

Struck-by Crashes from 2017-2021

An Analysis of Law Enforcement
Officers who were killed when struck
by a vehicle



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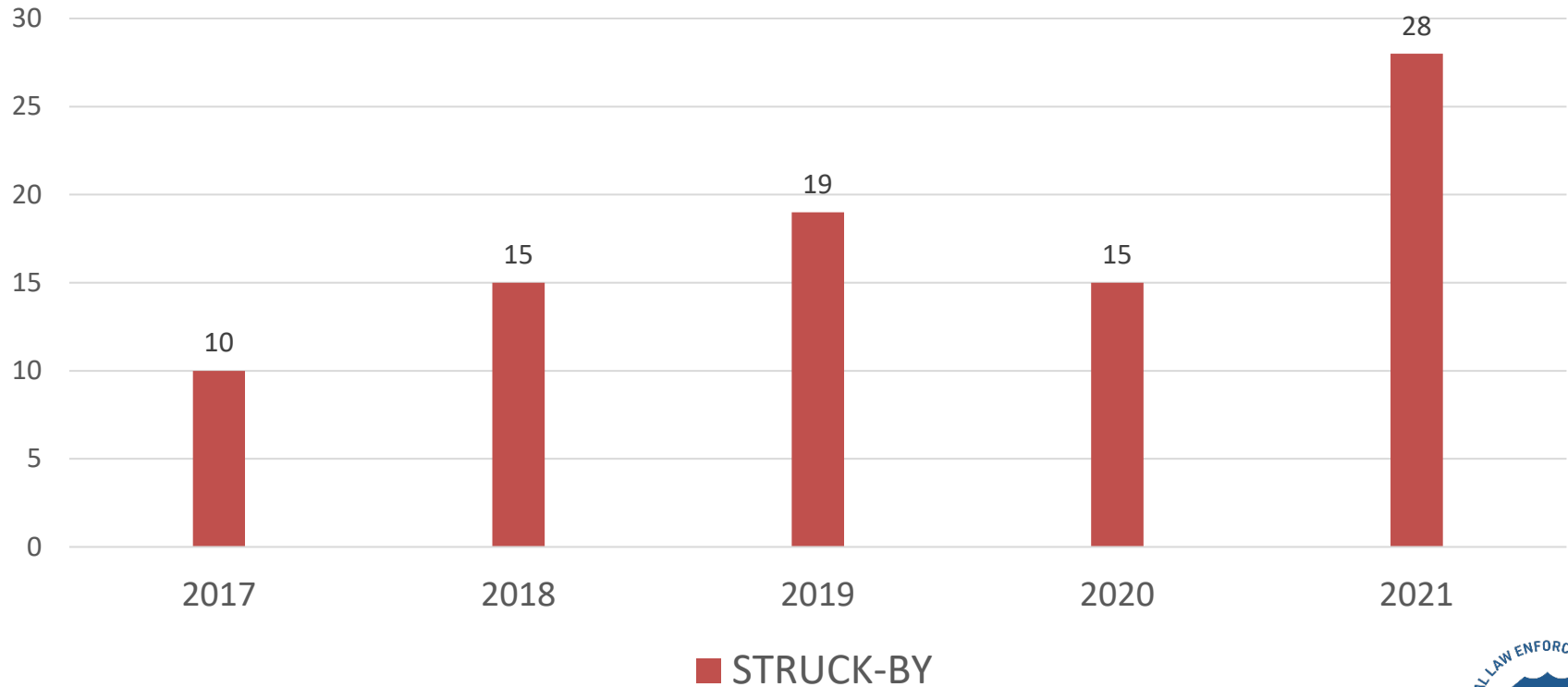
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Struck-by Crashes by Year

2017-2021





Agency Breakdown

- Municipal/City=44
- Sheriff=15
- State/Trooper=19
- Federal=4
- Tribal=2
- Territorial=2





Most Common Fatal Struck-by Circumstances

- 29 officers struck while on the scene of a crash
- 17 officers struck while conducting a traffic stop
- 10 Officers intentionally run down
- 10 officers struck while deploying tire deflation spikes



Additional Struck-by Data

- 8 officers were struck and killed by fellow officers
- 15 of the striking drivers were impaired
- 7 were distracted or drowsy

