



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

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2025 END-OF-YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FATALITIES REPORT





THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the fallen, telling the story of American law enforcement, and making it safer for those who serve. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., honors the names of all the 24,412 officers who have died in the line of duty to date throughout U.S. history. Additionally, NLEOMF maintains and publishes comprehensive details on the circumstances surrounding official line-of-duty deaths. NLEOMF's Officer Safety and Wellness pillar uses that data, coupled with best-practice program models, to produce programming directed at solutions to improve survivability and enhance wellness. Serving the third pillar of NLEOMF's mission, the National Law Enforcement Museum is committed to preserving the history of American law enforcement and sharing the experiences of service and sacrifice for generations to come.

The statistics released in the annual report are based on preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and may not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2026.

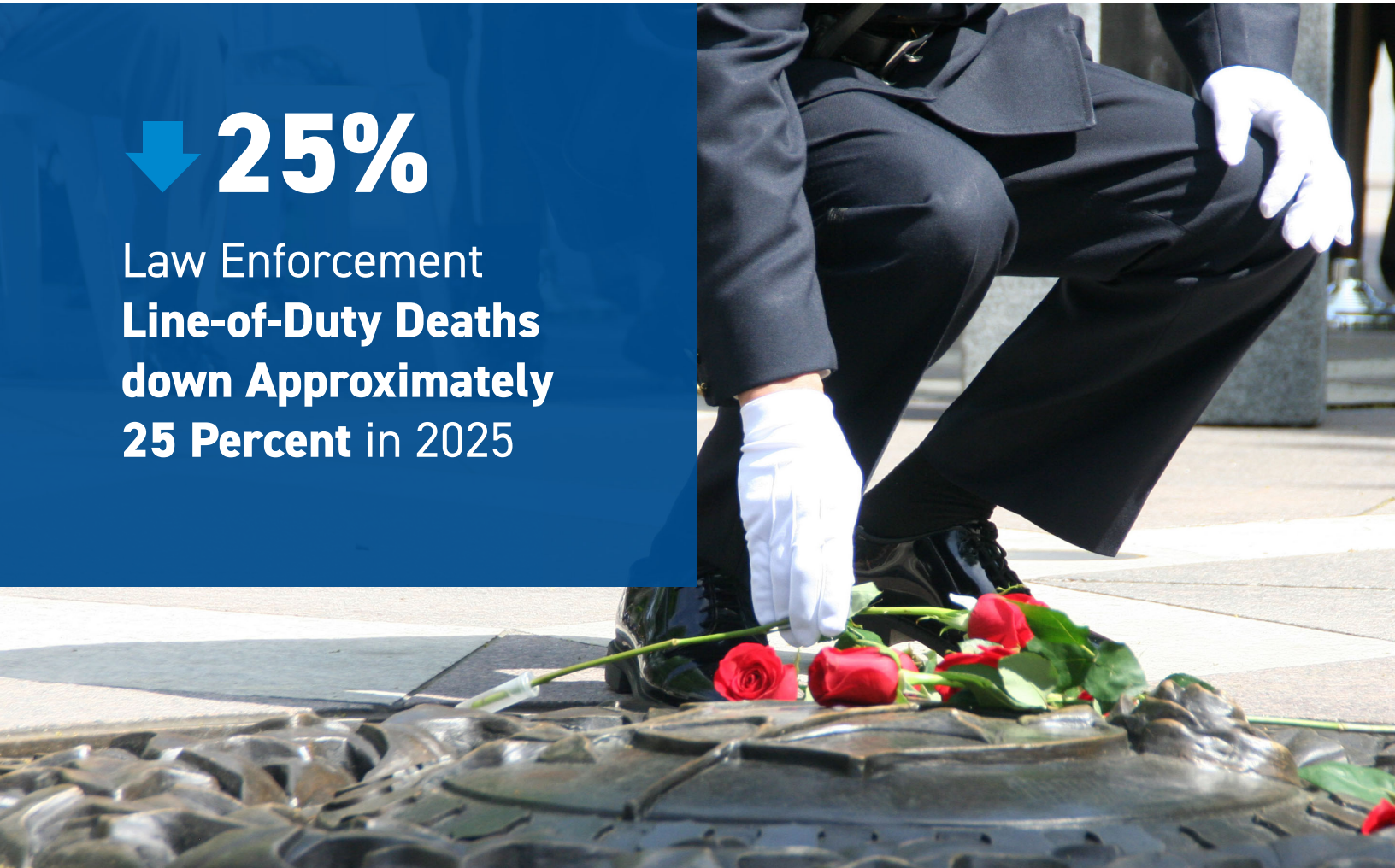
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES

