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South Haven Area Emergency Services Recognitions Announced

Awards and recognitions were presented to members of South Haven Area Emergency Services during the department’s annual dinner on Saturday, May 4.

Paul Quinn has been chosen by his peers as the Firefighter of the Year. A member of the department’s paid-on-call staff for 25 years, Paul heads-up the department’s fire prevention initiatives.

“Paul has contributed countless hours dedicated to the citizens of our coverage area,” said Chief Ron Wise. “Through his leadership he has helped SHAES bring the fire prevention message to young and older people in the community.”

The department’s Leadership Award has been presented to James D. Quinn. Now in his 18th year as a fulltime member of the department, Quinn is being recognized for the job he has done increasing the department’s level of skill and knowledge. He also leads the department’s Honor Guard.

“JD is a leader by example,” noted Wise. “He has a desire to answer the call for help with passion and professionalism.”

Paul and JD are brothers. Their father, James A. Quinn, also a SHAES member, was the 2017-18 Firefighter of the Year.

Wise lauded the department-wide lifesaving initiatives of the past year: “SHAES staff performed CPR on many patients over the last year. Their efforts made a considerable difference in the lives of our residents as well as guests that passed through the South Haven area.” Presented “I Made CPR Count” pins were Ross Burnside, Steven Cavadas, Roseanna Fox, David Griessel, Dustin Guminski, Dawn Hinz, Brian Horan Jr., Brian Horan Sr., Zachary Kenreich, Thomas Leva, Brian Montgomery, James A. Quinn, James D. Quinn, Johanna Quinn, Patrick Quinn, Paul Quinn, Phillip Quinn, Shawn Quinn, Tim Quinn. Owen Ridley, Ronald Ridley, Matthew Russell, Bill Snider, Shawn Smith, Tim Vanholt and Ronald Washegesic,

Presented a special Compassion Award was Brian Horan, Sr. for the special care given by him during the rescue of a trapped horse.

The retirement of Deputy Chief Tony Marsala was announced. He will end 33 years of service on June 7.
Years of service awards were presented to Ronald Ridley, 40 years; Stanley Wakild, 35 years; Paul Quinn, 25 years; Brandon Hinz, 20 years; Brian Montgomery, Patrick Quinn and Timothy Quinn, 10 years; Matthew Russell, Willie Wright, Ronald Washegesic, Johanna Quinn and Steven Cavadas, five years.

Welcomed as new paid-on-call members were Matthew Dey, Ross Burnside, Shawn Quinn and Alexis Ridley. Zachary Kenreich was promoted to fulltime firefighter/paramedic and Steve Cavadas was hired as fulltime Assistant Fire Inspector.

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