Volunteers lauded by Hills police

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Volunteers give, but Farmington Hills police officials wanted to make sure they also get — some well deserved recognition.

The department honored 30 people who donate their time for the city's handicap parking enforcement program and perform other clerical duties.

Volunteers received plaques and words of thanks from police and city officials Friday during a luncheon in city council chambers.

The police volunteer contingent makes up a portion of the 21,000 hours donated to city in help, which ranges from mission members to stuffing envelopes in the tax assessor's office.

Using the hourly rate of \$13.24 provided by Points of Light Foundation, that works out to a \$280,000 value to the city. Gity Manager Daniel Hobbs said.

"It shows a committee from the community to the

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Chief Bill Dwyer credited volunteers for having a role in two of the department's recent Assonwards — from chief Bill Dwyer. ment's recent Assonwards—from Chief Bill Dwyer. ment's recent Assonwards—from Chief Bill Dwyer. ment's recent Assonwards—from Chief Bill Dwyer. Months and Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi. Legue and National League of Cities — for its community policing programs.

Auto thefas, burglaries and alracenies are also down this year, Dwyer said.

This has to be one of the greatest years this department and this community has ever had, Dwyer said.

"It's a team effort across the board. I'm proud of everyone in this department . . . Everyone does a great job."

Those honored range in experience from a few months to eight years. Those contributing 1,000 hours or more include: Bill Choma, 1,094 hours; Ray Haefner, 1,336; Stan Leeman, 1,577; Sam standard and the contributions of the contribution of the contribu

cutors office aware of the subse-quent findings.

They never checked," Radzinski said. "It's unbolievable how our system of justice works; it's fright-oning."

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system of justice works; its right-oning." She enlisted the help of state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, Pfarm-ington Hills. Raczkowski plans to be with the Radzinski family dur-ing today's sentencing in probate court.

If the referee gives a stiffer sen-tence, the defendant can withdraw his plea and go to trial. Maximum penalty for a juvenile convicted of assault with intent to do great bod-ily harm less than murder is incar-ceration until age 19.

Therein lies the problem, Raczkowski said. "They get tried once; they're a juvenile. Once they reach age of

ers.

"From a national perspective, this is where we in the state level have our hands tied. How can you put a LEIN system together when you don't have one governing head have not relief and the property of the property of

you don't have one governing head above you telling you to put one together?"
Juvenile records are often sealed, making it difficult to check backgrounds of young offenders. "The other problem is we're dealing with different states; The left hand doesn't know what the right is doing," said Barry Goldstein, private investigator. "The fact of the matter is he was still on probation (in California) when the assault was committed."

The key in this instance was finding where the defendant's father lived in California. "It was certainly accessible," he said. "You have to know the specific place where the incident took place. If you do a general search, it doesn't show up."

The teen's attorney wasn't ready to accept the private investigator's findings as fact. The boy's mother told attorney Loren Dickstein the family "has never set foot" in California, he said.

"The victim's family has made many allegations that are untrue in this case," said Dickstein, attorney for the defendant. "I tond to believe that these would be no different. If may just one in a long line of untruths.

"The complainant's family has been very motivated to make (the defendant's) life hell."

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either stay inside or leave the

premises."
However, Davis questioned why, if 'there was nothing going on 'at the house, the parents wouldn't allow police 'to come in and check things out." Oct. 25.
Noting the police have teen-age

witnesses from the party, Davis said there is "strong circumstantial evidence and/or direct evidence that they knew what was going on "They (parents) don't have to monitor, but they certainly should-n't be furnishing" beer, as was

reported, "and they should be cog-nizant of what's going on," includ-ing whether laws against underage drinking are being broken.

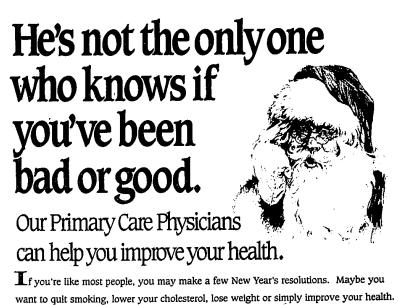
"Anyone and his brother knows that if you get 100 kids in a house, there's a chance there's going to be alcohol," Davis said.







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