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Middleton and Dane County Officers Nominated for State Assembly ‘Hometown Heroes’ Award

Madison – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize law enforcement officers Tyler Loether, Richard O’Connor, Matthew Earll, and David Lambrecht as they receive the ‘Hometown Heroes’ Award during an upcoming session on February 12, 2019.

Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) nominated Loether and O’Connor, Middleton Police Officers, and Earll and Lambrecht, Dane County Sheriff’s Deputies, for their heroic actions during the WTS Paradigm workplace shooting in September of last year. These men jumped into action and approached an active shooter who was refusing to drop his weapon. Because they intervened, no innocent lives were lost.

“These four brave men are the heroes that saved our community from what could have easily been a massacre that day,” said Hesselbein, who represents the 79th Assembly District where the shooting took place. *“While I know these men are humble, their actions represent the best of our ‘Good Neighbor’ community, which is why I nominated these four fearless men for our Assembly Hometown Heroes Award.”*

The 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. These are people whose care and concern for others causes them to unconditionally intervene, mentor or lend a hand wherever needed. Hometown Hero Award winners are invited and introduced as a special guest at an Assembly floor session and given the opportunity to speak.

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