The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2025 decreased 25% compared to the previous year, according to preliminary data gathered by the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)**, the leading authority on officer fatalities. Our **data shows** that 111 federal, state, county, municipal, and U.S. Territories officers have died in the line of duty in 2025, representing a 25% decrease compared to the 148 officers who died in the line of duty in 2024.

↓ 25%

Law Enforcement
Line-of-Duty Deaths
down **Approximately**
25 Percent in 2025



44

FIREARMS-RELATED FATALITIES

Firearms-related fatalities have claimed the lives of 44 officers in 2025, which represents an 15% decrease from the 52 officers killed by gunfire in 2024, and was the leading cause of death.

OFFICERS FALLEN: FIREARMS-RELATED



Parole Agent Joshua L. Byrd
California Dept of Corrections
& Rehabilitation
EOW: JULY 17, 2025

Parole Agent Byrd was shot and killed by a parolee in the Division of Adult Parole Operations office in Oakland, California. Byrd was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his gunshot wounds.



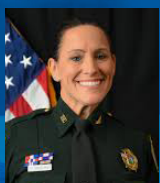
Police Officer Suzanne O
Maui County, Hawaii, P.D.
EOW: AUGUST 15, 2025

Police Officer O was shot and killed while responding to a trespassing and shots fired call. Officer O and fellow officers were confronted by the suspect, who was armed with a rifle. The suspect fired at the officers, striking Officer O in the chest. Officer O succumbed to her gunshot wound at the scene.



K9 Police Officer Henry J. Franklin
Sikeston Department of Public Safety,
Missouri
EOW: OCTOBER 6, 2025

K9 Police Officer Franklin was shot and killed while serving a warrant linked to a homicide investigation with his tactical team. When the team arrived at the home of the suspect and attempted to make contact, the man fired at the officers from inside the house. Officer Franklin succumbed to his gunshot wound at the scene.



Deputy Sheriff Terri Mashkow
Indian River County, Florida, S.O.
EOW: NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Deputy Sheriff Mashkow was shot and killed while serving an eviction notice in Vero Beach, Florida. When three deputies and a locksmith entered the home, a subject approached them in the entryway and fired at them. One deputy was struck before fleeing, and Deputy Mashkow was struck and killed. A sergeant returned fire, wounding the shooter, who died a couple days later. The locksmith also died a few days later.

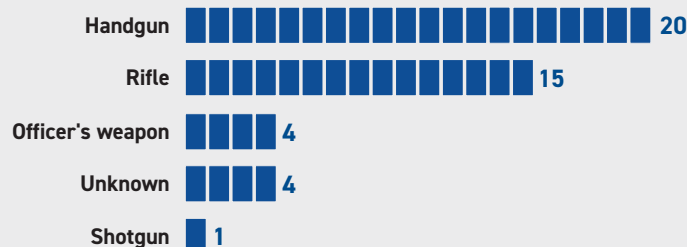
FATALITIES: FIREARMS-RELATED

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

BY CIRCUMSTANCE



BY FIREARM TYPE



TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES

Traffic-related fatalities decreased by 23% with 34 deaths in 2025, compared to 44 deaths in 2024. The 21 fatal crashes in 2025 (automobile/motorcycle) represents a decrease of 22% compared to the 27 fatal crashes in 2024. "Struck-by" fatalities, defined as an officer struck outside of their patrol vehicle, decreased by 24% from 17 in 2024 to 13 in 2025.

