

Two blazes cause majority of fire damage in city

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The Kensington Manor apartment fire in April combined with the Glass Onion arson accounted for 90 percent

of all dollar loss due to city fires — \$641,325 in total. Sixteen aggravated assaults reported to Farmington Police in 1981 resulted

in arrests. Twelve such assaults were reported during 1980.

Drunk driving arrests jumped almost 37 percent last year, compared to the previous year. The 100 drunk driving arrests were 51.5 percent over the five-year average of 66 arrests for driving under the influence of liquor (DUIL).

Murder showed up on the report due to the May 6 beating death of David Yacobelli, 23, a resident of Chatham Hills apartment complex. John Creith, 18, of Waterford Township, has been charged with the murder and awaits trial in circuit court.

"There have been three murders in the city during the past four years, two of which remain under investigation," according to the report.

ONE AREA WHERE crime dropped notably was larceny, such as shoplifting. In 1981 there were 414 larceny offenses reported, compared to 454 the previous year.

Vandalism and malicious destruction

of property dropped in 1981 where 190 cases were reported compared to 249 cases the year before for a drop of almost 24 percent.

The number of persons arrested jumped by 34.3 percent in 1981 over

the previous year. Farmington Police arrested 1,045 persons in 1981 compared to 778 in 1980. Looking at the arrest figures for the past 10 years, more than 20 percent more persons were arrested in 1981 than the 10-year average.

Watch program helps police

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for service-calls call entailing investigation of citizen complaints, burglar alarms, accidents, property damage and suspicious persons as well as assist to the fire department.

The hike is attributable to both Neighborhood Watch and an increase in population, Godwin said.

Watch, we have more people taking notice of vehicles and persons when they may not have paid that much attention before.

"But generally the jump is due to increased population," Godwin said.

The hike year extended a skyrocketing trend in overall crime. The 22,025 offenses in 1981 compared to 16,088 in 1975, 10,499 in 1970, 3,575 in 1965, and 1,534 in 1960.

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sion would be kept separate from the books of the entire corporation, Bjorklund said he is not privy to that kind of corporate financial information.

WHILE CONCEDING to Deadman that there are other protections in the

contract for investigating the firm's financial standing, Hartsock said a certified audit would guarantee that Metro-Vision was using a standard, accepted means of identifying revenues.

Without a certified audit, Hartsock said, the firm would be supplying its own figures for review by the cities. Such figures, Hartsock said, could em-

play a more conservative approach toward recognizing revenues that would benefit the company and not the three cities and cable subscribers.

Council members directed Deadman to contact city managers in the other two cities and Metrovision to include the audit requirement in the cable ordinance and contract agreement.

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