

Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

A Five-year Look at Single-Vehicle
Crashes

2015-2019





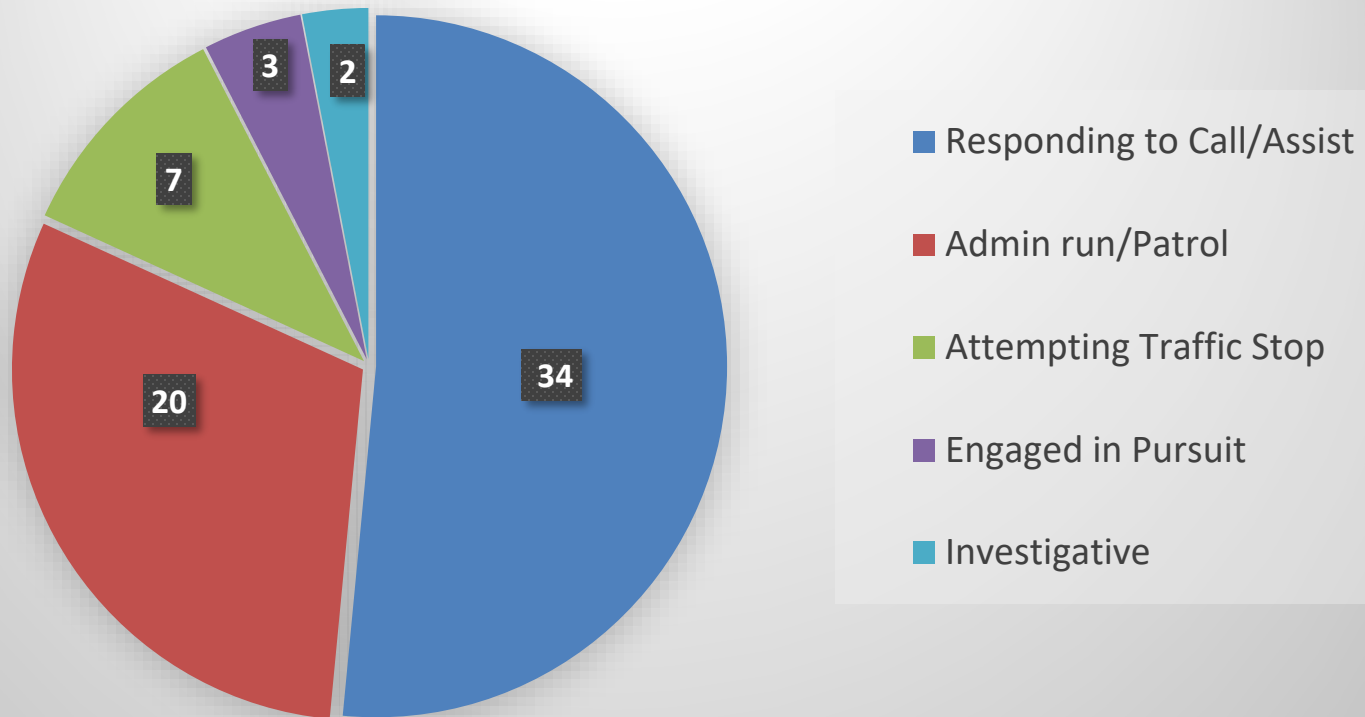
Single-vehicle Crashes Are Preventable!

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were **151** fatal law enforcement auto crashes. **66** of those were single-vehicle crashes.
- This type of traffic-related death represents **44%** of fatal auto crashes.



What Were They Doing When They Crashed?

