

2017 MID-YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES REPORT

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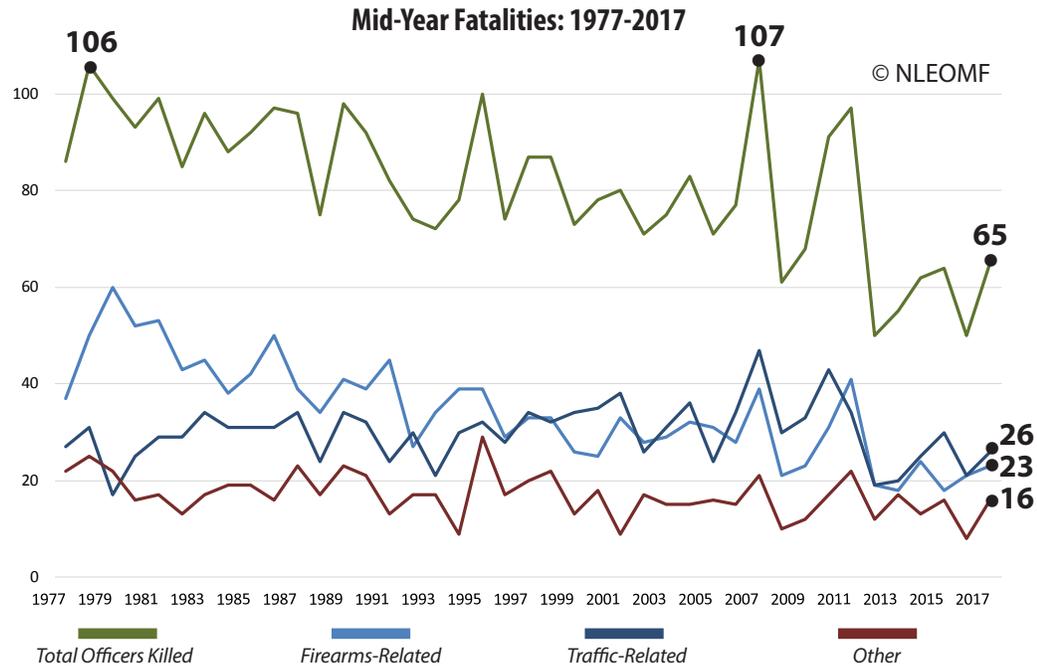
65 Law Enforcement Line-of-Duty Deaths in First Half of 2017

Traffic-related incidents are leading cause of officer fatalities, increasing 24 percent

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, as of June 30, 2017, **65 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty this year**, increasing 30 percent over the 50 officers killed during the same period last year.

Twenty-six officers have been killed in traffic-related fatalities this year, increasing 24 percent, compared to 21 deaths during the same period last year. **Firearms-related fatalities were the second-leading cause of officer deaths, with 23 officers killed thus far in 2017.** This represents a 10 percent increase over the 21 officers killed in firearm-related incidents during the same period last year.

Sixteen officers died as a result of other causes during the reporting period in 2017, six of which were job-related ailments where officers collapsed or suffered a cardiac event. Three officers died as a result of an illness contracted during the 9/11 rescue and recovery efforts, two officers



were beaten to death, two officers died in boating incidents, one officer was stabbed to death, one officer drowned and one officer was poisoned.

Single-vehicle crashes is the leading circumstance of the traffic-related fatalities with 10 thus far in 2017—increasing by 233 percent over the same period last year. The leading

circumstances of firearms-related fatalities were officers responding to domestic disturbances and conducting traffic stops.

Sixty-two fallen officers were male and three were female. Their average age was 40 years, with 13 years of service. On average, each officer left behind two children.

RECENTLY FALLEN



Police Officer Miguel Moreno
San Antonio (TX) Police Department
EOW: 6/30/2017

Police Officer Miguel Moreno died as a result of gunshot wounds he received the day before while attempting to stop two suspicious subjects.



Trooper Ryan Albin
Illinois State Police
EOW: 6/28/2017

Trooper Ryan Albin was killed in an automobile crash when his patrol car collided with a commercial vehicle.



Master Sergeant William Trampass Bishop
Florida Highway Patrol
EOW: 6/17/2017

Master Sergeant William Bishop was struck and killed by a vehicle while investigating a traffic accident as he was outside of his patrol car.

