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Van Roy Praises New Laws Honoring First Responders

MADISON – Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is pleased to announce that several bills honoring first-responders were signed into law this week.

“First-responders are the folks who step up and risk their own safety for the rest of us every day,” said Van Roy. “If we can show our gratitude, we ought to do it, and these bills are perfect examples of how we can show them our appreciation.”

Van Roy co-authored Senate Bill 414, which was among the bills signed. SB 414 extends fee remission to University of Wisconsin System or technical colleges for children and surviving spouses of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, ambulance drivers, and a range of public service employees and emergency health care workers.

“We care about each other in Wisconsin,” Van Roy said. “When a family loses someone who is killed serving the state and its citizens, it is only right that we help look after their families’ education while they are trying to rebuild their lives.”

Among the other bills signed into law were SB 453 and AB 849. SB 453 creates a new tax check-off to provide taxpayers with a convenient way to donate to the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial. Funds raised through the check-off will go to the construction and maintenance of a memorial for fallen firefighters in Wisconsin Rapids. AB 849 allows retired fire fighters and police officers to serve as Board Trustees of a relief association. A firefighter relief association provides help to sick and disabled members and may purchase group life insurance. A police relief association provides death benefits to beneficiaries and may also purchase group life insurance.

“Both of these bills represent small but meaningful ways in which we can honor our first-responders,” said Van Roy. “After all, they honor us every day with their service.”

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