

Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

Police Vehicle Collision Incidents
from 2015-2019





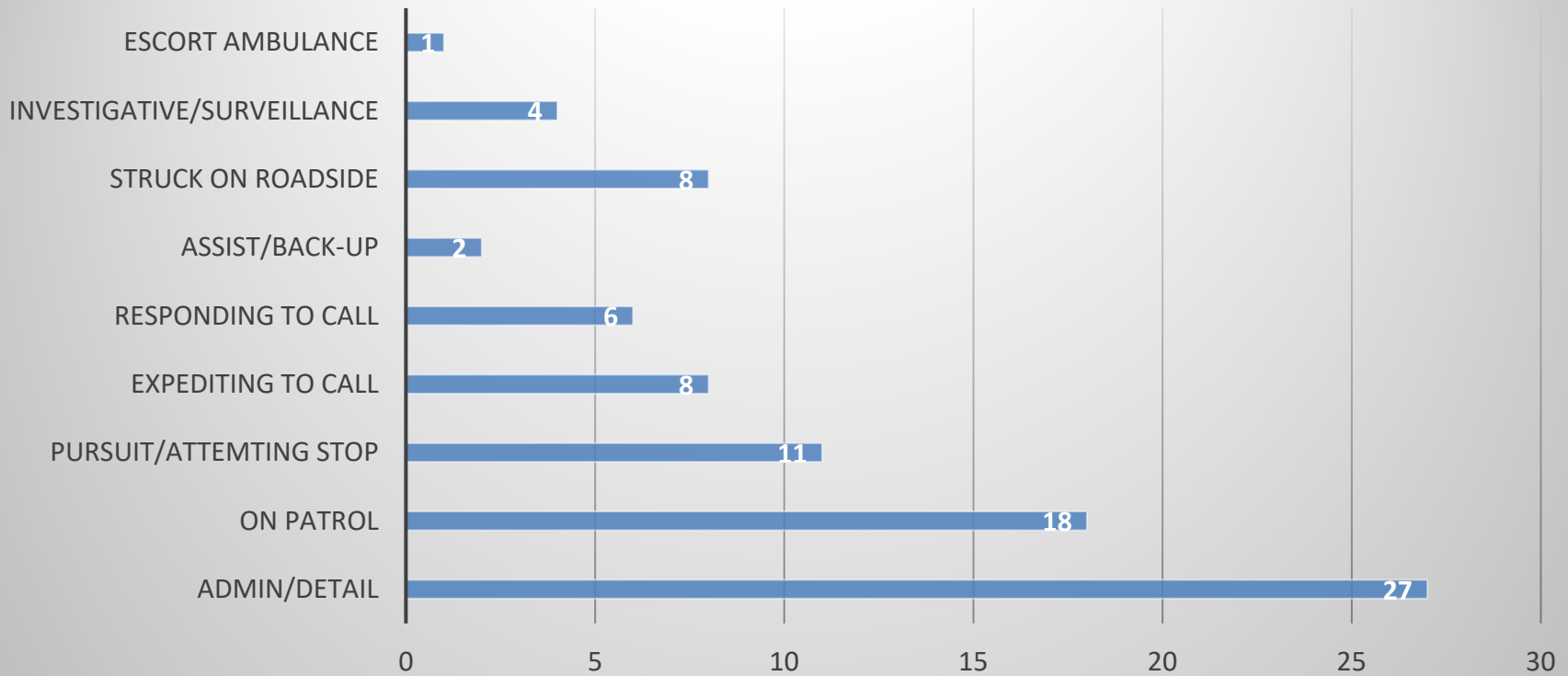
Traffic Related Fatalities From 2015-2019

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were a total of **85** fatalities related to collisions with other vehicles on the roadway.
 - Officers involved in crashes with other vehicles is the leading category of traffic-related deaths accounting for **34%**



