

Mesquite Fire Department 2019 Paramedic of the Year

The Paramedic of the Year award is given to an outstanding paramedic who consistently demonstrates professional excellence in the emergency medical services, moral integrity, leadership and commitment to provide quality EMS services to the citizens of Mesquite. This year's paramedic of the year is Dan Kirk.

Dan was hired by the Mesquite Fire Department on August 27th, 1992 and earned his Paramedic Certification in 1994. Dan received a Life Saving Award in 2000 and 2013.

Dan loves his job and it shows. He volunteers for the ambulance on nearly every shift and is always accommodating and respectful to his co-workers and patients alike. He continuously has a positive attitude and is always looking out for the best interest of the patient regardless of outside circumstances.

Dan has also made a great impact on a few of our rookies. He is always willing to help teach a less experienced member when there is a good learning opportunity. His willingness to mentor new paramedics in such situations carries a lot of weight because they recognize that he is speaking from 25 plus years of experience. He communicates with dignity and grace in a genuine effort to help the less experienced.

Dan also has an outstanding work ethic. He stays in shape and regularly gives guys half his age a run for their money when on a physically demanding scene.

With over 25 years of experience, Dan still relishes the opportunity to make a positive difference for our patients and all of the citizens of Mesquite. His positive attitude, his passion to make a difference, his work ethic and his willingness to share his knowledge with newer medics makes him an exceptional firefighter/paramedic and is why he is our 2019 Paramedic of the Year.

Please join me in honoring Dan Kirk as the 2019 Mesquite Fire Department Paramedic of the Year.