Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

Overview of All Traffic-related Fatalities by Agency Type 2015-2019
Traffic Related Fatalities From 2015-2019

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were a total of **249** fatalities related to vehicles and traffic approved as Line of Duty Deaths.
  - 151 Automobile crashes
  - 70 officers struck by vehicles
  - 28 motorcycle crashes
Crashes By Agency Type

- Municipal/City: 114
- Sheriff: 61
- State/Trooper: 54
- Tribal: 9
- Federal: 5
- Territorial: 5
- University: 1

- Total: 249
Municipal Agencies

• **114** fatal incidents
  – **63** Automobile Crashes
    • 29 Single-Vehicle crashes
  – **33** Officers Struck by vehicles
  – **18** Motorcycle crashes
Sheriff’s Offices

- **61** fatal incidents
  - **47** Automobile crashes
    - 25 Single vehicle crashes
  - **11** Officer struck by vehicles
  - **3** Motorcycle crashes
State Agencies and Highway Patrols

- **54** fatal incidents
  - **30** Automobile crashes
    - 10 single vehicle crashes
  - **21** Deputies struck by vehicles
  - **3** motorcycle crashes
Federal Agencies

- 9 fatal incidents
  - 5 Automobile crashes
    - 1 single vehicle crash
  - 2 Agents struck by vehicles
  - 2 motorcycle crashes
Tribal Police Agencies

• 5 Fatal incidents
  – 4 automobile crashes
    • 1 single vehicle crash
  – 1 Agent struck by a vehicle
Territorial Agencies

- 5 Fatal incidents
  - 2 Automobile crashes
  - 2 Motorcycle crashes
  - 1 Officer struck by a vehicle
Key Take-aways

• 61% of all the Traffic-related incidents were vehicle crashes
• At least, 47% of officers involved in fatal vehicle crashes were NOT wearing their seat belt
• The predominant number of crashes occurred within the sunbelt states, California, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana
• Municipal or city agencies had the highest number of incidents
Solutions

• Wear your seat belt
• Monitor speed
• Reinforce traffic safety messaging on a regular basis
• Wear your reflective vest
• Conduct annual driver’s training