

HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT CITATIONS & AWARDS

The Farmington Hills Police Citation and Award Board recently awarded the following officers and civilians:

Officers Andrew Plemons and Brian Moore - Unit Citation
On Nov. 11 Officers Plemons and Moore responded to a report of a man with a gun in the area of 30805 Lamar. Once in the area they located the man who fled on foot and forced entry to a nearby residence on Rockdale. Both officers entered the residence, occupied by an elderly couple and their adult daughter, and located the subject who charged at the officers. He was wrestled outside and taken into custody; he was found to be unarmed. These officers used good tactics and firearms discipline to subdue and arrest a mentally disturbed subject who had spent several years in prison for second degree murder and was attempting to obtain a firearm by approaching various houses in the Lamar/Rockdale area.

Officers William Maffessoli, Shelly Turner and Domenic Lauria - Merit Citation
On Feb. 20, 2003, Officers Turner and Lauria stopped a subject at Eight Mile and Grand River for a seatbelt violation. Officer Maffessoli, nearby, stopped at the scene as back up. Officer Turner observed what she identified as a pistol grip protruding from under the driver's seat and the driver was removed from the vehicle. During a pat down the subject bolted in an attempt to flee the scene. He was tackled in the street by Officer Maffessoli and the three officers subdued him and removed the loaded handgun from his pants as well as one from his vehicle.

The arrest was done as quickly and safely as possible despite heavy morning traffic. Subsequent investigation revealed this subject's involvement in an armed robbery ring operating in Detroit and suburban communities and the clearance of several open robbery cases.

Officer Jon Crump - Citation
On Sept. 7, 2001, Officer Crump stopped a subject for a traffic violation and was given apparently valid identification. Recognizing this subject from a prior contact, under a different name, Officer Crump notified the Michigan Department of State and an investigation ensued. As a result of Officer Crump's observation and diligence the investigation resulted in the arrest of a state employee for dealing in fraudulent identification, and the prosecution of an auto theft ring in Flint.

Officer Andrius Radze - Two Citations
On Nov. 20 and Dec. 14, 2002, Officer Radze made an early morning traffic stop and received consent to search the vehicle. He discovered a loaded pistol and arrested the driver for carrying a concealed weapon, removing a dangerous weapon from the street.

Officer Kurt Bearer - Citation
On Jan. 5, 2003, Officer Bearer was in the area of 14 Mile and Clubhouse when he observed two subjects carrying handguns as they walked. They dropped their weapons when ordered and an interview determined that they were involved with a subject in more than 50 incidents of shooting out car windows with the pellet guns they were carrying.

Officer Mark Haro - Citation
On Feb. 3, 2003, Officer Haro monitored radio traffic from the Southfield Police Department concerning the responsible vehicle in a hit-and-run fatal accident. Checking CLEMIS for known associates of the owner Officer Haro directed other officers to a location on Inkster Road in Farmington Hills where the vehicle and the hit-and-run driver were located.

Officer Mark Mostek - Citation
On March 3, 2003, Officer Mostek, off-duty and leaving court, heard radio traffic about a home invasion where the female owner had been confronted by a male intruder in her home. The subject fled the scene. Officer Mostek located him hiding in bushes several blocks from the scene and arrested him after a short foot-pursuit.

Lieutenant Gary Hawald, Sergeant Patrick Comini, Officers Daryl Slowinski, Michael Caramituro, Marlin Goble, Michael Fuhart, Shawn Smith, Jeffrey King, John Figgate, Madeline Vaughan, Lawrence Luttrell, TPI Jeanette Hayward, TA Gall Murdock, TO Patricia Gloss, SFC Maureen Wayman - Unit Citation

As a result of their concerted and sustained efforts throughout 2002, the Farmington Hills Police Traffic Section was recognized by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police for: "Excellence in Traffic Safety" (second award) and "Excellence in Commercial Vehicle Safety." The section will receive an additional award for 2002 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission.

Margaret Ann Chewning - Civilian Citation

On Dec. 19, 2002, Margaret Chewning observed a young man knock down and steal the purse from a 72-year old woman. The man got into a pick-up truck driven by another subject. Chewning followed the truck until she could get a description of the subject and vehicle, then returned to the scene to assist the victim. She was still lying in the driveway of West River Center. Her observations and willingness to get involved brought aid to the injured victim and resulted in the arrest and prosecution of the subject and his driver (his mother) who were responsible for this and other crimes in other jurisdictions.

Dispatcher Debra Kent - Civilian Citation

On Dec. 28, 2002, Dispatcher Kent took an emergency call reporting a heroin overdose at the Independence Green Apartments. Despite incorrect location information Dispatcher Kent was able to obtain the correct address and instruct the caller in performing CPR on the victim. She remained on the line until the arrival of the police and fire personnel, and her efforts may be responsible for saving the life of the overdose victim.

Cadet Thomas Allen - Civilian Citation

On Jan. 13, 2003 Cadet Allen was monitoring cell block activity and observed a female prisoner trying to remove something from her clothing. Personnel responded to the cell block and found the prisoner removing a wire from her bra, intending to commit suicide by strangulation. Cadet Allen's attention to duty is credited with possibly preventing the suicide of this prisoner.



Bill Dwyer presents a shield on the newest member of the force, Officer Chad Double.

Farmington Hills promotes newest police officer

Farmington Hills Cadet Chad Double has earned promotion to the rank of police officer, said Police Chief William Dwyer this week.

At a ceremony Thursday, Double was sworn in by the city clerk.

Double, 26, joined the department in October 2001. He had been assigned to the Patrol Division, working the command desk since that time.

Double graduated from Morenci Area High School in 1994 and received his

bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University in 1998.

The new officer also graduated from the Oakland County Police Academy in 2002.

Double will begin an intensive three-month field training process where he will partner with several veteran officers.

Dwyer stated Double has demonstrated competence, maturity and a strong desire to further serve Farmington Hills' citizens.

Farmington Orchard honored by Cass Community Social Services

Farmington Orchard United Methodist Church was named Church of the Year by Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) at the organization's 9th Annual Dinner held March 22 at the Westin Hotel in Southfield.

The award honors exemplary volunteerism by parishioners of a partner church.

Nearly 300 partygoers helped raise over \$38,000 by purchasing tickets and bidding on dozens of silent auction items.

Funds will be used to finish construction on a new 1,240-sq. ft. commercial kitchen inside CCSS Scott Building.

Emceed by WVDIV Local 4 personality Paula Tutman, other special guests included WVDIV Joe Donovan and Neal Rubin of the Detroit News.

The Volunteer of the Year award went to Lynda Munn and Staff Member of the Year to Gladys Ferguson.

Cass Community Social Services, the nonsectarian outreach of Cass Community United Methodist Church, is dedicated to making a profound difference in the lives of the diverse populations it serves.

CCSS is accredited by the Commission on Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), an international accrediting body.

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