

Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

A Five-year Look at Officers Struck by
Vehicles

2015-2019



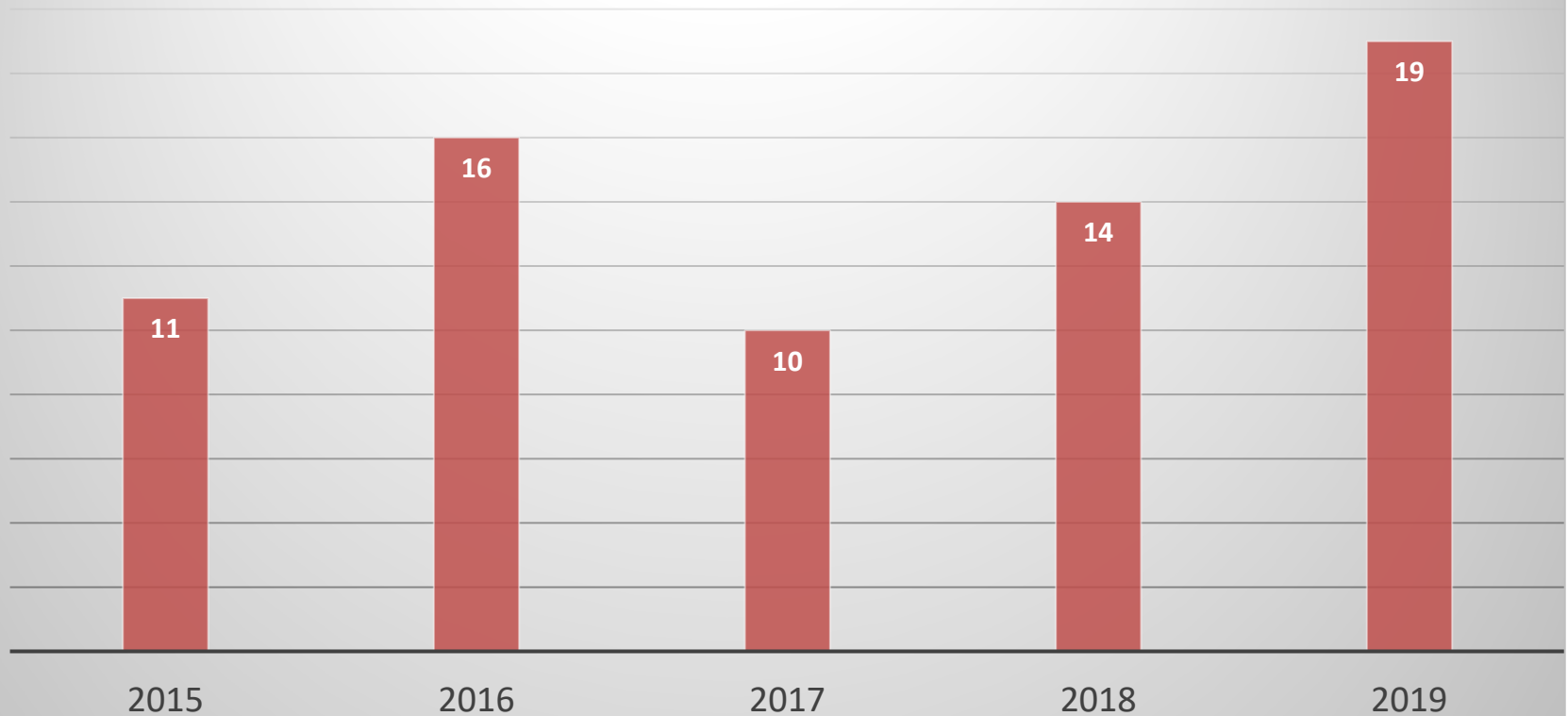
“Struck-by” Crashes

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were **70** crashes in which an officer, while on foot or outside of their police vehicle, was struck and killed by a vehicle.
- This type of traffic-related death represents **28%** Of all traffic-related deaths during the period.



