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Rep. Jesse Kremer Introduces “Rural Fire & EMS Reforms” Package

Madison, WI – This week, Representative Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum), with the assistance of Senator Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls), began circulating a series of bi-partisan bills as part of a broader “Rural Fire & EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Reforms” package. In 2016, Rep. Kremer served as Vice Chair of the Legislative Council Rural Fire & EMS Study Committee. The committee, comprised of legislative and civilian members, identified, addressed and vetted a series of reforms that the state could provide our rural public safety agencies.

The focus of the Legislative Council Committee was access to training, recruiting and retention challenges and additional flexibilities. One of Rep. Kremer’s goals was to identify reforms that increase public safety without increasing the financial burden to local and state taxpayers.

The first bill released in this package is one that will increase services to rural populations by allowing licensed EMT’s (Emergency Medical Technician) in a rural service area to practice at the license level to which they are trained. Under current law, an EMT may only practice at the level of their employer’s license. For example, a paramedic trained EMT serving with an ambulance service that is licensed at the Basic EMT level, could only practice up to the EMT-Basic level. Under LRB-1974, this paramedic could practice to the higher scope to which they are trained, regardless of the ambulance service’s license.

The second bill, LRB-3099, would allow the FAP (Funding Assistance Program) state aid to ambulance services for training and licensing of EMT-Basics to also be utilized for the entry level First Responders (also known as Emergency Medical Responders).

Rep. Kremer issued the following statement after release of the “Rural Fire & EMS Reforms” package, “I am proud to have had the opportunity to research the concerns of our rural EMS and Fire agencies during the summer of 2016. I am certain that these bills will provide additional flexibility to many of our struggling EMS providers who have a desire to provide a higher level of service to the public, but do not always have the ability or funding to do so.”

For more information....

[Rural EMS Levels of Service](#) bill language

[EMS FAP State Aid](#) bill language

Rep. Kremer represents the 59th Assembly District which includes Southern Calumet, Western Sheboygan, Northern Washington and Eastern Fond du Lac Counties. Rep. Kremer’s office will continue to be located at 17 West in the Wisconsin State Capitol, and he can be reached at (608) 266-9175 or by e-mail at Rep.Kremer@legis.wisconsin.gov. His legislative website can be found at www.RepKremer.com.

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