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**Rep. Kolste Announced 44th Assembly District First Responder of the Year:
Janesville Police Lieutenant Steven Carpenter**

MADISON – Representative Debra Kolste (D-Janesville) announced that Lieutenant Steven Carpenter will receive the 44th Assembly District First Responder of the Year Award at a Hometown Hero ceremony to be held during the floor session of the State Assembly on October 10th, 2019.

“Lieutenant Carpenter has demonstrated significant leadership in advancing the Janesville Police Department’s first response tactics,” said Representative Kolste. “The Janesville community is lucky to have first responders like Lieutenant Carpenter, and I’m excited for the opportunity to recognize his contributions to our city,” remarked Rep. Kolste.

Lieutenant Carpenter was nominated by Lieutenant Todd Kleisner of the Janesville Police Department and the City of Janesville. Lieutenant Carpenter is a 14-year veteran of the Janesville Police Department. He was critical in developing and implementing a drone program for use as a first-response crime fighting tool. He is a certified drone pilot and has used the program to capture fleeing suspects using thermal imaging, as well as aid in two water rescues on the Rock River. In addition, Lieutenant Carpenter trains with the JPD SWAT team for tactical situations.

“The JPD drone has become a very useful crime fighting tool even though the program is very new. Officer Carpenter’s dedication and forward thinking brought another crime fighting tool to the Janesville Police Department,” said Lieutenant Todd Kleisner.

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