

2019 Second Quarter

# Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report

According to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, there have been 60 officer fatalities during the first half of 2019, a thirty-five percent decrease compared to 92 officer fatalities during the first half of 2018.

Firearm-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer deaths between January and June of 2019, with 27 officers shot and killed, compared with 31 over the same period in 2018.

Traffic-related fatalities were the second highest cause of officer deaths during the first half of this year, totaling 21 fatalities. This is a 25 percent decrease from the 28 officers killed during the first half of 2018. Of the 21 traffic-related fatalities, 11 officers were struck and killed while outside their vehicles, one officer was killed in a motorcycle crash, and nine officers were killed in vehicle crashes.

Of the remaining 12 officer fatalities, eight officers died as a result of a cardiac event, two from 9/11 related illnesses, one officer drowned, and one officer was crushed to death.

The State of Texas suffered the most fatalities in the first half of the year, with six deaths, followed by Ilinois with 5 fatalities and Alabama with four. California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee all had three fatalities. Six states had two officers killed, while eleven states had one officer killed. There were also three Federal officers killed in the first half of 2019. Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia did not suffer a law enforcement fatality during the first half of 2019.

The average age of the officers killed in the line of duty was 42 years old, and the average length of service was 14 years. Of the 60 fallen officers, 5 officers were female, and 55 were male.

**+35%** 

Law Enforcement **fatalities Down 35 Percent** in First Half of 2019

# **Recently Fallen**



Border Patrol Agent Donna Doss
Department of Homeland Security
Customs and Border Protection
End of Watch: February 2, 2019
Agent Doss was struck by a vehicle
while assisting the Texas Department

of Public Safety.



**Lieutenant Joseph P. Johnson** Seminole Police Department **End of Watch: May 30, 2019** Lieutenant Johnson was killed in a single-vehicle crash.



Deputy Sheriff Julius Jamal Dailey Monroe County Sheriff's Office End of Watch: June 11, 2019 Deputy Dailey was killed in a singlevehicle crash, while responding to a "Burglary in Progress" call.

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## **Traffic-related Fatalities**

Of the 21 traffic-related fatalities, 11 officers were struck and killed while outside their patrol vehicles, one officer was killed in a motorcycle crash, and nine officers were killed in a vehicle crash. Four of those vehicular crashes were single-vehicle crashes.

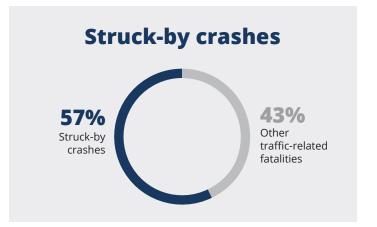
The Illinois State Police suffered three traffic-related fatalities and the Colorado Highway Patrol two traffic-related fatalities in the first half of 2019. Two of the Illinois State Troopers and both Colorado Highway Patrol officers were killed in struck-by crashes.

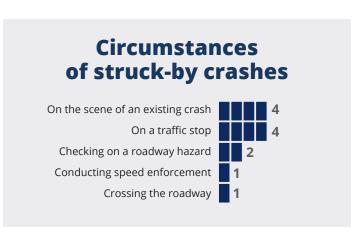
## **Officers Struck and Killed by Vehicles**

Struck-by fatalities represent 57 percent of all traffic-related law enforcement deaths in 2019.

#### **Vehicle Crashes**

Twenty-five percent of officers killed in trafficrelated incidents were killed in automobile crashes. This number decreased 63 percent over the same time in 2018.





# **NHTSA Traffic Safety Tips**

Based on fatality information collected by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, these recommendations are intended to help prevent injuries and death as a result of traffic-related incidents.



#### Click-it...

Officers should always wear their seatbelts when operating a vehicle.



## Right-side stop

Consider a right side (passenger) approach when conducting a traffic stop



#### **Arrive alive**

Drive for the conditions on the road.

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The data and statistics contained in this report are preliminary and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2020.