Breakout by Year

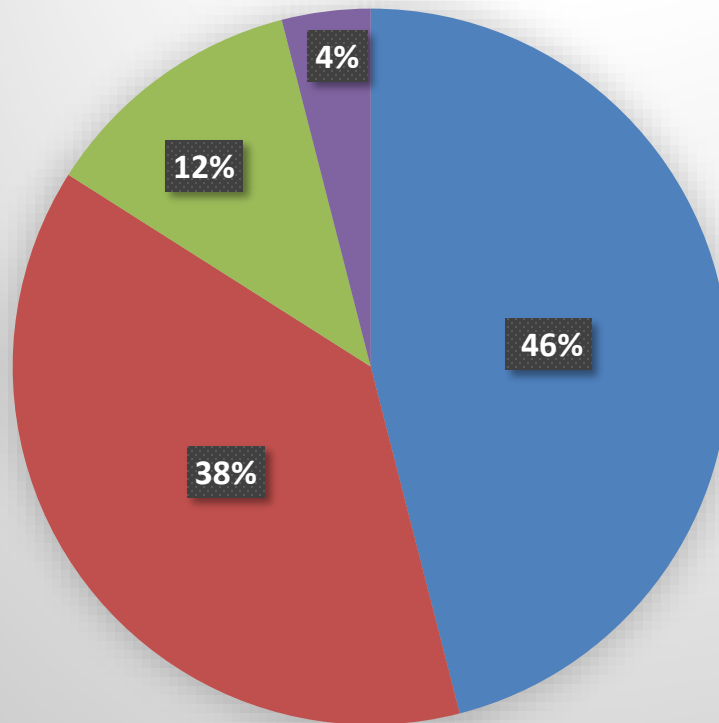
Struck-by Crashes 2015-2019





What Were They Doing When Struck

Circumstances



- Traffic Enforcement
- At Crash Scene
- On Scene of Call
- Assisting Motorists

Struck-by Crashes 2015-2019

- **34** were felonious
- **36** were deemed accidental
 - **12** of the striking drivers were impaired
 - **4** were confirmed to be distracted
 - **24** cases involved a violation of the “Slow Down and Move Over Laws of that state



