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guys I work with," he said after the ceremony. He credited the teamwork displayed in the department.

CSC confession

In the first case, Demers coaxed the suspect, a 60-year-old woman, to make a full confession. A warrant was obtained for two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree. The woman was sent away to a state mental facility and later was found mentally capable of standing trial, Demers said.

Longacre School Principal Bill Smith called the police department Feb. 10, 2000, to investigate what police considered "a highly unusual claim" made by one of his fourth graders. The 9-year-old student said he was forced to have sex with an adult woman.

The matter was handled with sensitivity for the boy, using the Care House facilities in Pontiac, an environment designed to put kids at ease and foster communication, allowing them to open up, Demers said.

The investigation revealed the boy and his mother were staying at a condominium in the city along with several other people who were weren't related. One of these was a 60-year-old woman.

"This person had purposely exposed herself to the 9-year-old victim on several occasions and forced the victim to have sex with her on two occasions," said Public Safety Director Gary Goss.

Fire starter

In the second case, Demers got the suspect to admit she was very angry with the man she lived with. Both drank heavily and fought often. On several occasions the man she lived with soiled his bedding. He did this the night of the fire, which apparently fueled the suspect's anger.

As the man went into the bathroom, the suspect started the bathroom door on fire. She then set fire to a couch on which the victim normally sat.

Finally, she left the apartment, with the victim still inside the bathroom.

The woman was sentenced to from four to 20 years in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$180,000.

Officers were familiar with this location, Goss said, because there were prior domestic violence reports. In one incident, the woman broke a flower pot over the man's head. The department arrested the woman, how-

over the prosecutor refused to issue a warrant, Goss said.

Demers was assigned as a detective on Aug. 2, 1999, and on June 28, 2000, was promoted to assistant shift commander. "During his brief time as detective, he displayed a great deal of skill," Goss said. "In his more than five years with the department, Demers was awarded three unit citations and one lifesaving award."

Involvement

The unit citations were given for his work concerning a murder, a suicidal teen with a rifle, and a fire, Goss said.

He volunteered to be part of the Teaching, Helping, Involving, Notifying Kids program, which Goss called an offshoot of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education Program. "He maintains one of the highest appraisal ratings in the department," Goss said. "He also serves on the department's awards and citation board."

Demers joined the department Dec. 4, 1995, after putting himself through the Oakland County Police Academy. He graduated from Adrian College with a bachelor's degree with a major in criminal justice and a minor in political science.

One-wheeled Rocket Roadster crashes in test drive

Farmington police are investigating a one-vehicle traffic accident that occurred at Oakland Community College on Saturday, May 20 at 12:15 p.m.

The crash involved a one-wheel vehicle called a "Rocket Roadster," and was built by the driv-

er, according to witnesses.

The vehicle is registered with the Secretary of State's office as a roadster. The car was being driven for test purposes. The driver was transported to a local hospital and was treated for a broken scapula and skin abrasions.

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longevity award.

Other award recipients were:
■ Department citation — Jeffrey Brow

Brow arrested a 35-year-old man who stole a minivan Feb. 1 in Farmington Hills, Goss said. As the Hills Police Department was broadcasting their information, Brow was listening to the scanner in his patrol vehicle. He strategically placed himself at the car wash located at Orchard Lake and Grand River.

He observed the brown minivan with a broken tail light, traveling west on Grand River crossing Orchard Lake Road. He followed the van into Brookdale Condominiums.

When Brow was questioning him, the driver ran. Brow pursued and managed to tackle the suspect in about 100 yards. Officers Frank Demers and Richard Hennessy arrived and assist in

handcuffing the suspect. After being handcuffed, the man broke free again and had to be tackled a second time. He continued to resist until secured in the patrol vehicle.

The man admitted being a crack addict and taking the car for a joy ride.

■ Lifesaving award — Officer Jim Madigan and Commander Robert Schultz

A 43-year-old West Bloomfield Township man was at the soccer field at Founder's Park in Farmington Hills when he collapsed from a heart attack. Farmington Hills Police Officer Jon "Skip" Crump was at the nearby ice arena giving blood during an American Red Cross blood drive. Also a nurse from Commerce Township was watching her son play soccer.

Both rushed to help the victim. They found he didn't have any life signs and began CPR. Call phone callers dialed 911 and were connected to the Michigan State Police. These calls were subsequently forwarded to the Farmington department.

with the MSP dispatcher advising the location was "Flanders Field. Believing the location was the play field behind Flanders School, the Farmington dispatcher sent units there.

The dispatcher then determined the location was actually Founder's Field in Farmington Hills. Farmington units were canceled and Farmington Hills was notified.

Because of the seriousness of the situation, Shulz and Madigan continued to Founder's Field. Madigan took over breathing using a bag valve mask and oxygen while Schultz set up the automatic external defibrillator. A pulso was established after four shocks to the patient.

Community Emergency Medical Service arrived and transported the patient to Botsford Hospital with viable life signs.

This was Madigan's sixth lifesaving award.

■ Longevity awards — Aaron Malewski, five years

■ Safe driving Awards — PSO Vincent Ziegler, 15 years, and Aaron Malewski, five years

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