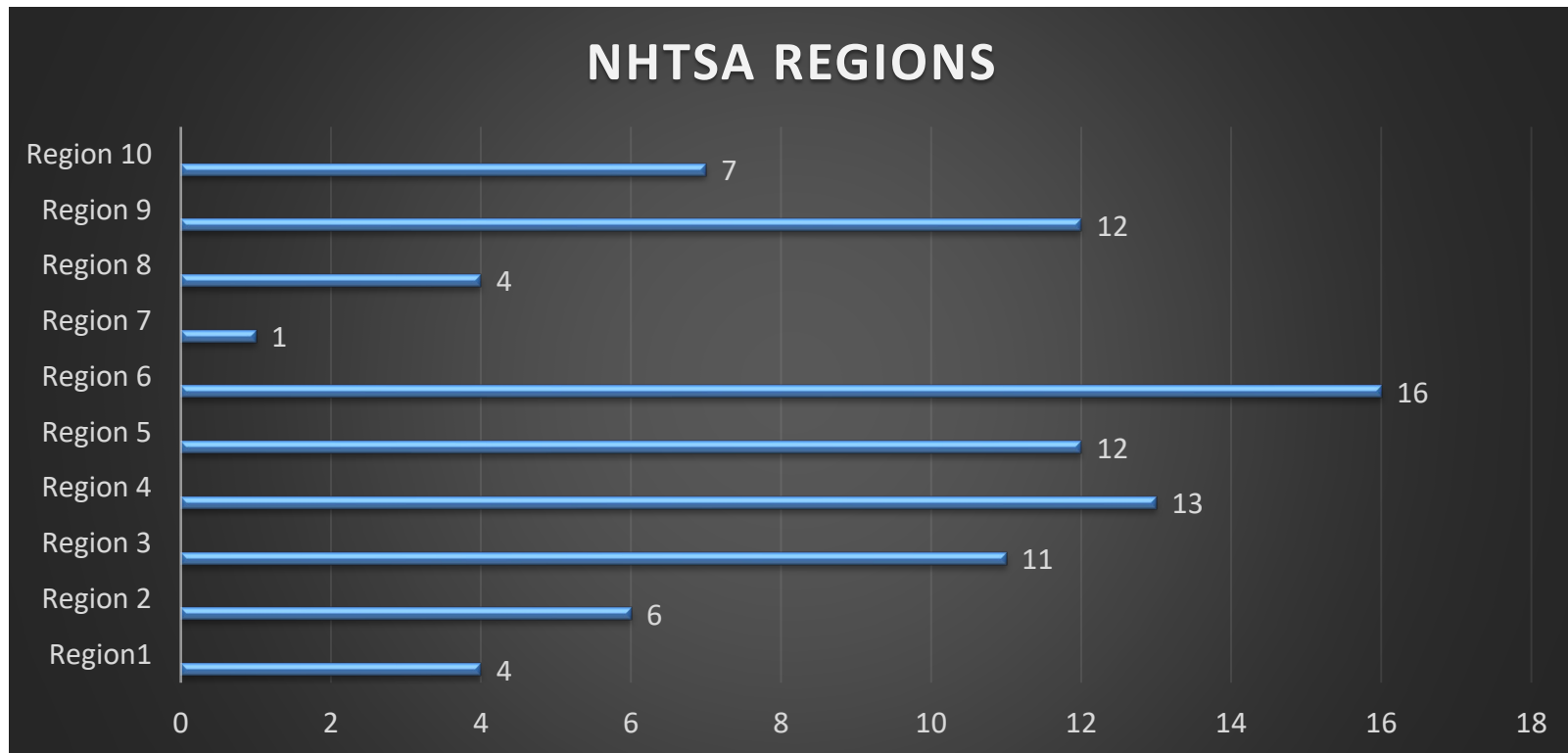


Other Factors

- 11 of the struck-by cases cited inclement weather as a factor.
- 42 of the 87 cases occurred at night.
- 21 of the crashes involved a violation of the “Slow Down and Move Over law”.

