

# Rep. Allen: Waukesha remembers

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Today, the City of Waukesha is hosting a One-Year Remembrance Ceremony for the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy. Rep. Allen released the following statement.

“One year ago, my wife and I, along with staff and supporters, were just finishing our parade trek when

we were urged by safety personnel to flee to a safe area. We were only a block or two ahead of the devastation that took place.

“Today, we remember all of those who were injured and traumatized by the senseless violence and, of course, those who lost their lives: Tamara Carlson Durand, Virginia “Ginny” Sorenson, LeAnna “Lee” Owen, Wilhelm “Bill” Gospel, Jane Kulich, and Jackson Sparks. We grieve with the family and friends of the victims. We continue to pray that God’s comfort be with them.

“We also honor those who served the community that day. First responders went above and beyond to bring healing and help. Countless bystanders also jumped in to help wherever they could. All of those who helped were bright lights on a dark evening.

“Today, we also look forward: resolved to do what is right to protect our community and committed to moving forward together in love. We are #WaukeshaStrong.”