OFFICERS FALLEN: TRAFFIC-RELATED



Sergeant Kenneth Salas
Spokane County, Washington, S.O.
EOW: AUGUST 9, 2025

Sergeant Salas was struck and killed while removing debris on the Interstate. Sergeant Salas was assisting a motorist with retrieving a haybale that fell onto

the highway when he was struck by a motorcycle driver. Sergeant Salas was transported to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.



Senior Police Officer Alex D Roberts
Houston, Texas, P.D.
EOW: SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Senior Police Officer Roberts was killed in a motorcycle crash while providing a motorcycle escort for a wide load in a department approved extra employment

capacity. Officer Roberts was assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Division, Solo Motorcycle Detail. Officer Roberts was traveling alongside the wide load, opposite the flow of traffic, flagging cars to pull aside for the wide load to pass. A vehicle did not pull over and struck Officer Roberts head on.



Deputy Sheriff Joshua Brashears
Jackson County, Mississippi, S.O.
EOW: OCTOBER 17, 2025

Deputy Sheriff Brashears was killed in a single-vehicle crash after his patrol vehicle collided with three horses and overturned on a dark road.

Deputy Brashears was transported to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.



Police Officer Alec Sanders
Alhambra, California, P.D.
EOW: NOVEMBER 20, 2025

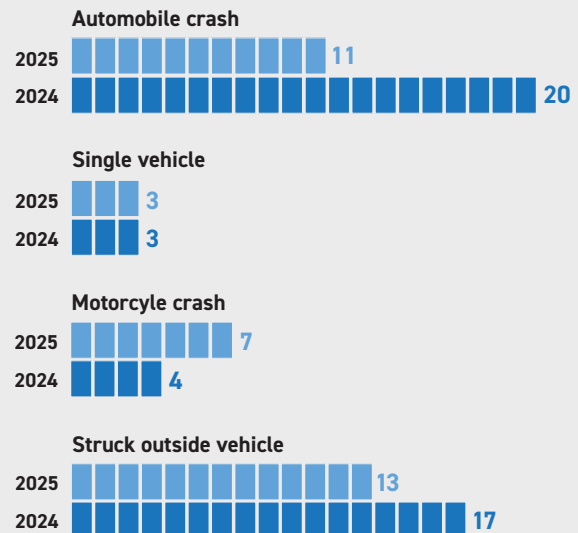
Police Officer Sanders was killed in an automobile crash during a vehicle pursuit. Officer Sanders was transported to a hospital where he

succumbed to his injuries.

FATALITIES: TRAFFIC-RELATED

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

BY CIRCUMSTANCE



BY DECADE*

1970s	59	2000s	72
1980s	64	2010s	53
1990s	59	2020s	45

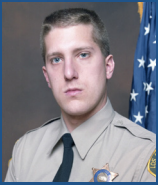
*Average per decade

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OTHER CAUSES AND FATALITIES

The 'other' cause category has decreased 37% from 52 in 2024 to 33 in 2025. This 'other' category includes long-term illnesses related to the September 11th terror attacks, acute medical events brought on by extreme and/or stressful events experienced on-duty, and a variety of rare yet significant fatal incidents.

OFFICERS FALLEN: OTHER CAUSES



Detective William Osborn
Los Angeles County, California, S.O.
EOW: JULY 18, 2025

Deputy Sheriff Osborn and Deputies Victor Lemus and Joshua Kelley-Eklund lost their lives in an explosion while aiding another agency in the removal of explosives at an apartment complex. The incident occurred when an explosive device, thought to be inert, unexpectedly detonated during the disposal process, causing the fatalities of all three deputies. These deputies were part of the Special Enforcement Bureau and had expertise in arson and explosives.



Senior Trooper Craig Gaines
Florida Highway Patrol
EOW: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

On September 6, 2025, Senior Trooper Gaines sustained a leg injury while performing an assigned duty with the Florida A&M University football team, where he provided security for the head coach. During a game, a player accidentally collided with Trooper Gaines at the conclusion of a play, resulting in a fractured leg. Tragically, on September 19, 2025, Trooper Gaines succumbed to a pulmonary embolism that was associated with the leg fracture he sustained while recuperating from his injury.



