

Rep. Steineke: Milwaukee conservation warden to be named assembly 'Hometown Hero'

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MADISON - The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Milwaukee conservation warden Adam Strehlow as a "Hometown Hero" during its upcoming floor session on February 17th.

Strehlow, who was nominated by his state representative [Christine Sinicki](#) (D-Milwaukee), has influenced several crisis response procedures during his tenure through his emphasis on strong community relations.

"Adam has gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure his community is safe," said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) who selected him for the award. "His relations-focused approach to emergencies serves as a model for other departments to follow across the state."

Since joining the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2019, Strehlow has set out to make himself and his position more accessible to the public. He volunteers at COPS Kid's Camp, a retreat for children of law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. He also works with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to improve their responses to water rescues and prepare for large-scale events, like the Milwaukee Bucks playoff games. Additionally, Strehlow has been a leader in responses to mental health crises. He takes a relationship-centered approach to these situations, having successfully de-escalated several incidents and even being requested by patients specifically. His method shows the impact strong community relations can have on the public when working to keep them safe.

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.