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## **Rep. Snyder Honors Local Dispatcher with Hometown Hero Award**

*Marathon County Dispatcher receives award from the Wisconsin State Assembly*

**MADISON** –This afternoon, the Wisconsin State Assembly honored Marathon County Dispatcher Chad Zerkle with the 2017-18 Hometown Hero Award. State Rep. Patrick Snyder (Schofield) nominated Zerkle in recognition of his response to a 9-1-1 call while on duty.

“Immediately when I heard of this incident, I knew I had to nominate Chad for the Hometown Hero Award,” said Snyder. “His calmness while giving level-headed instructions during a time of panic is truly heroic.”

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Chad received a call from a Wisconsin Rapids woman, Rachel Renner, whose 18-month-old daughter, Rylee, was choking on a plastic ring. Chad was able to talk Rachel through the step-by-step process to successfully dislodge the ring from her daughter’s throat.

“Chad is a true example of a hero not only to Rachel and Rylee, but to the rest of the members of our community. People like Chad are the reason we can so confidently trust those behind the phone answering emergency calls.”

Chad, Rachel, and Rylee met in person for the very first time this afternoon. Also in attendance for the recognition were a number of Chad’s loved ones and colleagues.

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