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## Rep. Born, Sen. Jagler Honor Debbie Bintzler as First Responder of the Year

**Madison** – Representative Mark Born and Senator John Jagler honored Debra "Debbie" Bintzler of Lomira, WI as the First Responder of the Year from the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District during a recognition ceremony by the State Assembly today.

"We owe a great deal of debt to the men and women who work as first responders in our communities," Rep. Born said, "I am grateful for Debbie, who has selflessly served our area for years—she has certainly earned this award."

The First Responder of the Year Award, created in 2019, seeks to identify members of the community that work as firefighters, police officers, sheriff's duties, EMT providers, paramedics, or first responders with distinction. A person could have been nominated for a specific heroic action; a significant professional achievement; something special they do for the community during the course of their work; his or her body of work over time; and/or his or her length of service. Both volunteer and paid first responders are eligible for the award.

Debbie was nominated for her dedication to serving her community as a volunteer first responder for the past two decades. Alongside her late husband Bruce Bintzler, Debbie has logged a significant number of first responder hours since she began volunteering with the Lomira Fire Department in 2002.

"Debbie Bintzler has served Lomira and Dodge County proud in her tireless work as a first responder," said Senator Jagler. "It is a well-deserved honor to be celebrated by the Assembly as a Hometown Hero."

In addition to her work as a first responder, Debbie has increased local blood drives in Lomira as the American Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator and participates in and leads church and community mission trips to locations in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and New Jersey. Debbie and Bruce were recipients of the Lomira Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year Award" in 2017 for their contributions to the community.