Circumstances of Auto Collisions

What Officers Were Doing When Collision Occurred





Seat Belts and Body Armor

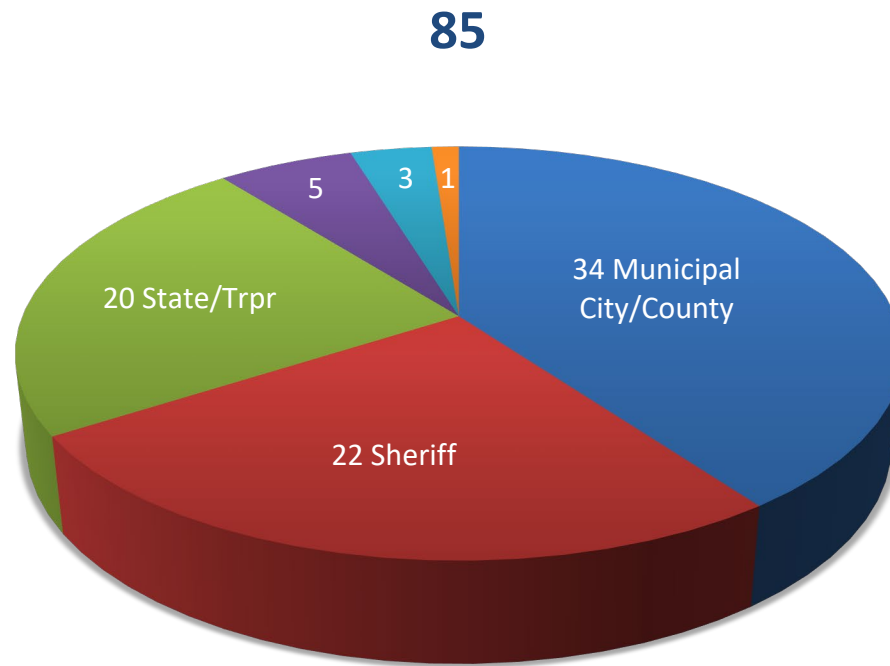
- 43% of the officers involved in a fatal collision were NOT wearing their seat belt
- 33% were not wearing their body armor

(Body Armor can protect you in crash)





