

FHS student attends academy

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There's more to a police officer's duties at a traffic accident scene than pointing at cars, dragging injured people out of the way and waiting for a wrecker to clean up the debris.

There's evidence collection, report writing, site security, working with firefighters, communicating with people, identifying places impacted by the mishap and more.

Eleven teenagers from West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Clawson and White Lake learned the intricacies of policing recently during the West Bloomfield Police Department's first youth police academy.

During 30 hours of instruction and demonstrations over five days, the teens were exposed to the daily rigors, training and psychology of police work.

"We gave them a condensed version of the same kind of training a candidate would go in the police academy," said

West Bloomfield police Officer Brad Lachin, who also teaches at the Oakland Police Academy.

"We're not putting them on the streets, everything is staged; however, they are learning to perform some of the same tasks we're required to perform."

Farmington High School senior Teresa Pilon, the only girl in the group, said she attended the academy to explore her career interest in forensic science.

"I want to be a crime scene technician or a photographer," Pilon said. "This is very interesting and it really opened my eyes to the police world. It's amazing how many reports you have to write."

Academy lessons included CPR training, firearm safety, personal safety and protection, crime scene investigations, negotiating with a perpetrator at a crime scene, identifying the duties of federal agents, working with a police dog and learning about the behavior of drunk drivers.

'Non-unit' FPS salaries raised 2.5 percent in July

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Thirty-eight people in Farmington Public Schools "non-unit" positions received a 2.5 percent pay increase July 1.

Besides head administrators, this list also includes a variety of others like dispatchers in the bus garage, computer technicians, executive secretaries and personnel technicians.

Non-unit means these personnel are not in a bargaining unit which is represented by a union, explained Sue Zurvalec, assistant superintendent of staff and community services. The Farmington school district periodically compares similar salaries in other districts, she said.

"These are one-year contracts," Zurvalec said. "All of our (bargaining) contracts will be negotiated next year."

In the past, non-unit sector salaries were sometimes two-year contracts, she said.

The current salaries of assistant superintendents and directors are:

■ Lawrence Lobert, executive director of personnel and human resources, \$105,557

■ Lynn Nookle, interim director of special education, replaces Jan Richards who retired, \$105,557

■ Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent of business and finance, \$111,277.

■ Susan Zurvalec, assistant superintendent of staff and community services, \$111,277

■ Jan Colliton, assistant superintendent, instructional services, \$109,583. This position was formerly held by Judy White who retired. White will continue as an independent contractor for certain services like training and development.

■ Diane Bauman, director of school and community relations, \$70,304

■ Patricia Fletcher, director of maintenance and operations, \$75,197

■ Barbara Fries, director of personnel and benefits, \$73,116

■ Mary Reynolds, director, business services, \$93,583

■ Michael Johnston, director of information technology, \$93,583.

Adult education teachers received a 2.5 percent increase for the 2001-2002 school year and will receive another 2.5 percent increase next year.

Teachers in Community Education, Pre-school, Educare, and Head Start received a 2 percent increase for 2001-2002 and will receive a 2.5 percent increase in 2002-2003.

The employees' degree of education factored into compensation.

RECREATION NEWS

The following activities are offered through the city of Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 473-1800:

MUD OLYMPICS

The city of Farmington Hills special services department is offering a "Mud Olympics" 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Heritage Park. Participants may sign up with a team of five or be placed on a team.

Olympians should bring a change of clothes and wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty. Cost is \$5 per person, \$10 for non residents.

MARSHMALLOW FLY & FRY

The "largest campfire ever in Farmington Hills" is planned for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in Heritage Park's north picnic shelter. A marshmallow drop is planned for 7 p.m. for participants age 2 to 15.

The Farmington Hills fire department will give fire truck tours and the police department will show off its mobile command unit. Participants may purchase pre-cooked hot dogs or cook their own hot dogs and s'mores over the fire. Hot dogs for grilling and s'mores will be provided.

OPEN GYM HOURS

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Center gym, located on 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster, is offering adult basketball 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sundays, adult volleyball 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays and teen basketball 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Cost for residents 17 and younger is \$2, and \$4 for non-residents; and \$3 for residents 18 and older, \$5 for non-residents.

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The cost is only \$7.00 per person.

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