

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement from Governor Murphy on the Passing of Passaic County Sheriff Richard Berdnik

01/23/2024

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the tragic loss of Passaic County Sheriff Richard Berdnik. For more than four decades, Sheriff Berdnik courageously served the people of New Jersey — from his days as a police officer on the streets of Clifton to his five consecutive terms as the 49th Sheriff of Passaic County. Every single day, Sheriff Berdnik earned the trust of his constituents in Passaic County, and worked exhaustively to combat criminal activity, modernize the operations of the Sheriff's Office, and meet the high standard of service we expect from members of law enforcement.

"Tammy and I were blessed to have counted Sheriff Berdnik as a close friend. We will miss him — and his leadership — dearly. And we are sending our prayers and condolences to Sheriff Berdnik's wife, Monica, their four adult children, and the entire team at the Passaic County Sheriff's Office."

For members of law enforcement struggling with mental health or suicidal thoughts, please call 1-866-267-2267 to connect with COP 2 COP, a free and confidential 24-hour telephone helpline that is available exclusively for law enforcement officers and their families

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