13-year veteran wins top cop title

The Optimist Club of Farming-ton/Farmington Hills honored Farmington Hills Police officer Chuck Rorum as part of its celebration of Respect for Law Week, a program sponsored by Optimist Clubs across the United States. Rorum received the award at the May 26 breakfast meeting from Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer. "Officer Rorum is a dedicated and professional officer," Dwyer said. "His actions are in the high extra tradition of the Farmington Hills Police Department and it is with great pride that he is recognized this morning." Rorum has been a Farmington

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Rozum has been a Farmington Hills Police officer for 13 years and leads the department's honor guard. He is a field training officer and has worked in the patrol, detective and traffic sections.
Rozum, who is a father of two with his wife Claudia, is a Cody High School and Madonna University graduate. He has received one merit citation, 11 other citations, two certificates of commendation and numerous letters of appreciation during his tenure on the force.

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Dwyer cited two incidents as examples of why Rozum was honored.

On May 23, 1992, Rorum was responsible for the arrest of two men and a juvenile for an armed robbery of the Taco Bell on Orchard Lake. He responded to the area of the robbery and found a vehicle that matched the description of the vehicle involved in the robbery, stopped it, observed the three matched the description of the robbers and recovered the weapon and stolen money.

The three were also linked to an earlier robbery of the same Taco Bell. All three pleaded guilty. The two men are serving time in Jackson Prison and the juvenile is in custody as well.

On Nov. 11, 1992, Rozum was again responsible for the arrest of three suspects who had committed an armed robbery in West Bloomfield Township.

Rozum heard the radio description of the suspects and vehicle and recognized the name of the subject to whom the vehicle was registered and recalled that he often frequented a certain residence in Farmington Hills. Rozum went to that location, found the sus-



Officer Chuck Rozum

pects and the vehicle, arrested the suspects, and recovered the weap-on and stolen property.

"The purpose of Respect for Law Week is to make citizens more aware of their responsibili-ties in preventing crime and to increase their support and under-standing of law enforcement agen-cles," said Barbara Ellman, local Optimist president.

The Optimist Club, which is dedicated to the assistance of youth, meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 at the Elks Club, 23686 Orchard Lake in Farming-ter Hills

Businesses save insurance costs by preventing crime

BY BILL COUTANT

Taking steps to prevent crime can not only protect a business, but can save money on insurance

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Tom Kilk, president of the Whims Insurance Agency in Rochester, told business representatives at the monthly Farmington Hills Police Crime Watch seminar that common-sense measures that often cost little or nothing will save thousands.

"You should always tell your insurance company about any hoft-prevention devices you have for a car, because you will get a better rate," Kilk said.

Giving the police a better chance to protect a business and making it riskier for criminals who are looking for an easy score can often be as clear as a storeforth window — without advertising.

front window — without will ing. "Too often store windows will be covered with ads," he said. "Nobody can see in. That kind of defeats the purpose of having

windows."
Outdoor lighting is a relatively inexpensive protection for busi-

nesses and one of the best ways to protect a car from the for vandalism.

On the other hand, having a clear view of what's inside of a car is hardly the way to prevent theft.

"Leaving something visible in the back sact of a car is an open invitation," Kliz said.

Insurance companies reward cuatomers who have alarms by charging lower rates.

"They may scare off someone, but for the most part, they're worthless," Kliz said. "And insurance companies won't give you credit for a local alarm. You need one with a central station."

Crimes are often an inside job, Kliz said.

"We had a business where the woman who was writing the checks was writing some that weren't to a supplier," he said. "They only discovered it when she had taken off sick time and her boss finally locked over the canceled checks, which was normally her job. That business had texted, which was normally her job. That business had

period."

For that reason, there should be no one employee in a business with too much control, he said. And even bonding an employee, has strict limits.

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"You must be able to point a finger at someone or the insurance company won't pay," he

said.

Many business, such as construction, provide access to equipment and facilities to subcontractors. That can be an exposure, he said, especially if the business using the subcontractor is not careful.

very customers who can make a business profitable can sue it to death. "There is definitely a lottery-mentality out there," Klix said. "That's why you have to do every-thing you can for customer safe-

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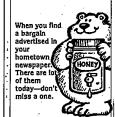
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