



FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2011 SAFE CITY RANKINGS February 2, 2012

Farmington Hills is the third safest city in Michigan and the 46th safest city in the country, according to the recent annual Safe City rankings from CQ Press. The rankings include all cities of at least 75,000 residents based on crime data reported to the FBI in 2010. The crime data includes six categories: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

Farmington Hills Police personnel are still kept busy in Michigan's 14th largest city. Based on five year averages, dispatchers receive 34,988 emergency 911 calls; police officers respond to 28,649 dispatched runs and arrest 3,424 persons. "Even with a smaller staff, police personnel stepped up to the challenges and continue to provide superior police services that keep our community safe. I am proud of each sworn and civilian member of the department," said Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus.

The Safe City rankings are expected to continue, according to Chief Nebus. The Police Department ended 2011 with several reasons to be optimistic. Serious Part A crime dropped 7%. This is the third consecutive year of Part A crime decreases, which has resulted in a 21% three year decrease in serious crime.

The year ended with the Police Department hiring its first new police officer in over four years. The department also recently hired six part-time civilian police service aides, which replaces a former police cadet program. The services aides are assigned to jail and desk duties, which results in extra officers on street patrols. The Police Department is not projecting further staffing increases. The new public safety millage, which takes effect July 1, 2012, was designed to prevent further service reductions. The department anticipates filling retirement vacancies during 2012.

The Police Department expects to present the department's annual 2011 report to the Farmington Hills City Council in early March. At that time, the annual report and complete crime data will be available for public review on the City's website.

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