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68th Assembly District First Responders Honored

MADISON- State Representative Jesse James (R-Altoona) issued the following statement regarding the First Responder of the Year award for the 68th Assembly District:

“The 68th Assembly District is so fortunate to have dedicated first responders throughout it. The awardees from the district are from Chippewa County Sheriff’s Department-Sergeant Martin Folczyk, Deputy Jason Bloom, Deputy Chris Eckwright, and from the Lake Hallie Police Department-Sergeant Jeremiah Rathke, and Officer Andrew Straszowski. These individuals went above and beyond performing their duties during a tragic incident. Bringing honor, service, and credit to themselves, their families and the agencies they represent.”

These five officers responded to a call earlier this year in Lake Hallie. While serious danger was present, they acted quickly and courageously and saved multiple lives in the process.

“I am proud of their brave and valiant actions protecting the citizens of the 68th Assembly District. They deserve this recognition.”

The Wisconsin State Assembly will honor First Responders from all 99 Assembly Districts. Sergeant Martin Folczyk, Deputy Jason Bloom, Deputy Chris Eckwright, Sergeant Jeremiah Rathke, and Officer Andrew Straszowski will be honored on the Assembly floor during the legislative session on October 10, 2019.

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