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Rep. Emerson Statement on the Passing of Former Eau Claire County Sheriff Ron Cramer

MADISON –Today, the Eau Claire County Sheriff’s office presented results on the death investigation of former Sheriff Ron Cramer. Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) issued the following statement in response:

“I am deeply saddened to hear the results of the death investigation of Sheriff Cramer. As Chief Rokus [stated](#) ‘Suicide is hard to talk about’ and tragedies such as this highlight the importance of supporting those in our communities with access to mental health treatment.

First responders experience trauma throughout their careers and are burdened with putting the well-being of others before themselves. In order to help combat this, I worked with Governor Evers to sign into law [critical legislation](#) that ensures first responders are able to receive proper mental health treatment through worker’s compensation.

It is essential we continue to spread the word on new programs like this and the 988 number that could help to save someone’s life and de-stigmatize mental health crises.

My thoughts continue to be with the family and co-workers of Sheriff Cramer during this difficult time. Ron dedicated his career to helping serve others and was an integral member of our community and he will be deeply missed.”

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