Circumstances





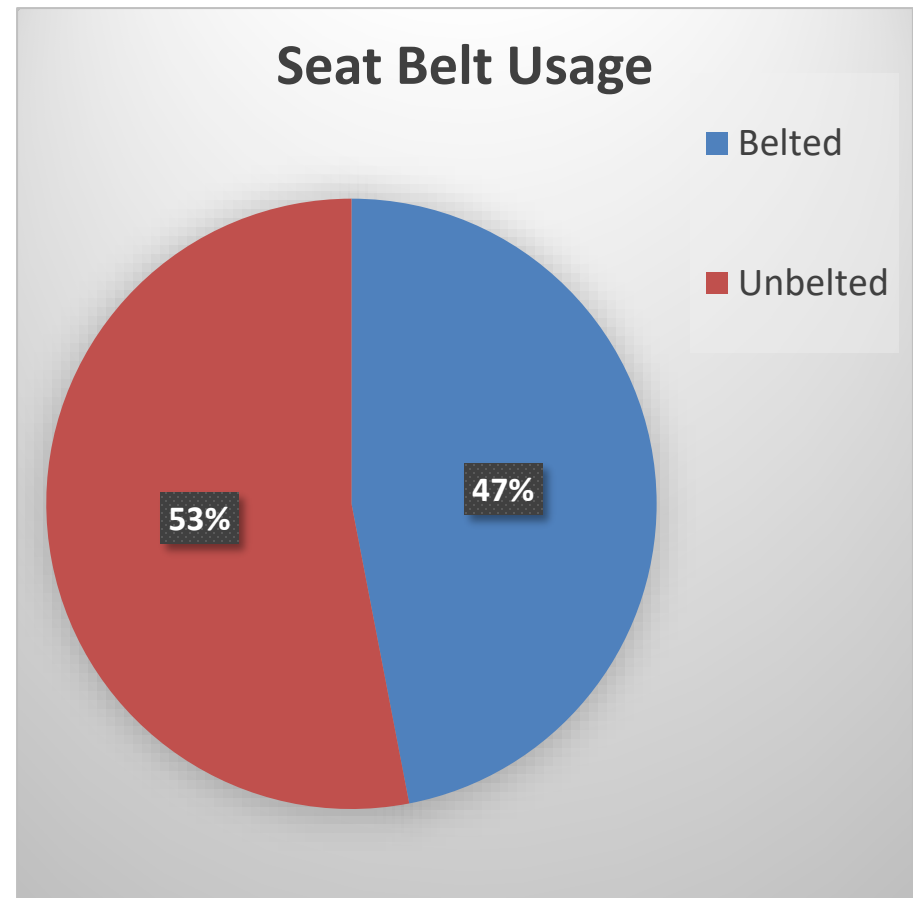
Single-vehicle Crashes 2015-2019

- **62%** occurred at night
- **28%** involved wet or slick road conditions
- **27** of the crashes involved an impact with a tree
- **19** of the crashes involved an overturned vehicle
- **9** of the crashes involved a collision with a utility pole



