



On my honor:
Todd Anderson, a former reserve with the department, is a new public safety officer with the City of Farmington. His swearing in ceremony was delayed slightly by a fire at Dependable Hard Chrome.

STAFF PHOTO BY NIKARON LEMLEY

Anderson sworn as new officer, despite fire delay

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Farmington Public Safety Officer Todd Anderson could only watch Monday morning as his department extinguished the fire at Dependable Hard Chrome, 32728 Eight Mile Road.

Anderson was waiting to be sworn in as the Farmington Public Safety Department's newest officer. The fire delayed the ceremony, which was held in Farmington City Hall council chambers.

A former Farmington reservist, Anderson decided to pursue the full-time position because of the blend of fire and police work common in public safety departments, as opposed to separate fire and police departments.

"I really like the community," said

Anderson, 30. "I grew up in the Farmington Hills area. I really enjoyed the fire part when I was here. I wanted to do public safety but unfortunately there aren't many departments that do it."

Anderson last worked for the Metropolitan Airport Police. He was employed with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and worked in the William Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck.

Anderson holds an associate's degree in business administration from Oakland County Community College. He is working on a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Madonna University.

He joins 19 sworn officers in the City of Farmington Public Safety Department. The department is authorized to have 22 officers and expects to fill vacancies in the coming months, according to Mike Wig-

gins, deputy public safety director.

The vacant positions were the result of one retirement and two officers who left to pursue other positions, Wiggins said.

Anderson is engaged to be married in August to Danielle Williams of Belleville. Williams and Velma Anderson, Todd's mother, watched the swearing-in ceremony.

Besides the oath administered by Farmington City Clerk Patsy Cantrell, Anderson repeated the law enforcement imprimatur as directed by Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss: "On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the constitution of the community I serve."

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Wah-Yee Associates of Farmington Hills, Michigan are the architects and designers of this unique, 13,660 square foot nursery school, and A.R. Brouwer Company of Dexter, Michigan is serving as construction manager. Completion of the school is planned for early winter of 2002.

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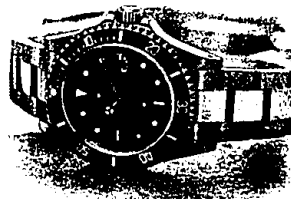
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