

Rep. Dittrich: Responds to Waukesha Christmas Parade horror

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Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R - Oconomowoc*) issued the following statement regarding the heartbreaking horror that took place at Sunday's Waukesha Christmas Parade:

“My sympathies and prayers go out to all affected by the horrifying disaster at the Waukesha Christmas Parade. So many of our families in the 38th Assembly District take part in the parade in numerous ways in this joyous kickoff of the holiday season. While a tragedy like this is always beyond comprehension, it is particularly painful and devastating when it takes place right around the holidays at a family event.

“Western Lakes Fire Chief Brad Bowen has informed me that our emergency response teams have contributed resources and manpower to offer mutual aid in addition to area hospitals ready to receive patients. Additional plans and increased security measures are being discussed for Oconomowoc's upcoming German Christmas Market and December Christmas Parade. The safety of celebrants is the utmost importance.

“I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the communities who stepped up last night and continue to do so, especially St. Jerome's Catholic Parish in Oconomowoc, who quickly held a prayer vigil last night. Crosspoint Community Church staff, along with trained therapists, will be available this afternoon for anyone who would like to pray or seek a willing ear. In this time of tragedy, please reach out to friends, family, clergy, or trained professionals if you are experiencing difficulty in processing these tragic events.

“Finally, in light of the call for blood donations and if you are able, please contact

the local Red Cross (CLOSED until November 26th) or Versiti Waukesha to make an appointment to donate blood. Individuals can make monetary donations through the Waukesha Community Foundation or volunteer/make monetary donations to the Salvation Army in Waukesha.

- [Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin](#)
- [American Red Cross of WI \(Southeast Chapter\)](#)
- [United for Waukesha Community Fund](#)
- [Salvation Army \(Waukesha\)](#)