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68th Assembly District First Responders of the Year:

Madison – State Representative Karen Hurd (R-Fall Creek) presented Eau Claire Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Heather Morning, Firefighter Paramedic Nathan Much, and Engineer EMT Scott Mohr with the 2023 “First Responders of the Year” award during the Assembly floor session on Tuesday. The state Assembly honored Heather, Nathan, and Scott in a public ceremony with other recipients from across the state.

This past April, paramedics Heather, Nathan, and Scott were dispatched in response to a 4-year-old child trapped in a septic tank. Due to the narrow access, Nathan lowered Heather into the tank headfirst to pull the child to safety. Thanks to their quick thinking, and daring actions, the 4 year old was saved and has made a full recovery.

The “First Responder of the Year” award was created in 2019 to recognize the brave men and women who serve in our emergency services. State representatives from each legislative district seek nominations from their communities and select one individual who best exemplifies community service, selflessness and dedication. The list of recipients from this year included police officers, sheriff’s deputies, firefighters, and all levels of EMS personnel.

Along with providing each award recipient with a legislative citation recognizing their achievement, the state Assembly also passed a resolution declaring October 17th First Responders Appreciation Day.

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The 68th Assembly District includes portions of Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Clark Counties including the communities of Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta, Fairchild, Greenwood, Owen, Withee, Thorp, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley, the Town of Lafayette, and parts of Eau Claire.