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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Anoka County Emergency Management Director Receives State Award**

Anoka County Emergency Management Director Terry Stoltzman recently received an Outstanding Community Partnership Award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for initiatives that enhance the field of emergency management.

Stoltzman was one of the first emergency managers to incorporate a drone program at the county level; this was important for the state in understanding the process and protocols needed for drones to be used locally. Stoltzman also worked with the Department of Public Safety's incident management team to better integrate drone technology for emergency management purposes throughout the entire state. Stoltzman is a forward thinker who can be counted on for contributing well-researched advice and consultation in new areas of emergency management.

"Terry has made contributions to emergency management in our county and at the state level that have been integral for improving emergency planning and response," said District 2 Anoka County Commissioner and Public Safety Committee Chair Julie Braastad. "He's a leader in this field, he's excellent at partnering with local, county, state and federal agencies, and his expertise certainly helps to promote the safety and wellbeing our citizens."

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From left: Brian Olson, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Preparedness and Recovery Bureau director; Terry Stoltzman, Anoka County Emergency Management director; and Joe Neuburger, HSEM Operations and Training Bureau director, at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Brooklyn Center Feb. 11.

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