

City swears in 3 police reserves

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The Farmington Public Safety Department added three part-time reserve officers to its ranks on Friday with the swearing in of Robert Brace, James Donovan and Robert Fortney.

According to Cmdr. Maria Putt, the additions bring the number of reserves up to 14, to augment the full-time officers in the department. "It benefits the city," Putt said, about why having reserve officers available is important to law enforcement. "And it gives (the officers) a feeling of community and a sense of ownership for the city."

Putt said reserves are allowed to wear guns, but only while on duty. Meanwhile, they are always paired up with regular officers on the road. They respond to both police and fire emergencies.

Brace, Donovan and Fortney were all sworn in by Farmington City Clerk Patay Cantrell, in the city council chambers.

Brace, 43, a resident of Redford Township, works at Ford Motor Company as a machine technician. He is married and has a son and daughter. Hobbies include working on cars, boating and range



Sworn to duty: New reserves James Donovan (from left), Robert Fortney and Robert Brace.

shooting.

Donovan, 48, a resident of Farmington Hills, works for Control Data Corp. as an analyst. He is currently assigned to Dow Chemical Corp. in Midland. Donovan is single and enjoys range shooting.

Fortney, 33, lives in Livonia with his wife and two sons. He works for the Lear Corp. as a Quality Trainer. He enjoys many sports and was a college swimmer.

Putt said the department is always looking for reserve candidates. Those who might be interested should call 474-4700.

Board toasts Reflections winners

The Farmington Board of Education last week recognized students who won this year's PTA Reflections Awards for entries in photography, music, literature and visual art.

Thirty-two winners, who attend kindergarten through eighth grade, were introduced and awarded gold medals and certificates of achievement on Jan. 20.

Because of what Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield called an "unprecedented amount of participation" in this year's contest, the board shifted its meeting to the more-spacious Farmington Training Center from the Lewis Schulman Administration Building.

Decorating the meeting room walls were the award-winning essays, photos and drawings.

Contest entries were judged by area professionals as follows: music, Paul Barber, music coordinator for Farmington Public Schools; literature, English tutors from Oakland Community College, headed by Mary Kay Monteth; photography, Rick

Dinoian Photography in Livonia; visual arts, Jim Brenz, of Southfield-based Park West Gallery.

Following are the winners:

■ Music

Grades K-2: First place, Alyssa Ried, Wood Creek; second place, Allison Budd, Highmeadow; and third place, James Imirzian, Wooddale.

Grades 3-5: First place, Christopher Hutchinson, Beechview; second place, Gayan DeSilva, Longacre; and third place, John Feiten, Highmeadow.

■ Literature

Grades K-2: First place, Danielle Labadie, Wood Creek; second place, Dawn Peterangelo, Kenbrook; and third place, Colin Zanger, Kenbrook.

Grades 3-5: First place, Emily Cappo, Longacre; second place (tie), Mike Costello, Hillside, Heidi Tobe, Gill; and third place, Alana Nedelman, Eagle.

Grades 6-8: First place, Tina Gupta, East; second place, Caroline Coleman, East; and third

place, Laura Phelps, East.

■ Photography

Grades K-2: First place, Jessica Love, Kenbrook; second place, Mark Amis, Hillside; and Richard Lethemon, Gill.

Grades 3-5: First place, Brittany Haberstroh, Hillside; second place, Julie Wallis, Longacre; and third place, Danielle Taubman, Wood Creek.

Grades 6-8: First place, Jeff Shortt, East.

■ Visual Arts

Grades K-2: First place, Jake Williams, Longacre; second place, Triana Cook, Hillside; and third place, Abigail Heath, Longacre.

Grades 3-5: First place, Tatiana Arena, Gill; second place, Shannon Bailey, Beechview; and third place, Rachel Lebovic, Highmeadow.

Grades 6-8: First place, Kasey Shwyder, East; second place, Daniel Clay, East; and third place, Brian Ziegler, East.

- Tim Smith

Author to speak about 'Building Family Solidarity'

Chick Moorman, a published author on family topics, will present "Building Family Solidarity" at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the North Farmington High School

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