

Rep. Jacque: Earns Wisconsin Professional Police Association Legislator of the Year Award

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(De Pere, WI) – State Representative André Jacque (R- De Pere) was announced today as the Wisconsin Professional Police Association’s Legislator of the Year in the State Assembly for his dedicated work throughout the 2017-’18 legislative session.

“I am proud to work hard for my neighbors here in Northeast Wisconsin to ensure a safe community now and for generations to come,” said Rep. Jacque. “It is an immense honor to be recognized by the men and women in blue for helping them protecting our families, and I am grateful for their help and trust in bringing forward public safety reforms that keep us safe.”

The honor comes with the release of WPPA’s biennial report card and Law Enforcement Honor Roll ranking Wisconsin’s lawmakers for their support during the 2017-18 legislative session through a cumulative scoring methodology that awards and deducts points to lawmakers for their actions at every stage of the legislative process on each bill for which the WPPA registered its support or opposition with the State Ethics Commission. The approach recognizes lawmakers for the bills and amendments they introduce, their committee votes, and their votes on the floors of their respective chambers. With more than 10,000 members from nearly 300 local association affiliates, the WPPA is the state’s largest law enforcement group. Sen. Van Wanggaard (R- Racine) won the group’s award in the State Senate.

“As our report card demonstrates, Rep. Jacque & Sen. Wanggaard have been superb

champions for both public safety and the officers that serve to provide it,” stated WPPA Executive Director Jim Palmer. “They and the other lawmakers recognized on our Law Enforcement Honor Roll have proven their support of the officers that serve to keep Wisconsin a safe place in which to live, work, and raise a family. Since 2006, the WPPA Legislative Report Card has served as an objective and completely non-partisan assessment of how much our elected leaders support the issues that matter to Wisconsin’s law enforcement officers,” said Palmer.

Rep. Jacque has also been recognized as the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Legislator of the Year for the 2017-'18 session and has previously received the top legislative awards from several public safety groups, including the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and the Brown County Crime Prevention Foundation. He has authored laws that protect crime victims, closed the child enticement and hit-and-run loopholes, invest in crime prevention, restored the ability of law enforcement to require suspected drunk drivers to submit to blood draws, improved response to domestic violence and human trafficking, and wrote law enforcement process reforms that have saved law enforcement agencies and local property taxpayers millions of dollars.

WPPA’s report card and award announcement is available online at <https://wppa.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Legislative-Report-Card.pdf>