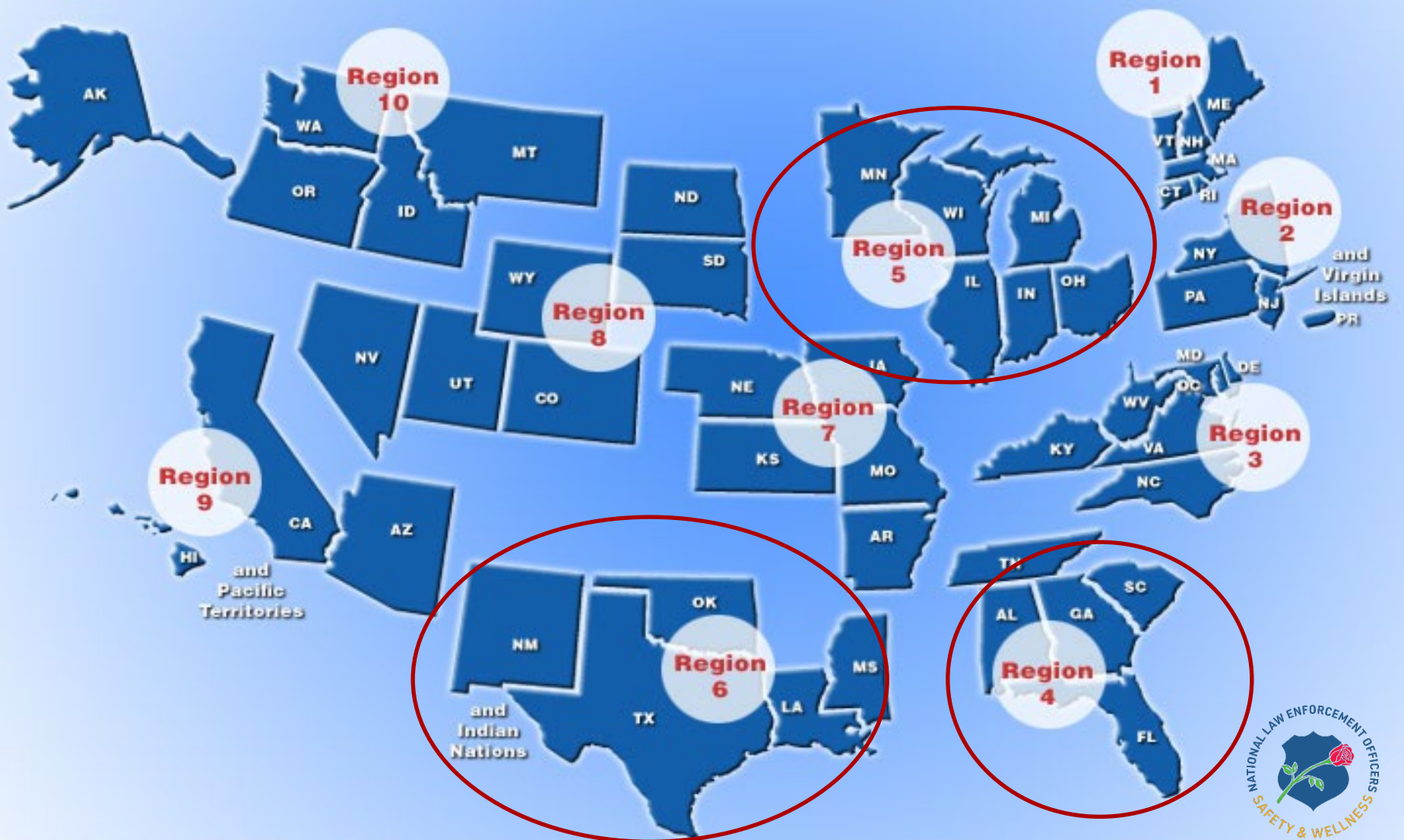


Struck-by Crashes by NHTSA Region





NHTSA Regions



Key Take-aways

- 34% of the struck-by incidents occurred while officers were already on the scene of an existing crash.
- 29% of the striking drivers were D-Drivers (Drunk, Drugged Drowsy or Distracted)
- 52% of the officers struck worked for city or municipal agencies.
- NHTSA Region 6 (Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico) had the highest number of Struck-by crashes.
- 11 of the 87 officers fatally struck were killed while deploying tire deflation devices.

