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Madison Police Officer to be Recognized as WI Assembly 'Hometown Hero'

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Officer Jean Papalia from McFarland, Wisconsin as a “Hometown Hero” at the upcoming Assembly session on November 2nd.

Officer Papalia was nominated by her State Representative, Jimmy Anderson (D-Fitchburg), for her activism and leadership in addressing mental illness, suicide prevention, and gun violence. As an officer in the Madison Police Department, Papalia shows compassion and care when responding to the most difficult of circumstances; her work makes her community a safer place for all residents. Additionally, Papalia is a coordinator of the Gun Shop Project for Safe Communities and an active participant in annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) walks.

“In her work with the Madison Police Department, Officer Papalia goes above and beyond her call of duty,” said Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna), who selected Papalia to receive the award. “Her continued dedication to working closely with families of the mentally ill and chronically homeless and advocating for better services and training for these vulnerable groups makes her a perfect recipient of the Assembly Hometown Hero Award.”

The Wisconsin State Assembly sees giving back to the community as one of the most valuable characteristics one can have. The Assembly 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. 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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