



# Van H. Wanggaard

Wisconsin State Senator

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## **Firefighters Name Van Wanggaard as “Legislator of the Year”**

MADISON – The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin (PFFW) have named Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) as the “2018 PFFW Legislator of the Year.” Wanggaard was recognized for his work advocating for public safety and fire fighters during the 2017-18 legislative session.

“I am deeply honored to receive this award, it was completely unexpected,” said Wanggaard. “Advocating for fire fighters and other first responders is something that I would hope every legislator would do. It’s not, and shouldn’t be a partisan issue. These are common sense, take-care-of-each-other issues.”

During the 2017-18 legislative session, Wanggaard authored or co-authored several bills positively impacting firefighters including allowing fire fighters to claim workers’ compensation for PTSD, Police & Fire Commission reform, and providing short-term financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters. Each of these bills had bipartisan legislative support.

“With or without this recognition, I would be advocating for these positions,” Wanggaard added. “I just want our men and women to get home safely. Our firefighters are on the front lines of safety for the public every day, and we should be advocating to ensure their safety in return.”

The PFFW represents over 4,000 fire fighters in over 100 local communities across Wisconsin. Wanggaard represents the 21<sup>st</sup> Senate District, which encompasses most of Racine and Kenosha counties, except the city of Kenosha, and most of the city of Racine.

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