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## Rep. Spreitzer Announces 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly District First Responder of the Year: Officer Matthew Nankee of the Evansville Police Department

MADISON – Today, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) announced that Officer Matthew Nankee of the Evansville Police Department was honored as the 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly District First Responder of the Year. Along with first responders from other Assembly districts, Officer Nankee was recognized during the Hometown Hero Ceremony held on the floor of the Wisconsin State Assembly on Thursday, October 10.

"I am proud to honor Officer Matthew Nankee in recognition of his selfless dedication and service to our community," said Rep. Spreitzer. "Officer Nankee displays heroism and courage even under extreme circumstances, and I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize him with a Hometown Hero Award."

On March 27, 2019, Officer Nankee responded to a kayaker in Badfish Creek experiencing a medical emergency. He performed an exhaustive search of the creek, located the submerged individual, pulled him from the water, and performed lifesaving measures until he could be evacuated. The individual made a full recovery.

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Photos from the day are attached to this release in a compressed file along with suggested captions. Full resolution images are available for download at: <u>http://bit.ly/FRotY2019photos</u>