

There's snow time like now to winterize

The Farmington Hills Police Department reminds residents that, although recent winters have been mild, they should be prepared for heavy, rapidly falling snow and extremely cold temperatures that are more often the case during winters here.

Winter hazards include snowy and icy roads, overexposure and frostbite, overexertion from snow removal and isolation in homes because of heavy snowfall. The probability of residential fires also increases with the use of wood and kerosene as alternative sources of fuel.

"Winter storms are deceptive killers because most deaths result indirectly from the storm," said Bill Babcock of the National Weather Service and member of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

Many winter weather deaths result from traffic accidents on icy roads, heart attacks while shoveling snow and hypothermia from prolonged exposure to the cold.

Gov. John Engler has declared Nov. 28 through Dec. 4 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan.

Police suggest keeping emergency supplies in the home and automobile including: first-aid kits, battery-powered radios,

flashlights, extra batteries, candles, matches, blankets, warm clothes and nonperishable foods.

Problems while traveling can be avoided by keeping vehicles properly maintained and filled with fuel. Residents should always check the weather forecast before leaving home and take note of advisories, watches and warnings.

A winter storm watch means that severe winter weather conditions may affect your area. A winter storm warning means that severe winter conditions are imminent and you should take immediate precautions.

A snow advisory is issued when 3 to 6 inches are expected in a 12-hour storm. Other advisories are issued to indicate that falling, blowing or drifting snow, freezing rain or drizzle, sleet or strong winds may make driving difficult.

If residents go outside during severe winter weather, they should wear loose-fitting, lightweight warm clothing in layers.

Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent and they should wear a wool hat and mittens. It is important to avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. Sweating could lead to chill and hypothermia.

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

BREAK-INS

An AM/FM stereo system worth \$1,200 was stolen during a break-in of a maroon and silver 1992 Cadillac Seville sedan parked at Cafe Cortina on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 11. The passenger's window had been smashed, causing \$200 in damage.

A \$400 AM/FM stereo cassette was stolen from a white 1992 Pontiac Bonneville parked at the Metrobank on Grand River in Farmington Hills Nov. 12. The passenger door lock was punched, causing \$400 in damage.

A \$200 AM/FM stereo, a \$40 pair of boys' size 8 1/2 green and black Rollerblades, elbow pads worth \$50 and a \$250 Nintendo Gameboy were stolen from a maroon and gray 1990 Pontiac Grand Am parked at Vladimir's on Grand River in Farmington Hills Nov. 12 during a break-in that caused \$75 in damage to the driver's side door lock.

A car phone was stolen from a red 1989 Chevy Beretta parked at Buddy's Pizza on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Nov. 13, and the driver's side window was smashed causing \$250 in damage.

A door wall at a residence on Hoover Court in Farmington Hills was pried open Nov. 13-14 causing \$100 in damage, and \$190 in cash was stolen.

AUTO THEFT

A gray 1987 Ford Escort worth \$3,000 was stolen from the lot of

Loehmann's on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Nov. 11-12.

An attempted theft of a blue 1992 Olds Cutlass parked at Botsford Hospital Nov. 12 caused \$400 in damage to the door lock. A beige and pink Chrysler Lebaron worth \$5,000 was stolen from the lot of McFarland's Florist and Greenhouse on Grand River in Farmington Hills Nov. 13.

A \$20,000 1993 burgundy GMC Yukon was stolen from the Village Green Apartments on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 13.

THEFTS

A \$400 left-handed electric base, a \$425 TVC amplifier, a \$65 Makita cordless drill and a \$62 Makita sander were stolen from a residence on Waldron in Farmington Hills Nov. 12.

A cellular phone worth \$359 was stolen from the Mobil gas station on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Nov. 12.

A \$2,700 diamond engagement ring was stolen from the Gateway Apartments on Gateway in Farmington Hills Oct. 7-27.

A \$1,700 IBM computer with monitor, a \$50 surge protector, \$700 Hewlett Packard printer, \$100 dictating machine, \$1,500 Mita copier, another \$700 printer, \$40 worth of diskettes, a \$500 power helicopter and a Brother printer were stolen from H.C. Olin and Associates on Farmington in Farmington Hills Nov. 12-14 after the door was pried open.

A \$400 color television was stolen from the Independence Green Apartments on Lincoln Court in Farmington Hills Nov. 10-12.

A red Ahren's lawnmower

Explosives planted in mailboxes

Eight homemade chemical explosives went off in roadside mailboxes in Farmington's Chatham Hills subdivision Sunday morning.

No one was injured by the explosives, police said. Plastic pop bottles were filled with chemicals that explode under pressure.

Farmington Public Safety Department officials are treating the incident as malicious destruction of property.

A resident spotted one of the concoctions in his mailbox and reported it to police. An officer discovered the other seven. The danger of such explosives is flying metal or wood from the mailbox, according to deputy director Michael Wiggins.

"If you were right there, the danger is with the person setting them," Wiggins said. "They don't know the reaction of these chemicals."

(\$500), Black and Decker hedge clippers (\$120) and a pair of hand clippers (\$15) were stolen from a garage on Wildwood in Farmington Hills Nov. 15.

VANDALISM

Four tires were slashed on a white 1992 Dodge Shadow ES parked at the Angie Apartments on Shilohwasee in Farmington Hills Nov. 11-12 causing \$200 in damage.

A car drove through a Cyclone fence at Halsted Place on Halsted in Farmington Hills Nov. 12 causing \$500 in damage.

The driver's door window of a dark blue 1987 Ford EXP parked on Elm Grove in Farmington Hills Nov. 14 was shattered causing \$250 in damage.

Two windows at Farmington Physical Therapy on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills were shattered by rocks causing \$500 in damage.

A bullet from a 32-caliber pistol shattered a window at Ace Controls on Industrial Park in Farmington Hills Nov. 14-15.

A window at McCarty

Chiropractic Center on Haggerty in Farmington Hills was shot out causing \$1,000 in damage.

A rock was thrown through a window at the office of Strij Balg, D.D.S. on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Nov. 13-14 causing \$500 in damage.

FRAUD

A woman described as white, in her 30s, 5-feet-4, 100 pounds with a round face, brown hair and wearing a long, dark coat distracted employees at Veen's on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 12, while a man described as white, 39, 6-feet, 150 pounds, wearing a waist-length blue jacket and blue jeans came in with her and then left and returned three times before the couple left together. Missing from the store were five crystal pieces, including a hummingbird, a bumble bee, and a harp with a total value of \$1,000.

A personal check of a Plum Brook resident for \$700 for work to be performed was cashed Oct. 1-7 with no further contact from the South Lyon resident who cashed it.

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