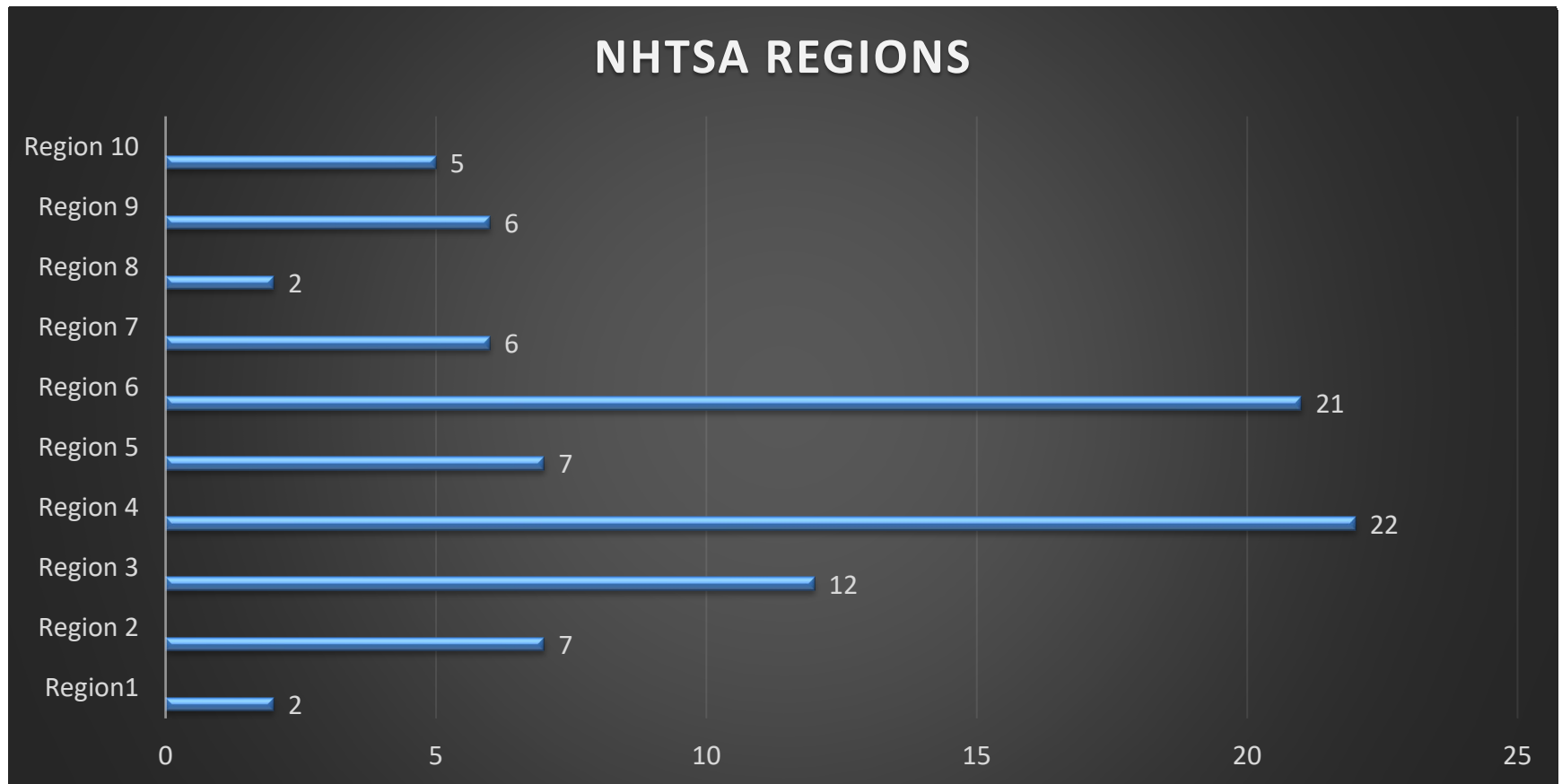
Fatal Auto Collisions By Agency Type



■ Municipal/City ■ Sheriff ■ State/Trooper ■ Federal ■ Tribal ■ Territorial ■

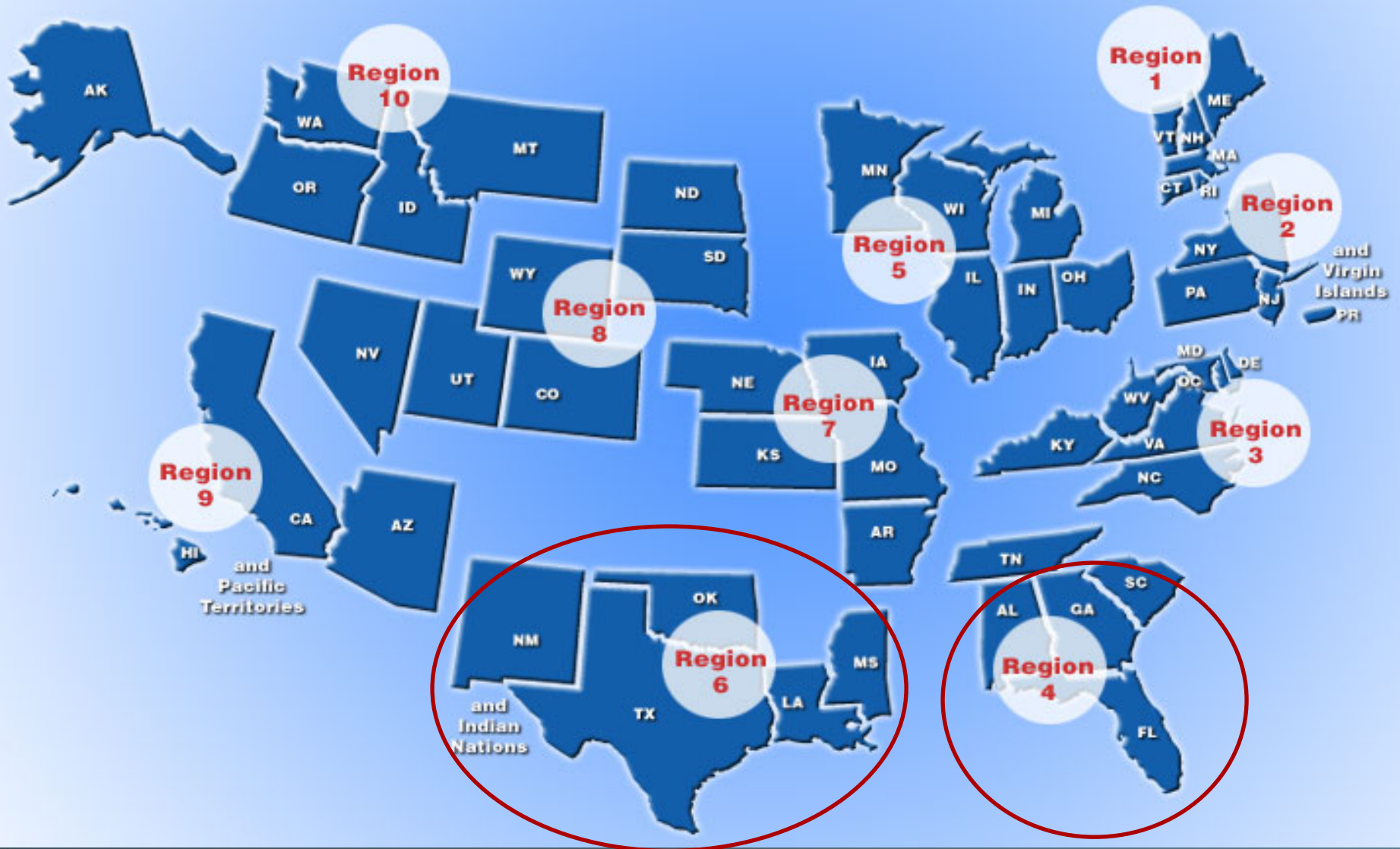


Auto Collisions by NHTSA Regions





NHTSA Regions





Additional Facts About the Collisions

- **20** of the vehicle collisions involved impaired drivers
- **7** listed adverse weather as a contributing factor
- **3** involved fatal collisions between police cars responding to the same incident





Key Take-aways

- 32% of the collisions occurred while officers were responding to admin assignments, training or details
- 43% of officers involved in fatal vehicle collisions were NOT wearing their seat belt
- 21% of the officers were simply on patrol when involved in the collision





Solutions

- Continue to train officers in defensive driving and Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOOC)
- Post reminders for seat belts and safe driving all over the station and in the patrol cars.
- Consider radio safety quips and Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) messaging
- Reward safe driving