Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

Overview of All Traffic-related Incidents from 2015-2019

National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum
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
- Sheriffs: 5
- Federal: 5
- Territorial: 1
- University: 1

Total: 249
Seat Belt Usage

- There were a total of **151** fatal automobile crashes from 2015-2019
- **47%** of those officers were confirmed to NOT have been buckled up.
All Crashes by NHTSA Regions

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NHTSA Regions
Six States with the Highest Number of Traffic-related Incidents

- Texas: 31
- Florida: 16
- California: 14
- Georgia: 14
- Louisiana: 13
- Illinois: 11
Key Take-aways

• 61% of all the Traffic-related incidents were vehicle crashes
• 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

- Law enforcement agencies must adopt a culture of safety when it comes to vehicle and roadway operations.
- Learn and apply the principals of Traffic Incident Management (TIMs).
- Impose a mandatory seat belt policy.
- Use speed monitoring to slow officers down.
- Require reflective vests for roadside operations.
- Reward safe driving.
- Continue EVOC and defensive driver training.