

Police honor a few of their own

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer last week awarded chief's citation medals to a lieutenant, a sergeant and an officer for outstanding performance and service in executing their duties.

Det. Richard Murphy was honored for his work in representing the department at the local, state and international levels.

The 17-year department veteran has been active with the Michigan Ontario Juvenile Officers Association, the State of Michigan Crime Prevention Association and the International Crime Prevention Association.

Murphy also was instrumental in developing the Chief's Citizen Advisory Committee and the department's year-long "Say No To Drugs" campaign.

Last November, Murphy worked with Maple Grove Institute in West Bloomfield to design a program that

trains officers to teach drug awareness to Farmington Public Schools students.

"This program was so well designed, the department not only trained three of its officers, but 15 other police departments also committed to the training program," Dwyer said.

SGT. CHARLES Nebus, Detective Section supervisor, "has been extremely influential in the successful dispositions of several cases that generated a great deal of fear and anxiety within the community," Dwyer said.

Dwyer cited the arrest of a suspect in 10 Oakland County rapes or rape attempts between April 1987 and March 1988, in the robbery of 21 tri-county motels in February and March 1988, and in 68 burglaries in Farmington Hills and surrounding communities in January 1988.

Nebus joined the department in 1974. "Whatever his assignment, he has always projected a very positive and professional image of the department and has impressed his co-workers and citizens with his caring manner," Dwyer said.

Nebus has given many lectures and presentations to school and other community groups, "consistently displaying a professional demeanor and promoting good relations with the public," Dwyer said.

OFFICER CRAIG Summers was honored mainly for his role as an Oakland County Narcotic Enforcement Team officer from 1986 through 1988.

Summers, a seven-year department veteran, worked as a patrol officer and as a detective before moving to NET.

During his first year in NET, he worked undercover. "While in this

assignment, several of his cases resulted in the arrest of major cocaine traffickers in the Oakland County/Farmington Hills area," Dwyer said.

Last year, Summers worked as a crew leader of the conspiracy unit, working in conjunction with U.S. Customs agents on international cocaine traffic. The destination of much of the cocaine was Oakland County.

"Over an extended period of time and due mainly to Craig's investigative and leadership skills, the Michigan portion of the investigation led to the arrest of six major cocaine importers and the seizure of over 100 kilos of cocaine worth over \$5 million," Dwyer said.

"The commanding officer of the NET unit, along with U.S. Customs officials, stated that without the initial effort and personal dedication of officer Summers, the case would not have materialized," Dwyer added.

Hills land swap eyed for course

Farmington Hills officials would like to expand the nine-hole, city-owned San Marino Golf Course. But additional land for expansion is the problem.

"We are looking for an additional 20-30 acres to accommodate another nine holes," special services director Dan Potter said.

Key acreage that could accommodate the expansion is school-owned property at the corner of Halsted and 11 Mile. "They (school officials) have indicated a willingness to swap this if we can find comparable property on the west side of the city," Potter said.

City staff is reviewing several

parcels with school officials, he added.

Bonds for the existing 80-acre, nine-hole golf course are one year, and about \$100,000 from being paid off. The golf course is expected to be self-sufficient at that time, councilman Ben Marks said.

The cost of buying land, and designing, redeveloping and equipping the course for 18 holes could total an estimated \$3 million. The cost of developing a hole on the golf course is about \$60,000 per hole or \$540,000 for nine holes.

"On the quick blush, the problem is initial land costs," Potter said.

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Attorney in murder trial takes related case

By M.B. Dillon
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The attorney who defended Christopher Machacek, the Ypsilanti Township teenager convicted of murdering a Canton Township girl, has agreed to represent Machacek and his relatives in a suit filed by the girl's mother.

Deborah Hulbert, whose daughter, Mary Anne, was shot to death in December 1986, is seeking \$10 million from the assailants, their families and a friend of the victim, Steven Stamper of Ypsilanti Township who was convicted of killing Hulbert.

The victim's father, Joseph Hulbert, lives in Farmington Hills. Hulbert is asking for \$1 million in punitive damages from those in-

involved in the murder, and an additional \$1 million from Machacek and Stamper for statutory rape.

Attorney Richard Digon, whose client was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison, said he hasn't yet been served. But he said he has heard and read plenty about the lawsuit, filed in Washtenaw Circuit Court.

"This case is unique," said Digon, representing Machacek, his mother, Mary Ann Scheibel, and Diane McKenzie, Machacek's guardian when the murder occurred.

"I THOUGHT I'd seen everything — that the amazement had finally ended on the uniqueness of this case. It seemed to affect and contaminate people in all different aspects of the

case, especially with respect to the media."

At the time of Mary Anne Hulbert's death, the girl believed she was pregnant by Machacek. After their arrest, Machacek and Stamper said they wanted to scare the girl into having a miscarriage by firing rifles near her. The defendants, who were 16 at the time of the murder, blamed each other for firing the fatal shots.

Machacek has an excellent chance of winning on appeal, Digon said. According to Digon, the jury was admitted into evidence; sheriffs erred in their investigation; and pretrial publicity via the television show, "A Current Affair," and Young Miss magazine jeopardized the defendants' right to a fair trial.

THERE ARE two reasons Digon agreed to handle the case, he said.

"I took this case as a matter of principle, because it's a frivolous lawsuit. I anticipate it will never make it to trial."

"I guess I wonder what their true motives are," Digon said. "I don't think their stated motives are the real ones."

Deborah Hulbert said she is suing because "a lot of criminals have made money off their stories."

"I don't want anybody to make any money off my daughter's death," she said. "People think there is so much money to be got (from the defendants). The facts are there's no money to be got."

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