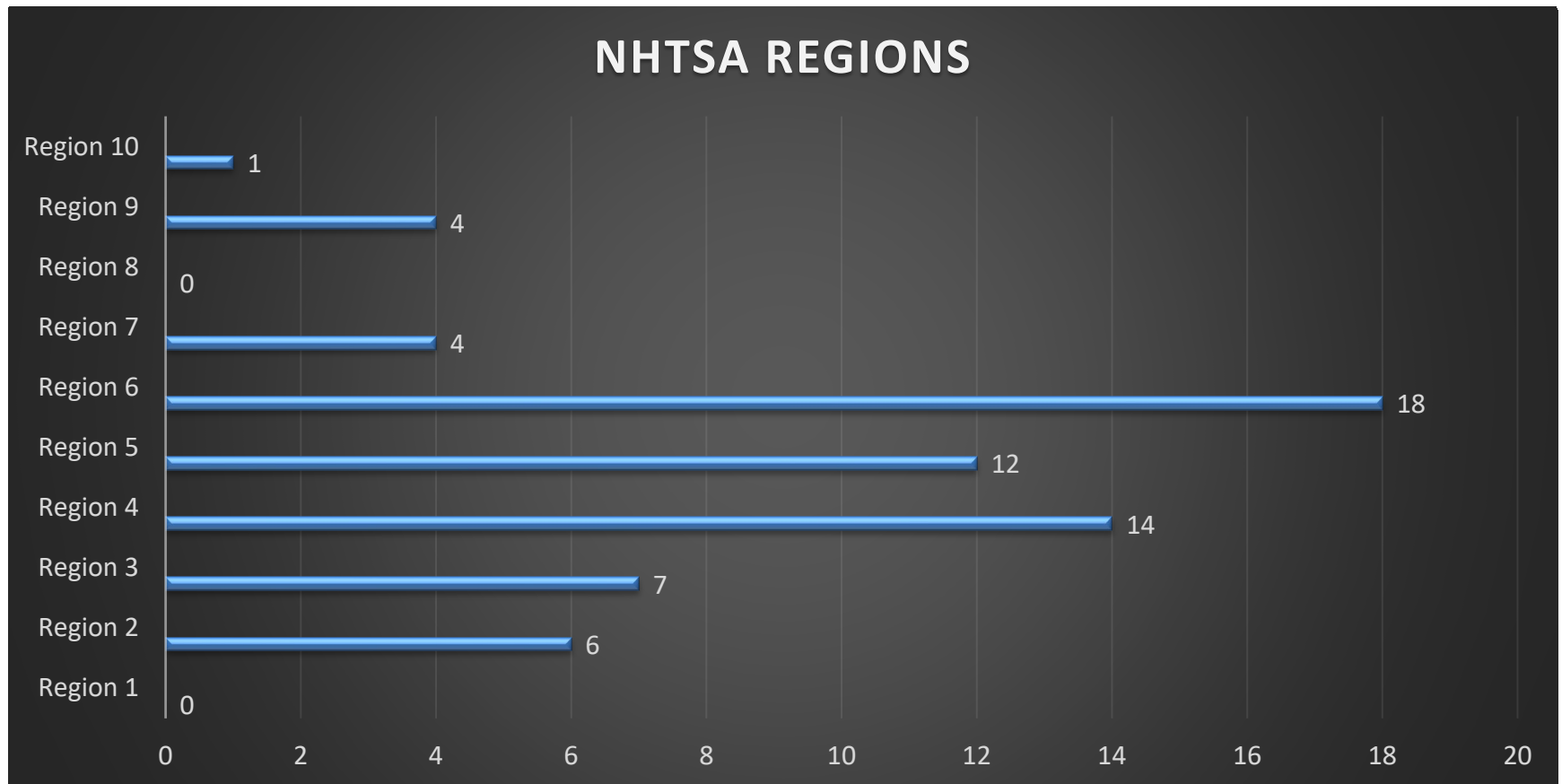
Single-vehicle Crashes and Seat Belts

- **35** of the 66 officers killed in single-vehicle crashes were not wearing their safety belt.
- The average length of service was **7** years
- The average age was **36**



