Town mourns Cochise County sheriff’s death

By Brenna Goth
The Tombstone Epitaph
Cochise County Sheriff Lavy Dever will be sorely missed in Tombstone. Dever, 60, died in a single-vehicle rollover accident near White Horse Lake in the Williams area on Tuesday, according to a press release from the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office. Emergency responders found Dever deceased at the scene around 7 p.m. He was in the area to meet family members for a hunting and camping trip, according to the release.

Dever, who leaves behind his wife, six sons, and 12 grandchildren, was in his fourth term as sheriff in Cochise County. He was elected in 1996 and had served 18 years.

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