

They approve:
Newly
sworn-in
officer
Richard
Webby
holds his
son, 14-
month-old
Anthony.
Left is his
wife Audi-
anna.
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Scatter shot: Above, cameramen backtrack as smoke billows from a back bedroom during the Hills Fire Department's controlled burn Monday. At right, Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci monitors the proceedings during the burn, which is designed to raise fire safety awareness. People can tour the charred remains of both homes Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



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millage.
The new fire station, to be manned around the clock, will provide easier access to the only entrance/exit along a stretch of busy I-696.

The burns were a training exercise for the volunteer firefighters. As a lesson in fire safety, the houses will be open for public tours from 6-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 11-12, and noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 13.

The nine new police officers, all designated for uniformed street patrol, will allow the department to "be more proactive" in fighting crime, Dwyer

said.
"The officers will help the department promote high visibility and support community policing programs," the chief added.

Four of the new officers came from the Detroit Police Department. The longest serving is Mitchell Skazalski, who reached the rank of lieutenant during a 25-year Detroit career.

Others from the Detroit PD were Marc Haro (3 years), Jason Kleinsorge (2 1/2 years) and Ronald Goosen (2 years). Jeffrey King and Brian Harbaugh were promoted from the Hills Police Cadet program.

Nicholas Viviano comes from Fraser Public Safety, Richard Webby from Oak Park Public Safety, and Brian Bastianelli from Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety.

Hills officers promoted to sergeant were Carlton Vanmeter, a 12-year veteran, and Brad Schwartz, who has 26 years on the force. Hills Cadet Richard Blendea received a cadet badge.

The 1-mill tax increase, passed overwhelmingly by Hills voters last Nov. 7, cost the owner of a \$153,000 house (then the Farmington Hills average) an additional \$75.50 in taxes.



Forward march: Above, nine soon-to-be sworn in officers, two promoted sergeants and a cadet, including officer Jeffrey King (left), officer Mitchell Skazalski; and sergeants Brad Schwartz and Carlton Vanmeter, file into council chambers. At right, firefighters Don St. Clair and Larry Henderson make the bed before it burns along with the house.



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