan. 29 and Feb. 14.

A \$300 cellular phone was stolen from a black 1993 Honda Accord at the Muirwood Apartments on Woodridge April 22-23.

A wallet with \$500 in cash was stolen from a Wallied Lake woman, 35, at the Rite Aid store on 14 Mile April 23.

A \$2,600 diamond ring was stolen from a residence at the Courtyard Manor on Farmington April 3-10.

A cash box with \$700 was stolen from White Castle Systems, Inc. on Industrial Park April 23.

Two laptop computers (\$7,500) and a \$1,200 Bose CD stereo were stolen from Alias Research on Northwestern April 22-23.

A \$250 cellular phone was stolen from a silver 1994 Lexus parked at Color Works on Northwestern April 23.

Four tires (\$320) were stolen from a burgundy 1991 Plymouth

Voyager parked at the Kendallwood Apartments on Glencove April 22-23.

A \$400 Toro snow blower and a \$500 set of golf clubs in a green and purple bag were stolen from a garage on Witherspoon April 22-24. A \$250 Panasonic CD player and 40 CDs (\$600) were stolen from a beige 1995 Pontiac Transport in the garage as well.

■ DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit man, 27, for possession of 1.5 grams of marijuana after pulling over a black 1989 Ford Escort on Farmeraville near Red Clover April 23. Police were alerted that the man had threatened to shoot a Hills woman who lived in the area. When the man arrived while being driven by a Hills woman, police stopped him for questioning. The man had two outstanding warrants. During processing at the police station, officers found the marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

■ AUTO THEFT

A gold 1994 Eagle Vision worth \$18,492 was stolen from Bob Saks, Jeep Eagle on Grand River between Feb. 1 and April 1.

■ VANDALISM

Three trees at a residence on Eldon were cut with a knife between March 23 and April 24 causing \$650 in damage.

A screen was cut at Flanders Elementary April 23, causing \$50 damage.

■ EMBEZZLEMENT

From Feb. 28 to March 24, 36 unauthorized money orders were made out for a total of \$7,919.13 from the Rite Aid store on Middlebelt Hills.

■ STRONG-ARMED ROBBERY

A man stole a Sony Video transfer VCR (\$3,000 to \$4,000) at Indo Pak Groceries on Grand River 9:35 p.m. April 23. A person at the store was taking out garbage behind the store when a man approached from behind and said, "Don't turn around or I'll do something." The thief took the VCR near the back door and fled. The man was described as black, 6-foot-2 and wearing a baseball cap.

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