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GM, Ford, Chrysler Among \$8M Donors Aiding Detroit

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"This is an unprecedented collaboration between the business community and the mayor's office to provide the highest level of emergency services to the people of Detroit."

Corporate leaders wanted to show their support for Mayor Bing, the Active and Safe Campaign, and Detroit's neighborhoods, said Penske Corporation Chairman and Downtown Detroit Partnership Vice Chairman Roger Penske.

"This is a great day for the city of Detroit. Through the extraordinary efforts of local business leaders and the Downtown Detroit Partnership, we are pleased to help Mayor Bing and the police and fire departments bring new police cruisers and EMS units to the streets of Detroit.

"These vehicles will enhance the visibility of the police and fire Departments' efforts in the city and improve the safety and security of our neighborhoods."

"This generous contribution from Detroit's corporate leaders is a gift to the residents of Detroit, as well as to our EMS Division," said Detroit Fire Commissioner Donald Austin.

"After years of challenges with aging EMS units that rotate in and out of service, a brand new fleet of ambulances will allow us to provide a higher level of emergency services to Detroit's citizens."

Detroit Police Chief Chester L.

Reuss Talks Up Z28 Performance in NYC

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In February, GM introduced the SS performance sedan at the Daytona International Speedway, the first rear-drive sedan Chevrolet has offered in 17 years.

"Earlier this month, we unveiled the Corvette Convertible, which delivers the same performance of the coupe, adding the thrill of an open-air driving experience," Reuss said at the New York show.

"This convertible has an identical power-to-weight ratio, and identical chassis tuning, as the hardtop model – a result of uncompromised body structure. And here in New York, we're introducing another new performance car, the 2014 Camaro."

The new Camaro Z28 has a redesigned exterior that incorporates some things Chevrolet "learned at the track, where it competes in the NASCAR Nationwide series and Grand Am."

The front fascia has a larger

lower opening for improved cooling and reduced drag.

The rear also has been redesigned for improved aerodynamic balance.

Camaro SS models also have a functional hood vent that reduces lift for increased stability at high speeds.

"If you're looking for a world-class two-seat sports car; a powerful V8 sport sedan, or a two-plus-two pony car, well, Chevrolet has 'em all," Reuss said in his presentation. "And for any other brand, that may be enough."

"But we're Chevrolet, and we've got something very, very special." Then Reuss introduced the return of "the legendary Chevrolet marque, the Camaro Z28."

He added that the Z28 "is for all of the people who want a Camaro that's built for the track."

"This is not simply a straight-line 0-60 drag strip car, although you can use it for that as well," he added. "This car is set up for track perfection, like the original Z28."



2014 Chevrolet Camaro Z28

"It has a high-revving, naturally aspirated, small-block LS7 V8 with an estimated 500 horsepower, and 470 pound-feet of torque. It has standard differential cooler, transmission cooler, brake coolers and carbon-ceramic brakes specifically for track use without fade."

Reuss called the Z28 the defining performance point for "the gen-five Camaro, and it's straight out of the legend of Mark Donahue 302 engines, acid-dipped panels, and all the Trans Am racers."

Essay Contest Centers On Women as Mentors

The Auburn Hills Library, Rochester Hills Library and the American Association of University Women of Rochester are sponsoring a student essay contest for eighth grade students in the Rochester and Avondale school districts in honor of 2013 Women's History Month. Student entrants must answer the question "What personal goals am I able to pursue because of the influence of a woman, either past or present?"

Essays must be 400 words or less and must be submitted on or before Wednesday, April 10. First prize \$100 cash; second prize is \$75; and the third place winner receives \$50.

For details and application forms, call 248-651-0436.

OU Engineering Ctr. Omission

This is the continuation of the March 18, 2013, story of Oakland University's \$30 million engineering center, which is under construction and slated to be open for occupation by fall 2014. The following was inadvertently left out of the March 18 edition, and is now published. Oakland Tech News regrets any inconvenience the omission may have caused.

The new five-story facility will have five general-purpose classrooms, 22 teaching laboratories and seven research laboratories.

"The demand for qualified engineering and computer science graduates continues to exceed the current number of graduates," noted Lorenzo M. Smith, Ph.D., associate dean and associate professor. "With its prime location adjacent to a number of health care and bio-medical-related, auto-related and defense-related industry headquarters, Oakland is poised to help meet that demand."

"The new Oakland University Engineering Building will enhance the use of existing facilities and provide additional facilities for instructional programs and industry-related initiatives."

Smith added that, while all areas of education are important, Southeast Michigan is experiencing a very high demand for advanced technical jobs. The new facility will enable Oakland University to recruit and retain top faculty and the best students.

The building will also allow OU researchers to collaborate across disciplines and across the state and the world in order to advance knowledge through basic and applied research.

Another feature that is planned, the Integrated Design Laboratory (IDL) is envisioned as a grouping of engineering and

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Logan said an additional 100 police cars will greatly enhance the efforts of DPD officers who patrol the city's streets.

"Having access to 100 new vehicles will make our police force more responsive to citizens and will help lift the morale of our officers," Logan said. "We are grateful to the corporate leaders who made this possible."

This public safety announcement follows the Mayor's introduction last week of the Detroit One initiative, which brings together local, state and federal law enforcement and the community in an effort to reduce violent gun crimes in the city by 25 percent this year.

GM spokesman Greg Martin said that this project was just one of several that the company is involved in through its foundation. GM also recently donated \$2 million to the Detroit Economic Growth Association; \$2.5 million to the College for Creative Studies; \$2.5 million to Focus:HOPE; \$450,000 to the Karmans Cancer Institute, and \$500,000 to the Michigan Science Center.

So when the suggestion came from the Penske group to help out the city of Detroit, GM was more than willing to lend a hand, Martin said.

"Chrysler Group is very excited about the prospect of participating in this important project and appreciates the Downtown Detroit Partnership's strong support for the city of Detroit," said Peter

Grady, vice president of Chrysler's Network Development and Fleet.

"We believe in the city of Detroit and its people, and are confident that our commitment of Dodge Charger Pursuit police vehicles will aid in the effort to make the city safe and secure."

Tom Gores, CEO of Platinum Equity, Palace Sports and Entertainment, added, "Having grown up in Michigan, I've always felt a special connection to the City of Detroit. Our companies are part of the fabric of this community, and it's nice to be involved in a cause that will improve the quality of life for all Detroiters."

"I am especially excited about the leadership group heading this initiative, and I look forward to its success."

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