



2019 Third Quarter

# Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report

According to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, there have been 93 officer fatalities during the first three quarters of 2019, a 25% decrease compared to 124 officer fatalities during the same nine-month period in 2018.

During the third quarter alone, there were 28 line of duty deaths. Firearm-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer deaths between July and September 2019, with 11 officers shot and killed.

Traffic-related fatalities were the second highest cause of officer deaths during the third quarter, totaling six fatalities. This is a slight decrease when compared to the third quarter in 2018, when seven officers were killed in traffic-related incidents.

Three of the officers killed in traffic-related incidents died in automobile crashes, two died in single-vehicle crashes and one officer was struck and killed. Of the six fatalities, three were Sheriff's deputies, one was a municipal officer, one a state patrol officer and one a tribal officer. Two of the fatalities were from the state of Florida.

Of the remaining 11 officer fatalities recorded in the third quarter, nine officers died as a result of a job-related illness such as a cardiac event or 9/11-related illness. Two officers died after being assaulted. Of the 28 fallen officers, two officers were female and 26 were male. The average age of the officers was 44 years old.

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Law Enforcement **fatalities**  
**Down 25 Percent** during the  
same nine-month period in 2018.

## Recently Fallen



**Trooper Tracy Vickers**

Florida Highway Patrol

End of Watch: September 27, 2019

Trooper Vickers was involved in a collision with a construction vehicle.



**Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Nimtzt**

Broward County (FL) Sheriff's Office

End of Watch: July 21, 2019

Deputy Nimtzt was killed in a crash while responding to a domestic violence call.



**Deputy Sheriff Carlos Ramirez**

Kendall County (TX) Sheriff's Office

End of Watch: July 2, 2019

Deputy Ramirez was struck and killed as he and another deputy were on a traffic stop.

## Traffic-related Fatalities

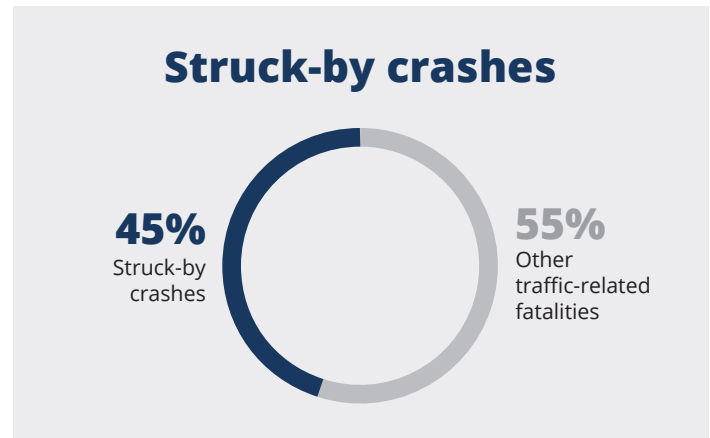
Of the 29 traffic-related fatalities that have occurred through the first three quarters of 2019, 13 were officers struck and killed while outside their patrol vehicles, one officer was killed in a motorcycle crash, and 15 officers were killed in a vehicle crash. Seven of those vehicular crashes were single-vehicle crashes.

### Officers Struck and Killed by Vehicles

Struck-by fatalities represent 45% percent of all traffic-related law enforcement deaths in 2019 and is the leading traffic-related cause of death.

### Vehicle Crashes

Twenty-four percent of officers killed in traffic-related incidents were killed in single-vehicle automobile crashes. Single-vehicle crashes represent 53% of all vehicle crashes in 2019.



## NHTSA Traffic Safety Tips

Based on fatality information collected by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, these recommendations are intended to help prevent injuries and death as a result of traffic-related incidents.



**Wear your reflective vest**



**Consider a right-side approach**

Consider a right side (passenger) approach when conducting a traffic stop.



**Arrive alive**

Watch your speed, clear intersections and watch for other responding units.

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