

ROUGE
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water to show officials and use for testing.

Tracy Slintak, Farmington Hills environmental coordinator, was also contacted.

She said a state water quality official will test the sample from the Plonkas, but she believes the substance is an algaecide to prevent ponds from looking sticky and emitting a nasty odor. The dye also gives ponds a healthier look.

But unless the person who did it has a permit, it's illegal to dump algaecide in ponds. And it's illegal if the pond can overflow into a stream or watershed like the Rouge River, Slintak said.

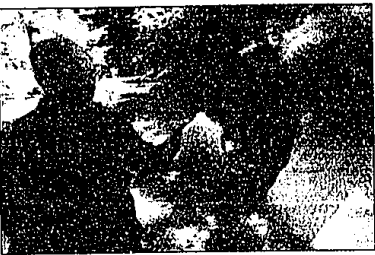
The chemical appears to be an illegal discharge, as no environmental official from the state or county was performing a dye test during that week.

The green water dissipated after a few hours.

Slintak said she was looking at aerial photos of the region to locate a privately owned pond where the discharge may have taken place.

If she does find the person who did it, she said she would use an educational approach.

"I will talk to him and forward it to the state," she said of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "If it's



John and Sharon Plonka with a jug of the oddly colored water they scooped out of the stream behind their house.

a homeowner, we'll work with them and educate them. If it's a professional landscape service company that did this, then we have a bigger issue to deal with."

Slintak said she plans to offer a workshop this summer on how people can maintain healthy ponds without using harsh chemicals.

The environmental coordinator added that if a resident sees a substance in the Rouge system that appears to be an illegal discharge, he or she should follow the river or creek upstream to locate the source or start of the discharge and report it to the city.

Slintak may be reached at (248) 871-2860.



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DOCTORS

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care in the ER.

Not to mention, it was fun watching someone smash heavy-duty machinery into an SUV on purpose.

Ford Motor Co. donated two Ford Explorers for the demonstration, one where Ford employees displayed the explosive impact on a dummy when first- and second-generation air bags and side air bags are deployed.

The other Explorer was purposely rammed by a front-loader numerous times to resemble an accident scene. Ford regularly donates such vehicles for emergency training purposes.

EMS coordinator Kevin Bersche with the Farmington Hills Fire Department gave the play-by-play to residents in attendance as rescuers used special tools to secure the vehicle and tear an opening to remove victims.

Medical residents Drs. Melissa Martens and Robert Porzio volunteered to get inside the SUV after it crashed to experience the work going on around them as they sat helpless.

Jennifer Joseph of Howell, Botsford's chief resident, played a role in bringing the event to the hospital.

"It's been a Ping-Pong, knocking-around idea for a while," said Joseph, a Botsford resident of six years. She always knew that a 40-minute extraction was a major undertaking, but the demonstration made the experience much



ER resident Bob Porzio gets a chance to operate one of the extraction tools.

more vivid.

"A lot of people come in backboarded and collared," said Joseph.

"This really shows us... how much more severe this is. It just doesn't seem as dramatic as this."

Thanks to the Jaws of Life competitions that area fire-

fighters participate in, skills have been honed and times dropped over the years.

"Our average extraction time is 20 minutes," Bersche said. "Before training (and) new technologies, practicing time was 36 minutes."

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Farmington Hills PD's Summers to graduate from Academy

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer recently announced that Commander Craig A. Summers will graduate from the 213th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, in a ceremony to be held in the National Academy auditorium on the grounds of the U.S. Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va. on Friday, July 13.

The F.B.I. National Academy is considered to be among the finest law enforcement management schools in the country. Known internationally for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced administrative, investigative and fitness training for the top identified law enforcement executives in the United States.

Summers began his career with the Farmington Hills Police Department as an officer sergeant in 1994, to lieutenant in 1999 and to commander in 2001.

Summers has served as a uniform patrol officer, as a member of the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team, as a member of the department's surveillance team, known as the Crime Suppression Unit, and as a supervisor in the patrol division.

Summers currently oversees all uniformed officers as the number two command officer in the department's Operations Bureau.

Summers has been honored many times by the department for his actions in the line of duty. He has earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University and a master of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University. He is married and has two children.

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