

Rep. Steineke: Hilbert/Potter first responder president to be named Assembly 'Hometown Hero'

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MADISON - The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Hilbert/Potter First Responder President Doug Schoen as a "Hometown Hero" at the upcoming Assembly session on January 20th.

Schoen, who was nominated by his state representative, [Paul Tittl](#) (R-Manitowoc), has spent the last 21 years volunteering and saving lives with his local EMS unit.

"Doug recognized the need for faster response times to medical emergencies in his community and took action," said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) who selected him for the award. "As a result, countless lives have been saved thanks to his leadership."

Back in 1999, Schoen successfully lobbied his local community to create the Hilbert/Potter First Responder Group. This organization provides care to those in emergency medical situations. Its success can be traced to Schoen who, even while working full-time and raising a family, still has found extra hours to give to the group. Schoen has served as the group's president for 18 of its 21 years and has responded to nearly 90% of all calls the force has gotten. This dedication and commitment to service is remarkable and makes Schoen a stellar role model for others to follow.

"Doug is one of the reasons why there will be responders ready there for you in Calumet County when you call for help," Representative Tittl concluded. "He has helped so many people for so long and devoted himself to care for others and make sure that we have properly trained first responders."

Wisconsinites have a long, prominent history of community service and selflessness. In keeping with this tradition, the Wisconsin State Assembly created the Hometown Heroes program to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who are working to make their communities a better place. Award winners are invited to the State Capitol and given an opportunity to speak on the Assembly floor as a special guest.