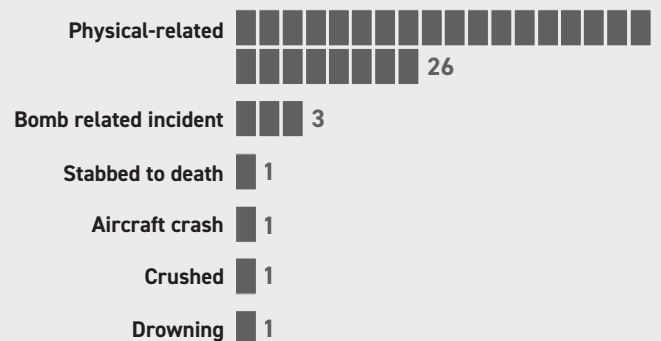
Corrections Officer Jeremy L Hall
Virginia Department of Corrections
EOW: NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Corrections Officer Hall was attacked and killed by an inmate at the River North Correctional Center in Independence, Virginia. Officer Hall was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

FATALITIES: OTHER CAUSES

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

BY CIRCUMSTANCE



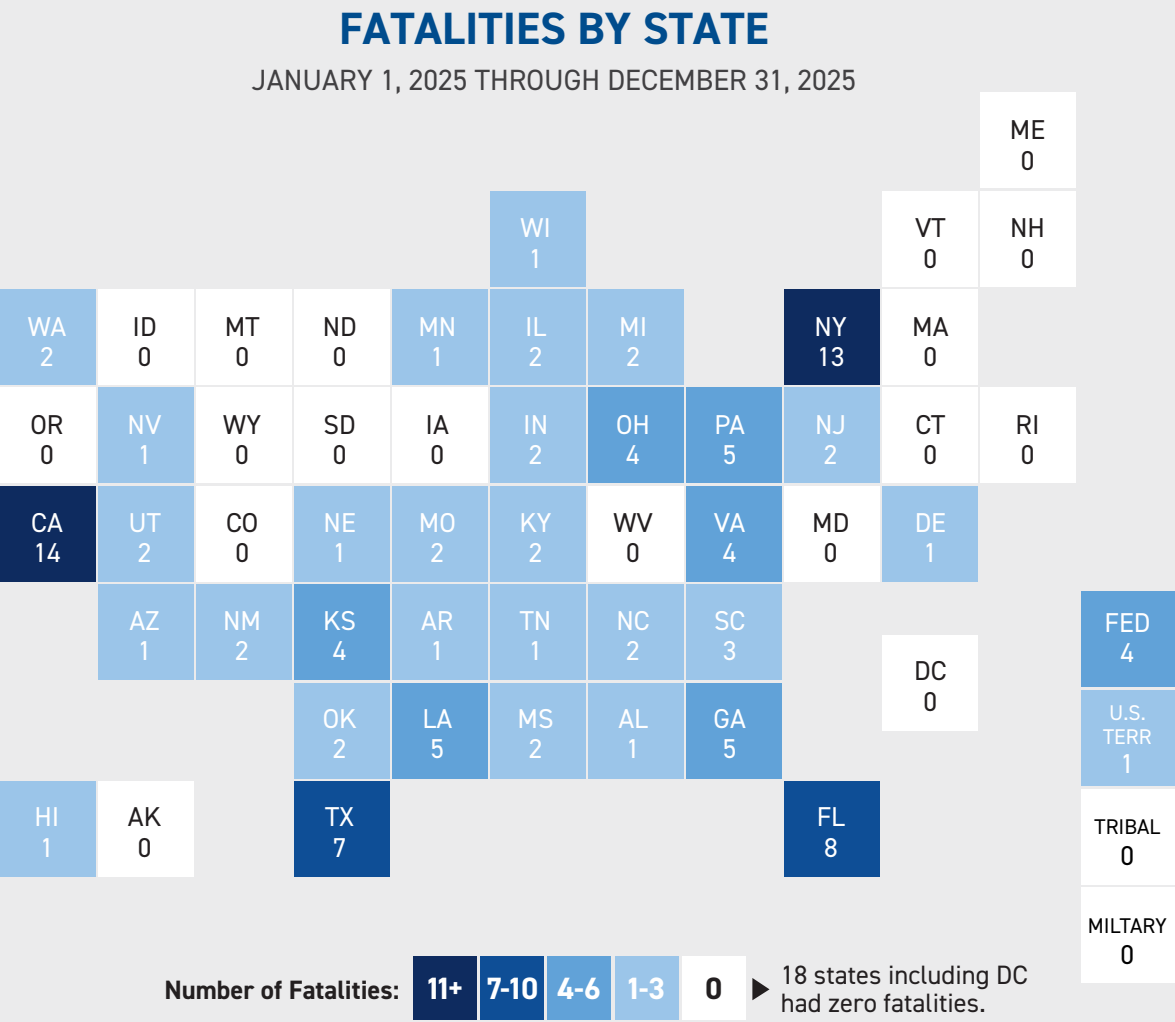
BY DECADE*

1970s	48	2000s	44
1980s	41	2010s	63
1990s	36	2020s	201

*Average per decade

STATES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES

California experienced the largest number of law enforcement fatalities of all U.S. states in 2025, with 14 line of duty deaths. New York had the second highest number with 13 and Florida had the third highest with 8.

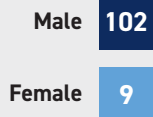


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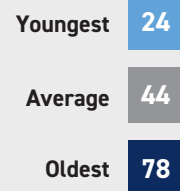
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

There were 102 male officers killed in the line of duty, and 9 female officers. The average age of the fallen officers is 44, with an average of 14 years of service. On average, officers left behind two children.

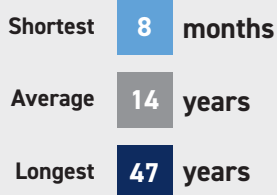
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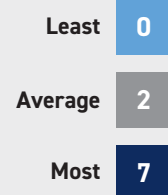
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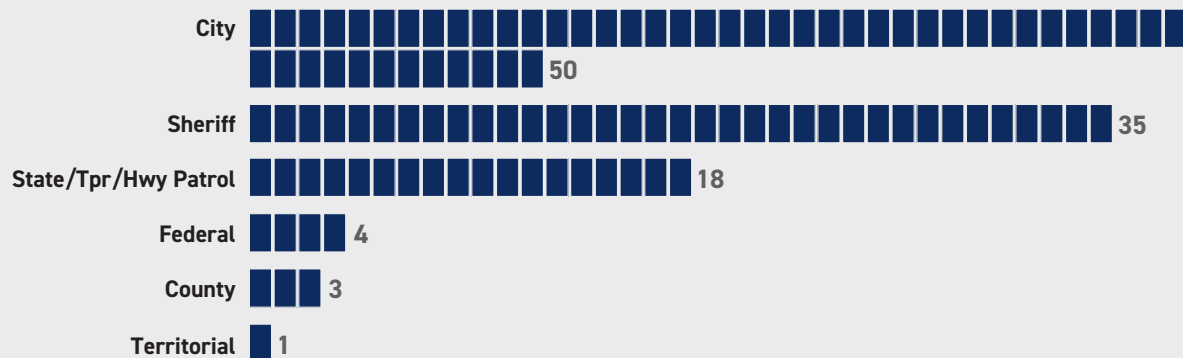
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NUMBER OF CHILDREN



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NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

HONOR, RESPECT, REMEMBER

OFFICIAL NAMES FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

A place of honor, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial features the names of the Official Line-of-Duty Fallen Heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Here, you may search for those who have been so honored — those whose names are engraved on the Memorial wall to be remembered and revered forever.

Since 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ensures that those who gave their lives to protect and serve their communities are remembered for generations to come, while providing a place where survivors can spend a quiet moment paying tribute to their loved ones.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, the foremost organization that memorializes law enforcement heroes who die in the line of duty, offers an official monthly announcement sharing the number of fallen who have been through our stringent review process. As of December 31, 2025, 239 officers, both recent and historical, have been designated as Official Line-of-Duty Fallen Heroes and will be added to the Memorial in the Spring of 2026. This data is subject to change.





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