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## **Ron Wiegel Presented with the 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly District's First Responder Award**

MADISON – On Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> the State Assembly recognized police officers, sheriff deputies, firefighters, and EMS personnel from around the state for their dedication and service to their local communities. Rep. Todd Novak (Dodgeville) was honored to present Ron Wiegel of Shullsburg with the 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly District's 2021-23 First Responder Award.

Ron has served the community of Shullsburg and the surrounding townships as a volunteer emergency medical technician since 1989 when he was first licensed. Over his 32 years of service, Ron has held various leadership roles within the ambulance service including the title of crew chief for 14 years.

“As an elected official, it’s an honor to recognize individuals from my district, like Ron who exemplify the virtues of service. It was a privilege to present Ron with the First Responder Award at the Capitol this week.” said Novak. “Ron has been essential to the maintenance and operation of the Shullsburg EMS service over the years. His contributions are a testament to public service.”

As a crew chief, Ron and his squad have responded to various service calls day and night. Additionally, he has worked to secure essential funding to provide the ambulance service with training and equipment. This included working to acquire a brand new ambulance, power lift cots, and defibrillators. Finally, Ron has worked to make sure the service remains filled with volunteers for years to come. Through his recruitment efforts at least twelve volunteer members have been brought on and the current staff levels for the ambulance service sit around nearly twenty volunteers.

“When reviewing the nominations for the First Responder Award there were many worthy candidates. However, Ron’s nomination detailing his many contributions to the community over the years was truly impressive.” said Novak. “I want to thank Ron for his work to make our community a safer place to live.”

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