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**Rep. Billings Announces First Responder of the Year**

*La Crosse Police Department's Officer Joel Miller Named 95<sup>th</sup> Assembly District First Responder of the Year*

MADISON, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly is recognizing October 2021 as First Responders Appreciation Month by honoring first responders across Wisconsin with a Hometown Hero Award. Rep. Jill Billings (D-La Crosse) selected a local first responder to receive this honor by the State Assembly.

Rep. Billings recognized Officer Joel Miller on behalf of the 95<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Officer Miller has served the City of La Crosse since 2006, has served as one of the La Crosse Police Department's first Neighborhood Resource Officers, the first Victims Services Officer, and the first Community Resource Officer.

“I am honored to recognize Officer Joel Miller with the Hometown Hero Award. He is truly representative of the best values and qualities we need for law enforcement officers and first responders in our community and communities across the state. Officer Miller has a wide variety of experience as a Community Resource Officer, Victim Services Officer, Downtown Neighborhood Resource Officer, and a liaison with behavior health specialists. Officer Miller is a caring individual in his job as he helps community members access the services and assistance that they need. He continues to go above and beyond the call of duty and increase his skills and knowledge in order to better serve our community.”

“Thank you Officer Joel Miller, for your service and dedication to our community, and congratulations on being nominated and selected for the First Responder of the Year award for the 95<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

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