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**Monessen Honors Local Heroes**

At the March 9th City Council Meeting, Mayor Matt Shorraw honored several local heroes by issuing them letters of Commendation. Seven letters were issued to firefighters and police officers that helped save the lives of two Monessen residents at a late-night fire in February. Mayor Matt Shorraw said that, "if it weren't for these brave first responders, the couple would not have made it out of the home alive."

Commendations were given to Monessen's Downtown Company, Assistant Chief Chuck Kozar, Downtown Firefighter John 'Bubba' Palmer, Downtown Captain Jeremiah Quattro, Downtown Firefighter Ryan Hess, and Hilltop Company Chief Mike Castner.

Additionally, Mayor Shorraw honored Fireman Jerald Dankosky with a Letter of Commendation for 50 years of service to both Monessen Fire Companies. He began his service on March 9, 1971.

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