

John Potts joined the CSP in 1987 and was an active member in the zone for more than 30 years, all in Kawartha Zone. Most recently he was the patrol leader for the Kawartha Zone Patrol and for more than 16 years prior to that he was the patrol leader for Devil's Elbow where he was rostered from the day he joined until that resort closed a few years ago.

In addition to the work of managing the patrols he led, John organized and ran both the weekend class version of the first-year patroller courses and various recertification weekends for more than 17 years. He also assisted at zone and local field days, and was always willing to go above and beyond to help when help was needed. He was always just one phone call away.

Once John had joined the CSP, he then decided to become a paramedic so the skills he started with us became the springboard for his future career, and the skills from his career fed back into his contributions to the CSP.

John has been recognized over the years at all levels of the CSP, and holds the following awards:

Kawartha Zone Awards

- 1989 Zone Special Award No. 123
- 1993 Veteran of the Year Award
- 1997 Zone Achievement Award No. 96
- 1998 Zone Appreciation Award No. 46
- 2010 Zone Patrol of the Year (Devil's Elbow – Patrol Leader)
- 2015 Eric Nystedt Humanitarian Award
- 2015 Zone Executive of the Year No. 30
- 2018 Zone Patrol of the Year (Devil's Elbow – Patrol Leader)

Ontario Division Awards

- 2001 Ontario Division Appreciation Award No. 277
- 2008 20 Year Service Award

National Awards

- 2004 National Appreciation Award No 1388
- 2010 Canadian Ski Patroller Award No. 836
- 2013 25 Year Service Award

John has been a valuable member of the Kawartha Zone team for so many years. We will miss his smile, helping hand and wonderful sense of humour at meetings and patrol gatherings. We wish him all the very best and hope to still see him carving turns on the hills in the coming years.