

42 set for Oakland Police Academy graduation

After 17 weeks of intensive training, the Oakland Police Academy of Oakland Community College graduates its 83rd basic police training class on Friday, Dec. 6.

Ceremonies begin at 8 p.m. at the Royal Oak Campus' Lila Jones Johnson Auditorium, 739 S. Washington. Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer will be the principal speaker.

Nineteen of the 42 graduates represent police agencies from throughout Oakland County, including Farmington Hills, Keego Harbor, West Bloomfield, Oakland University and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. These students entered the academy as officer trainees after they were accepted for employment by a law enforcement agency.

The agency then sponsored them in the academy's basic police training program. The other graduates are independent, or self-sponsored students who have met state of Michigan standards for entering the field of law enforcement, and who find employment after graduating.

The Oakland Police Academy is based at OCC's Auburn Hills Campus. Two basic police training classes enrolling up to 50 students are held each year. In addition, the academy presents programs in such topics as police interview techniques and police dog training. Approximately 9,600 law enforcement officers attend the Oakland Police Academy each year.

The department-sponsored graduates, their agencies and

hometowns are: Jeffrey Cardinal, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Metamor; Ronald Chatterson, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Highland; James Clamplitt, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Berkeley; James Cote, Keego Harbor Police Department; Milford; Jason Dalbee, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Troy; Amanda Dettore, Farmington Hills Police Department; Redford; David Dolmyer, West Bloomfield Police Department; Rochester; Chad Double, Farmington Hills Police Department; Farmington Hills; Scott Howden, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Waterford; Mark Kelley, Farmington Hills Police Department; Commerce Township; Domenic Lauria,

Farmington Hills Police Department; Farmington Hills; Jeannine Marthen, Oakland University Police Department; Milford; Timothy O'Dea, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Livonia; Luedith Perkins, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Grand Blanc; James Ridley, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Waterford; Michael Summers, Oakland County Sheriff Department; Waterford; Debra Szymanski, Farmington Hills Police Department; Sterling Heights; Brett Vanderford, Oakland University Police Department; Fraser; and Edward Wagnowski, Oakland County Sheriff Department, Auburn Hills. The self-sponsored graduates and their hometowns are: Anthony Angelosanto, Royal

Oak; Todd Hawke, West Bloomfield; Kevin Bailey, Waterford; Dario Mele, Warren; Michael Belcher, Milford; Paul Miller, Howell; Jason Carpentier, Davison; Todd Schoenherr, Shelby Township; David Comerford, Waterford; Michael Simpson, Rochester Hills; Josiah Degg, West Bloomfield; Brian Smith, Ferndale; Jennifer Dumm, Lake Orion; Jonathan Swartz, Flint; William Kiekko, Flint; Joseph Taylor, Rochester Hills; Alan Freeman, Royal Oak; Robert Tournaud, White Lake; Michael Gammiechia, Clarkston; Nicholas Vandenberg, Inlay City; Nicholas Greenway, Metamor; Scott Viek, Orionville; and Andrew Grimm, Allen Park.

'Coats for Cold' drive under way

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office kicked-off its annual Coats for the Cold program on Dec. 2.

The department is collecting new or clean used coats, and will donate them to several charitable organizations that will then distribute them to needy individuals at no cost.

The department has placed Coats for the Cold drop-off boxes at more than 50 locations throughout the county.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard began the program 16 years ago.

He said the program has grown every year since.

"Coats for the Cold is an easy way for the community to reach out and help someone less fortunate stay warm this winter," Bouchard said.

"With our combined donations, we will assist thousands in the area who would benefit from such a simple gift of giving."

The program runs through Dec. 16.

Individuals wanting to make a coat donation can contact Mandy Ford at (248) 858-1947.

SINGLES EVENTS

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Single Mingle Dances

MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.

New Years Dance

MSPs will hold their annual New Years Eve Party and Dance 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in Novi. For ticket information, call (248) 851-9909.

Darts/Bowling Subs

Subs are needed for MSP dart and bowling leagues. For more information call (248) 851-9909.

Trip Meeting

MSPs are planning trips to Las Vegas, Punta Cana - Caribbean and a Canadian ski trip. An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. (Las Vegas), 6:30 p.m. (Canada), and 7 p.m. (Punta Cana) Sunday, Dec. 15 or Jan. 5 at Drake's Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20 percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Volleyball

Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quanton Road.

Euchre

MSPs play euchre 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass Pot Inn in Farmington Hills.

Social and Travel Club

For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 435-5320 or go to www.sssc.org.

Fun & Fine Dining Parties

Join MSPs every Thursday between 6:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.

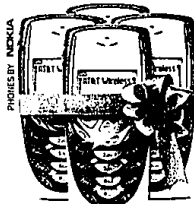
West Side Singles

Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public.

Boors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a D.J. and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$5 after 8:30 p.m.

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