

Rep. Steineke: Rusk County Deputy to be recognized as Wisconsin Assembly 'Hometown Hero'

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MADISON - The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Deputy Matthew Wojcik from Bruce, Wisconsin as a "Hometown Hero" at the upcoming Assembly session on January 16th.

Wojcik, a Rusk County Sheriff's Deputy, was nominated by his State Representative, James Edming (R-Glen Flora), for his work in saving the life of a Vietnam War Veteran early last year. During his early morning patrol on February 25, 2017, Deputy Wojcik observed footprints in the snow heading towards a swampy area near the Village of Bruce. By following his instincts and searching the area, he discovered a 71-year-old man in desperate need of medical assistance.

Thanks to Deputy Wojcik's quick actions, the individual, a decorated Vietnam War Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, was able to receive the crucial medical treatment he needed for frostbite, hypothermia, and mental health issues. Deputy Wojcik's commitment to his community and Rusk County as a whole makes him deserving of the Assembly Hometown Hero Award.

The Wisconsin State Assembly sees giving back to the community as one of the most valuable characteristics one can have. The Assembly Hometown Heroes program seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who give of themselves to make a difference in our communities and in the lives of those

around them. Hometown Hero Award winners are invited and introduced as a special guest at an Assembly floor session and given the opportunity to speak.