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## Dwyer sworn in as 79th MACP president

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer has officially become a chief of chiefs. Dwyer was sworn in as president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police June 26 at a banquet ceremony in Harbor

Springs, northeast of Traverse City. He is the 79th president of the chiefs' organization. A Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police press release stated that Dwyer listed command of police, pursuit driving,

racial profiling and video taping confessions as some of the most important issues facing the association at his induction ceremony.

Dwyer also told the membership that he will continue the tradition of active involvement in policy debates affecting law enforcement. As president of the MACP, he will direct a membership of more than 1,000 executive law enforcement officers and 18 specialized committees.

Before becoming Hills police chief, Dwyer worked 23 years with the Detroit Police Department, where he worked as commander and head of the narcotics section. He holds a bachelor's degree from Mercy College and a master's in criminal justice from Wayne State. He graduated from the FBI National Academy's 97th session.

Dwyer became president of the association when former president Laurence VanAlstine, chief of police in Tecumseh, stepped down to take an undersheriff's job in Lenawee County.



Chief of chiefs: Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer (pictured with Asst. Chief Chuck Nebus) has been sworn in as President of the Michigan State Chiefs of Police.

## Mural from page A1

Public School district. Student representatives from the eight groups responsible for the project described the mural sections they created, which were symbolic of their lives. Because of confidentiality rules, they can't be identified, but here are some of their thoughts:

- "Our lives were distracted."
- "Love yourself, others and the world."
- "This is the connection we have with others. There will always be others who will try to bring you down."
- "Say to the rest of the world, 'I will survive.'"
- "The hand reaches out to

the message."

- "I control my own destiny. The world is a whirlwind of confusion."
- "The spider is misunderstood by people. We are misunderstood by our friends and our family. We change a lot like a butterfly. A butterfly goes through a metamorphosis."
- "Escape. Fly toward paradise."
- "Fish go in a school when they are first born. We are here waiting to mature to help one another."

Commenting on Dwyer's persistent interest both in the project and in her students, one boy

said to her, "You questioned me like you were my mother."

Known as Boys Republic until girls were added six years ago, the center is licensed by the Department of Social Services. It serves youth and their families.

"There weren't many facilities like these," Chin said. "They stepped up to the need."

Miller School was originally known as Boys and Girls Republic School.

The agency was founded in 1890 as the Home for Industry. It was the first Michigan agency established as an alternative for youth to the adult rehabilitative system.

## Teen Center from page A1

their need for a facility. Their concerns ranged from the way the sale was "rushed" to hours of operation and the idea of having youth in local neighborhoods when the center closed for the evening.

"I loved the school when it was next to me," Boulton said. "This teen center, that's different. I'm real happy they backed out of the deal."

The city did have the means to move ahead despite the deed restrictions, Bates said, but council members elected not to "shove this down people's throats."

"I think there's no will of council to do the legal maneuvers we could," she commented.

Bates praised the reaction of the young people who have been

involved in the process, saying they told youth services coordinator Todd Lipa they were disappointed but understood the city's need to follow the rules.

He also stressed the city's continued commitment to find a place for them to meet.

"It's a very high priority for me," Bates said. "These kids really want it and they need it."

Other options include making space when Fire Station Number 3 on Wheeler is upgraded, Bates said.

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