On October 2, 2017 the Howell Area Fire Department, Station’s 24 and 22, were dispatched to a report of vehicle crash with extrication. Upon arrival the crew of engine 24 found a female victim with life threatening injuries, and that heavy extrication was required. Within two minutes and with the limited extrication tools carried on Engine 24 the crew removed the door and did a dash lift. At that time that patient was removed from the vehicle, care transferred to Livingston County Ambulance, and that patient was transported to the University of Michigan with fire personnel driving. Several weeks later, after being treated for numerous injuries, the patient was discharged from the hospital. Without the swift actions taken by these crews this incident would have had a much different outcome, which is why these firefighters are being presented with Life Saving and Chain of Survival Awards.

Life Saving Award

Assistant Chief Mike Randall

Firefighter Chad Allen

Chain of Survival

Firefighter Steve Moore

On July 19, 2017 the Howell Area Fire Department, Station 24, was dispatched to a report of an allergic reaction due to a bee sting. Upon arrival the crew of Brush 24 found the sixty year old male patient in anaphylactic shock. The crew of Brush 24 administered epinephrine and the patient’s condition immediately started to improve. Livingston County Ambulance arrived and took over patient care. For their quick response, patient assessment, and the administration of epinephrine these firefighters are being awarded the Life Saving Award.

Captain Andrea Williams- Appelyard

Firefighter Steve Moore

On March 4, 2017 the Howell Area Fire Department, Station 20, was dispatched to a report of an overdose. While in route they were advised by the Howell Police Department that CPR was in progress. Chief 20 arrived and assisted with CPR, the crew from Brush 20 arrived along with Livingston County Ambulance personnel. Crews assisted with patient care as naloxone was administered, and the patient regained consciousness. For their actions these firefighters are being awarded the Chain of Survival Award.

Assistant Chief Brian Anderson

Lieutenant Andrew Johnson

Firefighter Adam John

Firefighter James Krywko

On April 23, 2017 the Howell Area Fire Department, Station 20, was dispatched to a full arrest. Firefighter Krywko responded direct, arrived to find a fifty year old male unresponsive and not breathing, and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Brush 20 and Livingston County Ambulance arrived, and firefighter continued basic life support measures. The patient had a return of spontaneous circulation, and was transported with fire driving and assisting in the back. The patient went back into cardiac arrest while in route to the hospital, and they were able to get pulses back. The patient was further transported to Providence Park Hospital, and made a full recovery. For the actions they took these firefighters are being awarded the Life Saving and Chain of Survival Awards.

Life Saving

Firefighter James Krywko

Chain of Survival

Captain Bryan Hager

Lieutenant Chad Carney

Firefighter Ryan Pless

On June 19, 2017 the Howell Area Fire Department, Station 23, was dispatched to a full arrest. Captain 23 and Brush 23 arrived to find a fifty-eight year old male patient in full arrest, and began basic life support measures. Multiple rounds of cardio pulmonary resuscitation were done, along with shocks from the AED. Livingston County Ambulance personnel and additional fire units arrived, and assisted with further patient care. The patient regained pulses and was transported to the hospital where he lived for six days before passing away. For the actions they took these firefighters are being awarded the Life Saving and Chain of Survival Awards.

Life Saving

Assistant Chief Gary Beal

Captain Mike Petrosky

Firefighter Chad Allen

Chain of Survival

Deputy Chief Ronald Hicks

Captain Bryan Hager

This firefighter joined the department in 2012 as a continuation of his dedication to public service. This firefighter is an asset to the department not only because of his firefighting abilities, but also because of his ability to lighten the mood and make people laugh after those difficult calls.

This firefighter has often been found standing in front of the department, sharing his knowledge and conducting training. Not only is he willing to share his knowledge with his peers, but he had a passion for public education. There was even one occasion where a public education class for a group of elementary students became a group coloring session, because a child with learning disabilities was upset by the normal presentation.

Most recently this firefighter installed emergency equipment on newly purchased department vehicles. He is extremely passionate about this, and ensured that the installation was complete and professional, even spending some of his own money, to ensure the safety of the crews that would be operating the vehicles.

There is a quote from the movie Backdraft that this firefighter embodies, “The funny thing about firemen is… night and day, they are always firemen.”

This firefighter’s efforts, energy, and expertise have increased the Howell Area Fire Department’s overall capabilities, exemplifying the selfless image that the public associates with the fire service. This firefighter is a highly valued member of the Howell Area Fire Department and is being awarded Firefighter of the Year.

Firefighter Jeff Robson