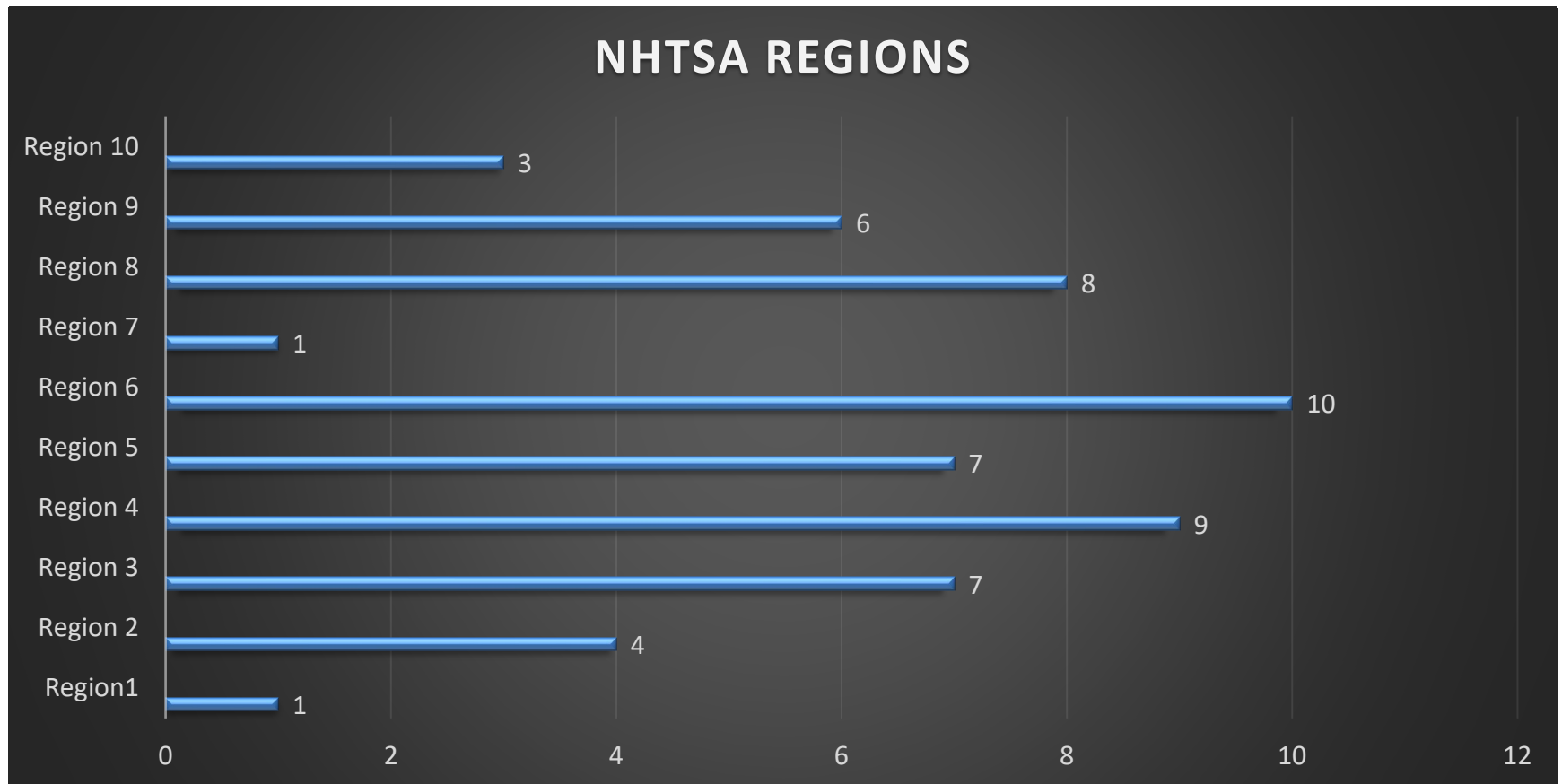
Additional Circumstances

- **6** of the officers killed were struck while deploying or removing tire deflation devices
- **5** of the crashes were the result of adverse weather conditions, such as ice, snow or heavy rain.



