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**Firefighter Lundgaard Recognized As First Responder of the Year**

**Madison, WI** – Today, Representative Ron Tusler (R-Harrison) recognized Appleton firefighter Mitchell F. Lundgaard as First Responder of the Year. Firefighter Lundgaard was killed in the line of duty in May after responding to a medical emergency at the Fox Valley Transit Center, in Appleton. After giving life-saving medical treatment to the individual, Firefighter Lundgaard was shot and killed by the same individual he had just saved.

Firefighter Lundgaard was a 14 year veteran of the Appleton Fire Department. He is survived by his wife and three sons. Firefighter Lundgaard’s wife, mother, and Appleton Firefighter Ryan Lee were in attendance at the Assembly session today.

Rep. Tusler made the following statement about Firefighter Lundgaard being named First Responder of the Year:

“I am extremely grateful to all the first responders, who put their lives on the line to protect us every day. Today, we remembered a firefighter that gave everything for our community. Firefighter Lundgaard sacrificed his life and cherished moments with his family and friends to make Appleton a better place. No amount of thanks or gratitude is sufficient. We owe his family one-hundred percent of our love and appreciation.”

Representative Tusler nominated Firefighter Lundgaard for the award along with Fox Valley Area Representatives Stuck, Rohrkaste, Murphy, and Steineke.

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