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## First Responder of the Year

**Madison**—State Representative Todd Novak (Dodgeville) released the following statement:

“One of the things that I value about being an elected official is having the opportunity to be able to recognize citizens who have gone above and beyond in their service to their community. That is why I am honored to present one of this year’s First Responder of the Year to Mr. Al Michek of Highland. My office began seeking nominations from all across the 51<sup>st</sup>, and while all of them demonstrated very admirable characteristics, Mr. Michek’s nomination stood out.

Mr. Michek serves the Village of Highland as an EMT, and has been active as a founding member of the Highland Ambulance Service since 1972. He is currently the longest serving EMT in Wisconsin at 47 years, and is planning on being licensed as an EMT for 50 years. He served as chief of the Highland Ambulance Service for over 30 years, and helped establish the EMS department in Mineral Point. He is also active in his community, having served on the Highland Village Board for 18 years, was a member of the Highland Fire Department for 30 years, served on the Memorial Hospital of Iowa County Board for 8 years, volunteers at the mobile food pantry, and is still an active usher at his church.

I commend Mr. Michek, and can speak on behalf of my colleagues, that Mr. Al Michek stands as a prime example of what a life lived in public service should look like. Congratulations, and thank you for the work you do to make the 51<sup>st</sup> safe!”

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