# Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

## Overview of All Traffic-related Fatalities by Agency Type 2015-2019

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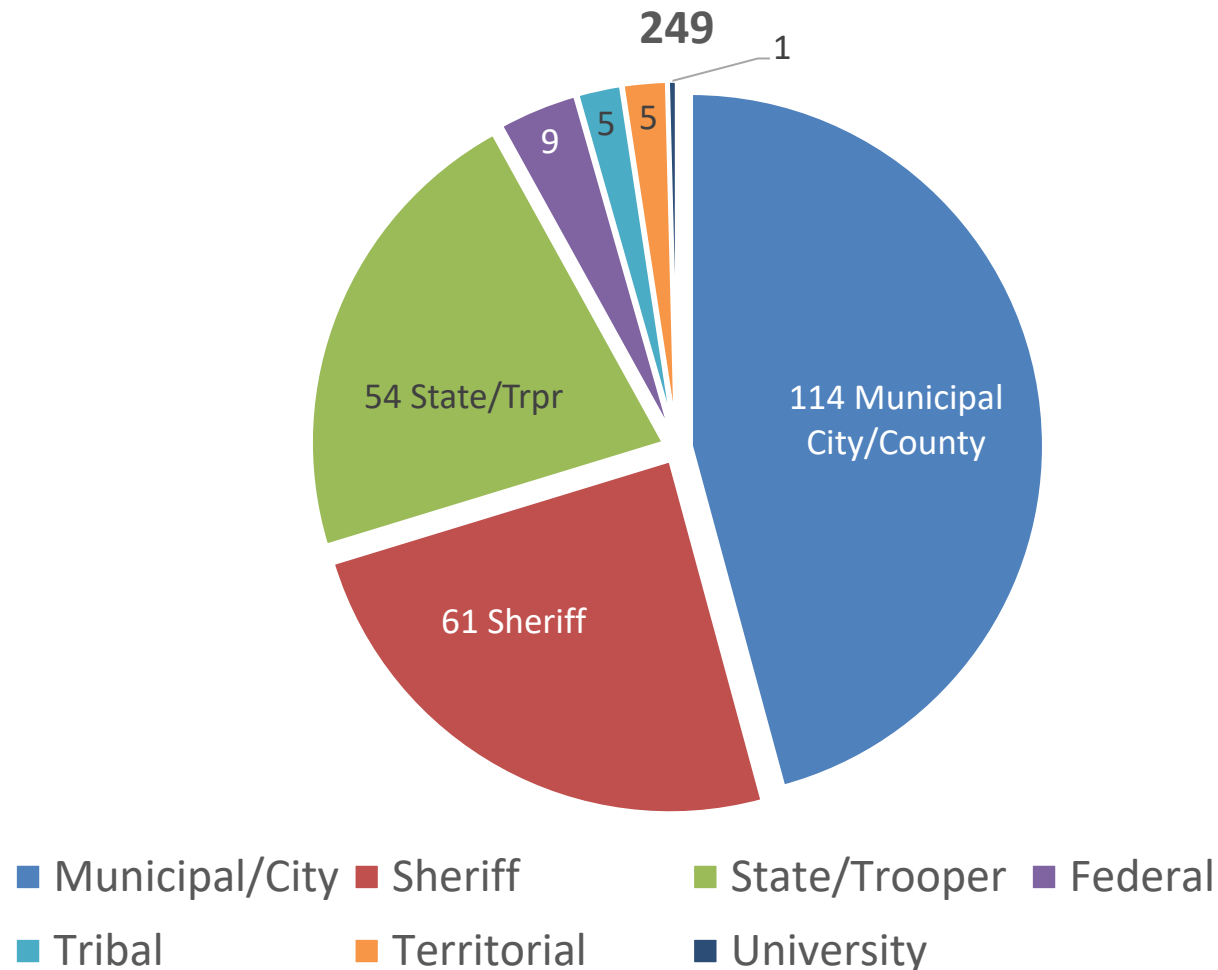
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# Traffic Related Fatalities From 2015-2019

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were a total of **249** fatalities related to vehicles and traffic approved as Line of Duty Deaths.

  - 151 Automobile crashes

  - 70 officers struck by vehicles

  - 28 motorcycle crashes

# Crashes By Agency Type



**249**

- 114 Municipal City/County
- 61 Sheriff
- 54 State/Trpr
- 9
- 5
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Legend: ■ Municipal/City ■ Sheriff ■ State/Trooper ■ Federal ■ Tribal ■ Territorial ■ University

# Municipal Agencies

- **114** fatal incidents
  - **63** Automobile Crashes
    - 29 Single-Vehicle crashes
  - **33** Officers Struck by vehicles
  - **18** Motorcycle crashes

# Sheriff's Offices

- **61** fatal incidents
  - **47** Automobile crashes
    - 25 Single vehicle crashes
  - **11** Officer struck by vehicles
  - **3** Motorcycle crashes

# State Agencies and Highway Patrols

- **54** fatal incidents
  - **30** Automobile crashes
    - 10 single vehicle crashes
  - **21** Deputies struck by vehicles
  - **3** motorcycle crashes

# Federal Agencies

- **9** fatal incidents
  - **5** Automobile crashes
    - 1 single vehicle crash
  - **2** Agents struck by vehicles
  - **2** motorcycle crashes

# Tribal Police Agencies

- 5 Fatal incidents
  - 4 automobile crashes
    - 1 single vehicle crash
  - 1 Agent struck by a vehicle

# Territorial  Agencies

- 5 Fatal incidents
  - 2 Automobile crashes
  - 2 Motorcycle crashes
  - 1 Officer struck by a vehicle

# Key Take-aways

- 61% of all the Traffic-related incidents were vehicle crashes
- At least, 47% of officers involved in fatal vehicle crashes were NOT wearing their seat belt
- The predominant number of crashes occurred within the sunbelt states, California, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana
- Municipal or city agencies had the highest number of incidents

# Solutions

- Wear your seat belt

- Monitor speed

- Reinforce traffic safety messaging on a regular basis

- Wear your reflective vest

- Conduct annual driver's training