

# Oakland County crime on rise

Major crime increased in Oakland County in 1991, according to recently-released Michigan State Police statistics.

The number of major crimes reported in the county rose to 51,229, an increase of 3.7 percent.

Figures are based on state police "index offenses" including murder, non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Not all communities submitted crime information to the state police. Statewide, major crime was up 3.4 percent last year — the biggest increase in a decade.

"I SUPPOSE the first thing we all look at is the economy and unemployment and the continuing drug problem, the same thing we've been talking about for years," said Tom Hendrickson, executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Here are the figures, by crime, for selected Oakland County communities:

• Beverly Hills — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 0;

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robbery, 1; aggravated assault, 6; burglary, 42; larceny, 223; motor vehicle theft, 14; arson, 6; Total, 292.

• Birmingham — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 1; rape, 2; robbery, 6; aggravated assault, 17; burglary, 135; larceny, 724; motor vehicle theft, 43; arson, 4; Total, 934.

• Bloomfield Hills — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 0; robbery, 0; aggravated assault, 1; burglary, 37; larceny, 130; motor vehicle theft, 12; arson, 0; Total, 180.

• Bloomfield Township — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 3; robbery, 23; aggravated assault, 38; burglary, 205; larceny, 1,204; motor vehicle theft, 141; arson, 16; Total, 1,630.

• Farmington — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 4; robbery, 9; aggravated assault, 2; burglary, 47; larceny, 337; motor vehicle theft, 25; arson, 3; Total, 427.

• Farmington Hills — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 5; rape, 13; robbery, 39; aggravated assault, 124; burglary, 574; larceny, 2,077; motor vehicle theft, 242; arson, 20; Total, 3,094.

• Keego Harbor — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 5; robbery, 0; aggravated assault, 9; burglary, 18; larceny, 117; motor vehicle theft, 7; arson, 2; Total, 158.

• Lathrup Village — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 2; robbery, 9; aggravated assault, 10; burglary, 47; larceny, 106; motor vehicle theft, 20; arson, 0; Total, 194.

• Orchard Lake Village — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 0; robbery, 0; aggravated assault, 3; burglary, 4; larceny, 64; motor vehicle theft, 1; arson, 1; Total, 72.

• Rochester — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 0; rape, 3; robbery, 3; aggravated assault, 24;

burglary, 60; larceny, 261; motor vehicle theft, 17; arson, 3; Total, 371.

• Troy — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 1; rape, 17; robbery, 35; aggravated assault, 134; burglary, 525; larceny, 2,646; motor vehicle theft, 373; arson, 23; Total, 3,756.

• Southfield — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 8; rape, 27; robbery, 242; aggravated assault, 297; burglary, 911; larceny, 2,978; motor vehicle theft, 1,230; arson, 22; Total, 5,715.

• West Bloomfield — murder/non-negligent manslaughter, 1; rape, 6; robbery, 16; aggravated assault, 75; burglary, 276; larceny, 1,053; motor vehicle theft, 72; arson, 7; Total, 1,506.

Figures for Rochester Hills weren't available. Law enforcement officials said the twin evils of drugs and lack of jobs continued to spawn illegal activity.

Total crime reported in the state was up 2 percent from 1990, to 1,292,310 crimes. That translated into one crime for every seven Michigan residents; the state police said.

It was the second straight year of increases, following two annual declines. Last year's 1.5 percent increase was the second-largest in the 10-year period that began in 1982. The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## around Oakland

### OCC photography students take Metro Times awards

Three Oakland Community College students were recently named winners in the Metro Times 1992 Photo Contest.

Bridget Barrett of Madison Heights received first place in the color photography category. Vera Nedomansky of Franklin captured third place in the same category. Cynthia Grieg of Bloomfield Township received honorable mention honors.

### Tips for getting mortgages

Home ownership tips for low-income, elderly or handicapped area residents are available through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency.

Those who are hesitant in applying for a mortgage, or who have been previously rejected for a mortgage, can call OLHSA housing and energy program coordinator H.J. Bernard, 856-5183.

OLHSA is a non-profit community action agency.

### Cancer group needs help

The Oakland County office of the American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to answer phone calls and assist with patient service. This would involve taking referrals, giving information, and registering patients for medical equipment and/or supplies. The position requires strong communication skills, a sensitive ear, with attention to details.

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