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Cascade Fire Captain Ron Rowland Retires After 33 Year Career *Fire Department Promotes Firefighters During Badge Pinning Ceremony*

Cascade Township, Michigan, May 13, 2019 – Cascade Fire Department honored retiring Captain Ron Rowland and promoted seven firefighters during a badge pinning ceremony on Wednesday, May 8.

Rowland, who joined the Cascade Fire Department in 1986, has dedicated a majority of his life to maintaining the health and safety of Cascade Township residents. He is described as someone who was involved with just about everything in the fire department and as a mentor fellow firefighters could look up to.

“Captain Rowland has been Mr. Cascade for more than three decades,” said Fire Chief Adam Magers. “It will be hard to find someone who cares about the community as much as this man.

“We have huge shoes to fill – and it’s going to take at least three to four firefighters to do it.”

Aside from his work preventing fires, Rowland was known as a craftsman around the station. Not long after Rowland became a full-time firefighter, he helped the Cascade Fire Department renovate its existing station and build Fire Station 2.

As an active member of the firefighter and nonprofit community, Captain Rowland served as president of the Firefighters Association for most of his career and currently volunteers with the American Legion, Relay for Life, i understand, and Spectrum Hospice, among others.

“We are excited as you take on your next adventure as a retiree and we couldn’t be happier for you,” Fire Chief Adam Magers noted to Rowland during the badge pinning ceremony. “It’s important to leave the fire department better than you found it – and Captain Rowland did just that.”

Captain Rowland resides in Cascade Township with his wife, Sheri.

Along with Captain Rowland’s retirement, the Cascade Fire Department promoted seven firefighters:

- Jeff Knowles to captain
- Josh Dettwiler to lieutenant
- Zeke Kadish to full-time firefighter
- Zach Christian, Andrew Frizzle, Todd Hemmi and Richard Raviolo to paid on-call firefighters

“I couldn’t be prouder of our roster,” Fire Chief Adam Magers said after the ceremony. “We are truly blessed to have such amazing people protecting our community.”

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