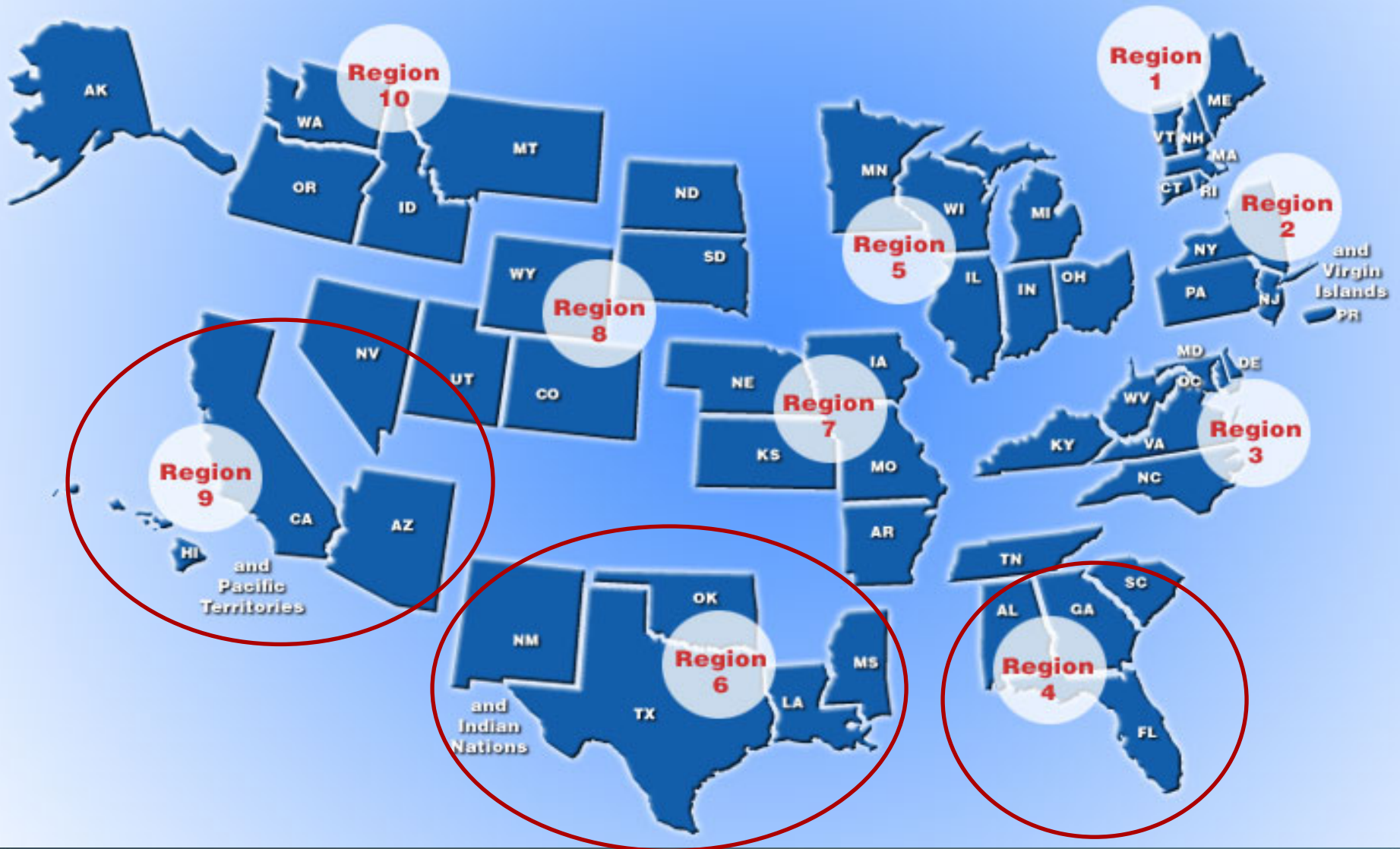


Single-vehicle crashes by NHTSA Regions

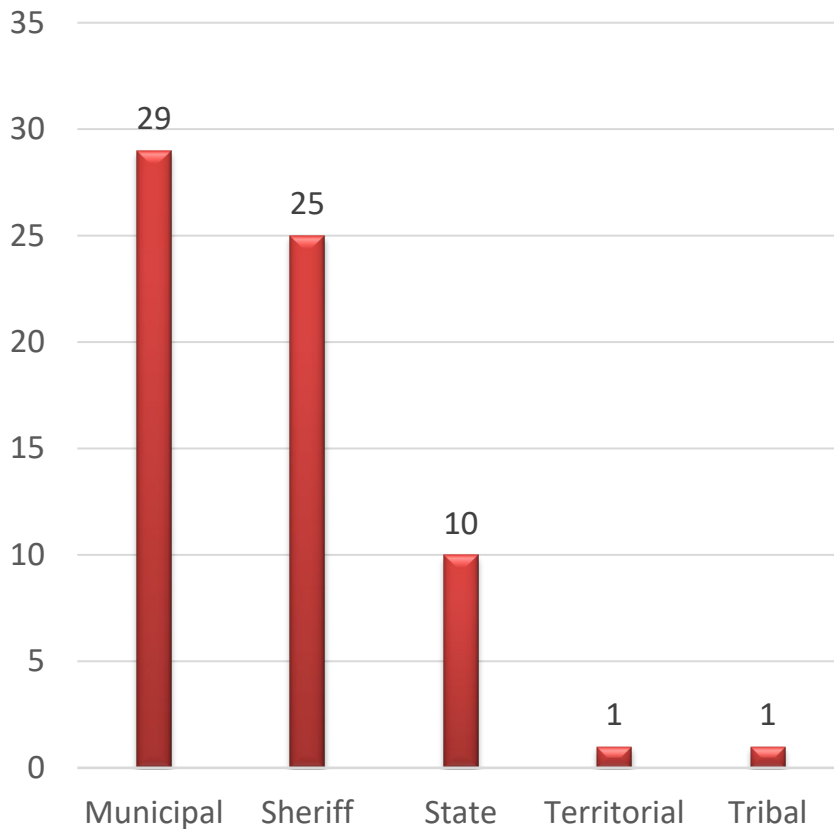




NHTSA Regions



Break Down of Single-vehicle crashes by Agency Type





Key Take-aways

- Single-vehicle crashes represented 44% of all fatal auto crashes
- 62% of crashes occurred during nighttime hours
- 53% of the officers involved in single-vehicle crashes were NOT wearing their seatbelt.
- Sedans were the most common type of vehicle wrecked





Solutions

- Wear your seat belt
- Drive to conditions
- Avoid distractions
- Avoid excessive speed

