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### receive grant

The Dayton-Hudson Corpora-tion through its Target store has provided an \$800 grant to the Farmington Hills Police Depart-

Farmington Hills Police Department.

Money will be used to start a children's crime prevention club, which will provide neweletters, giveaways, crime prevention and safety information, Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said.

Dayton-Hudson, through its Target stores, donates 5 percent of its taxable earnings to community projects, including the Law Enforcement Grant Program. Hills police applied for the grant in hopes of starting a crime prevention club for kids.



On target: Farmington Hills Target store team leader Bill Justus (left) and asset protection team leader Tonia Spell present Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer with an \$800 grant check through Dayton-Hud-son's Law Enforcement Program.

#### Fire chief returns from FEMA stint

After seven months, several delayed flights and a couple pieces of lost luggage, Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci is back home. Marinucci worked as acting chief operating officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration in Washington D.C. He commuted weekly between his home and the nation's capital. In seven months of air time, he estimates just six flights were on time. It can be supposed to arrive at 2 in the afternoon, but it was 11 before I got home. Airline aggravation aside, Marinucci accomplished his mission. He helped develop a plan and created the permanent position of chief operating officer for FEMA's fire division. Marietta, Ga., Fire Chief Ken Burris has been appointed permanently to the post. to the post.

Marinucci also worked to streamline internal

Marinucca areo operations.

"It can be pretty easy to hide behind the bureaucracy and say we can't get something done," he
said. "There's a lot of handcuffe on people. It's a

racy and say "I wanted the said. There's a lot of handculfs on people. It a challenge."

As a FEMA representative, Marinucci went to flood-ravaged areas of New York and New Jersey and visited Columbine, Colo.

FEMA worked with the city's fire department to offer support after the school shootings and "to learn any lessons to pass on," Marinucci said.

He also testified before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on FEMA's budget. Testifying can be intimidating at first, Marinucci said.

However, the fire chief learned if an elected official saked a difficult question, he could say hold like to "answer on the record," which would buy a day or two to respond.

"I said, "Ne way would this work buck home," said Marinucci, who's appeared numerous times before the Hills City Council for budget presentations.



He's back: Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci worked in an interim role with FEMA's U.S. Fire Administra-

Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin filled in as interim chief in the Hills, Marinucci said he wanted to stay chief in the Hills. Marinucci said he wanted to stay out of Baldwin's way, but he kept updated on department happenings.

In his absence, the Hills fire department had more than 3,000 emergency calls.

"Noar as I could tell, they were all answered," Marinucci asid.

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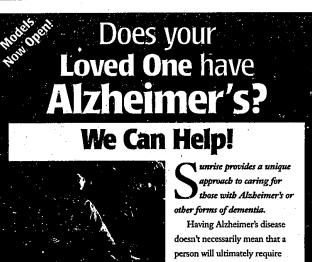
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