

# Hills department, officers honored by association

Chief William Dwyer announced that the Farmington Hills Police Department, along with two of its members, were the recipients of three awards at the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan's (CPAM) Annual Conference. The awards included CPAM's: "Presidential Award of Excellence, Outstanding Unit Award, and Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award."

Officer Bonnie Unruh of the Farmington Hills Police Department was the recipient of the "Presidential Award of Excellence." Officer Unruh is a nine-year veteran of the police department and has served as a crime prevention officer for the past three years. During that time, Unruh has been the catalyst behind numerous new crime prevention programs. CPAM recognized officer Unruh for:

- Starting a Crime Free Multi-Housing program in the apartment communities of Farmington Hills.
- Working with a local bank to install an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) in the main lobby of the police station.
- Working with crime prevention officers from five other jurisdictions to develop and present the Financial Institution Crime Awareness Course, developed as

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a series of Public Service Announcements (PSA) on safety and security issues of concern to the community.

■ Coordinating the Farmington Hills Police Department's Annual Open House, which attracted more than 4,000 visitors in 1999.

Unruh has a bachelor's degree from Madonna University and is also on the Board of Directors of the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

Farmington Hills Police Department Civilian Volunteer Allan Slonim was honored by CPAM as the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year." Al Slonim became a volunteer with the police department in 1997 serving in the Civilian Handicap Parking Enforcement Unit. He quickly began to volunteer more of his time to help out in the police department's Crime Prevention Unit. Slonim spent countless hours reviewing and updating the files of all 130 Neighborhood Watch groups. He assisted the department's crime prevention technician in identifying subdivisions, along with



Police plaques: Farmington Hills police officer Bonnie Unruh (left); and Allan Slonim receive congratulations from Hills police Lt. James Whitcomb for their awards from the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

apartment and condominium complexes that needed to be involved in the Neighborhood Watch program. Al Slonim not

only volunteered to help the Farmington Hills Police Department, but he also helped start a Civilian Handicap Parking

Enforcement Unit for the Novi Police Department.

When he wasn't busy helping at the Farmington Hills or Novi

Police Departments, he could be found helping reduce illiteracy by tutoring students or helping to raise money for multiple sclerosis research.

The Farmington Hills Police Department, in concert with the West Bloomfield, Southfield, Novi, Plymouth Township, and Dearborn Police Departments, has received CPAM's Outstanding Unit Award. Combining their efforts and resources, these departments presented programs designed to educate business, residential and individual community members in security and safety.

Dwyer said, "Cooperation is the heart of crime prevention and these programs show outstanding cooperation across department lines. We expect great things in the future from the Northwest Metro Crime Prevention Association."

Dwyer said that he is very proud of both Unruh and Slonim for their exemplary work and their recognition by the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

Unruh has done an outstanding job of bringing new crime prevention programs to the community and Al Slonim is a giving person and highly deserving of the special recognition, Dwyer said.

## RECREATION NEWS

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

Register now for Farmington Hills Recreation's Co-Ed Youth Basketball program that begins with two weeks of practice starting Jan. 3 before a 10-game season (Saturdays) starting Jan. 15. Divisions are made up of fourth/fifth grade, sixth grade, and seventh/eighth grade. The deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$65 per participant.

### ICE SKATING HOURS

Following are public skating hours through June 11, 2000, at

the Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road:

Monday-Friday noon skate, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday, 7-8:50 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Sunday, 4-5:50 p.m. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. The Parent-Tot Skate is 9-10:50 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, while the Adult Skate is 9-10:50 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

### YOUTH CENTERS

The After School Youth Centers opened Aug. 31 for the 1999-2000 school year. If you are inter-

ested in attending or would like information, call (248) 473-1841.

### SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

The Sports Equipment Sell or Shop Day is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Register now and dig out your old and outgrown sports equipment and sell it. This annual event offers the opportunity to buy or sell used skates, downhill and cross-country skis, ski clothing, sleds, toboggans, in-line skates and other sports equipment. Concessions will be available for purchase. Persons wanting to sell

items at the event must register by Wednesday, Dec. 1. For information, call Farmington Hills Recreation Division at (248) 473-9570.

### PINOCHLE

Register now as a single or as partners for an evening of playing single deck pinochle. You will play a round-robin format to determine the evening's winner. Pre-registration is required and refreshments are provided. The event will be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$6 per person. Call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 473-9570.

## Nov. 13 is Household Hazardous Waste Day

Residents in Farmington and Farmington Hills will have a regional Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Novi Department of Public Works.

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) is coordinating the event.

There will be a 10-gallon limit per car. Items that will not be accepted include motor oil, car batteries, latex paint, and explosives. RRRASOC has local recycling outlets and alternative disposal guidelines for these items.

RRRASOC is encouraging residents to bring to the event for proper disposal items such

as oil-based paint, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals from their homes, garages and workshops.

Residents of the participating communities will be required to show proof of residency at the entrance of the Novi DPW, which is located on DelWal Drive. DelWal goes north off of 12 Mile Road, between Meadowbrook and Town Center. Participants should follow the recycling center signs from the Grand River/Meadowbrook and Grand River/Town Center intersections to 11 Mile and then DelWal.

For more information, call Heidi Jo Wayco, 248-208-2270.

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