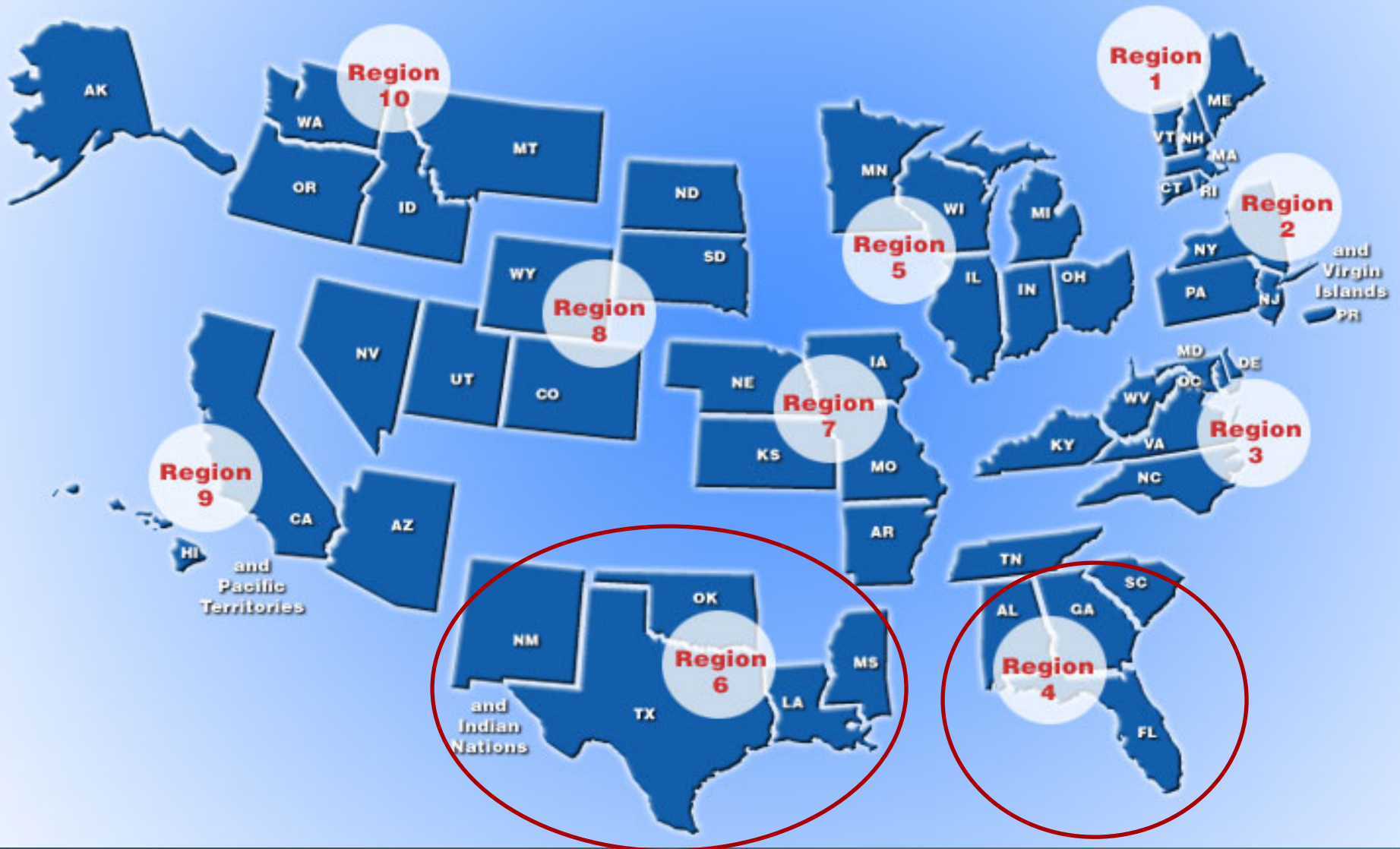


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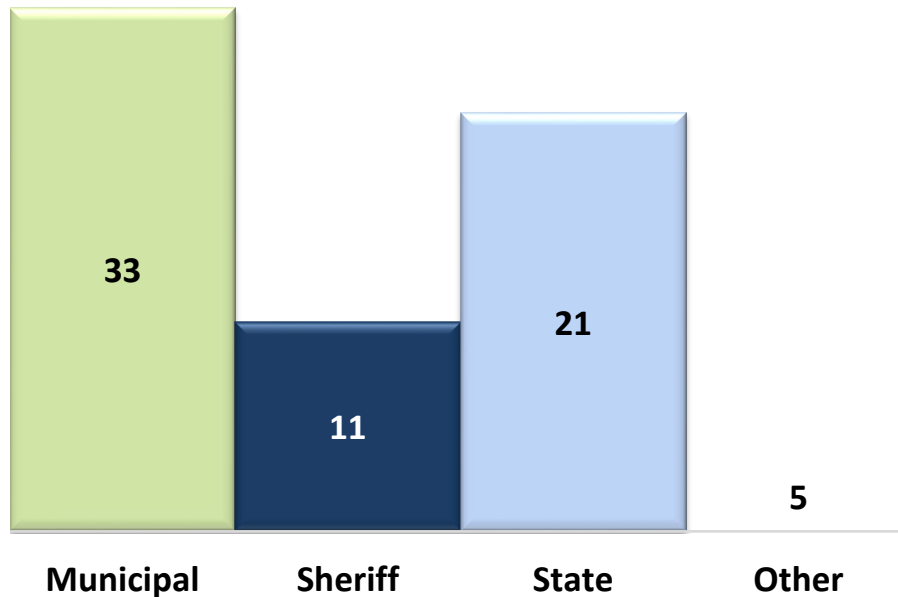




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Breakdown of Struck-by Crashes by Agency Type



Key Take-aways

- 28% of all fatal crash types were Struck-by crashes
- 34% of struck-by crashes involved a “Slow Down and Move Over” violation
- 46% of officers struck were engaged in some type of traffic enforcement





Solutions

- Wear your reflective vest
- Tactically position your vehicle
- Conduct right-side (Passenger) approaches
- Conspicuously mark your vehicles with reflective striping.
- Learn about TIMs Traffic Incident Management