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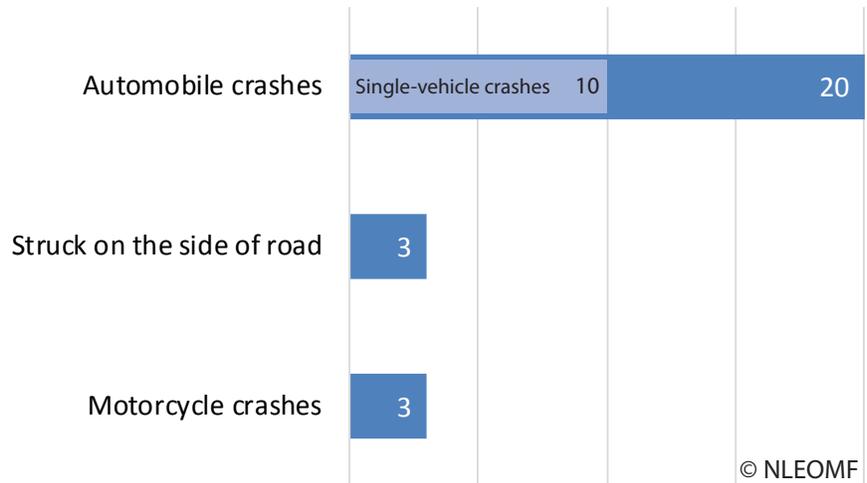
Traffic-related Fatalities

Traffic-related fatalities were the leading cause of law enforcement deaths during the first half of the year. **There have been 26 traffic-related incidents in 2017, compared to 21 over the same period last year, a 24 percent increase.** Of the 26 traffic-related incidents 20 were automobile crashes involving a collision with another vehicle or fixed object, three officers were struck while on the side of the road, and three officers were killed in motorcycle crashes.

Of the 20 automobile crashes in the first half of this year, ten were single-vehicle crashes compared to 3 at the same time in 2016, representing a 233 percent increase.

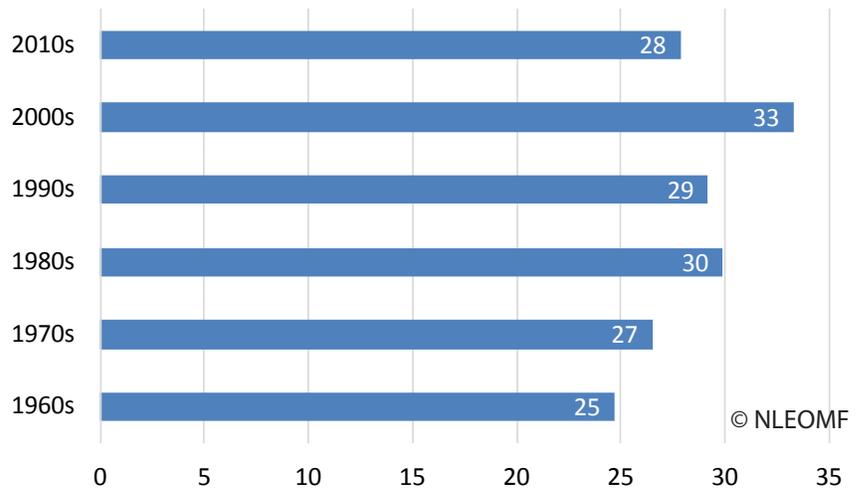
Compared to the average number of traffic-related fatalities per decade, 2017 ranks below the past 10-year average (2000-2009). In the prior decade, nearly 33 officers were killed on average in the first half of a given year. Since the 1960s, traffic-related fatalities have increased, even as overall law enforcement fatalities have been decreasing.

Circumstances of Traffic-related Fatalities



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Average Mid-Year Traffic-related Fatalities by Decade



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Other Causes of Officer Deaths

During the first half of 2017, **16 officers died from job-related illnesses and other causes** compared to eight officers who died as a result of other causes during the first half of 2016.

In the first half of this year, **five of the eight job-related illnesses were reported to be heart attacks.** The other causes were three officers died as a result of illnesses contracted during the 9/11 rescue and recovery operations, two died in boating-related incidents, two were beaten to death, one officer drowned, one officer was stabbed to death and one officer was poisoned.

Other Causes of Officer Death at Mid-Year 2016



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Firearms-related Fatalities

Firearms-related fatalities rose slightly in the first half of 2017.

Twenty three officers were shot and killed thus far in 2017 compared to 21 during the same period in 2016. Of the 23 firearms-related cases, **five involved officers responding to a domestic disturbance or domestic-related incident.**

Four officers were shot and killed while investigating suspicious persons or vehicles, three were the result of officers conducting a traffic stop and three officers were shot and killed with their own firearms while transporting prisoners. Three officers were shot while conducting investigations, two were shot while responding to the report of an armed person and one officer was killed while serving an eviction notice. One officer was shot and killed as he walked into the police station in an unprovoked ambush.

Three of the 23 cases involved an ambush-style attack carried out upon an unsuspecting officer(s).

Handguns were the leading type of firearm used in fatal shootings of law

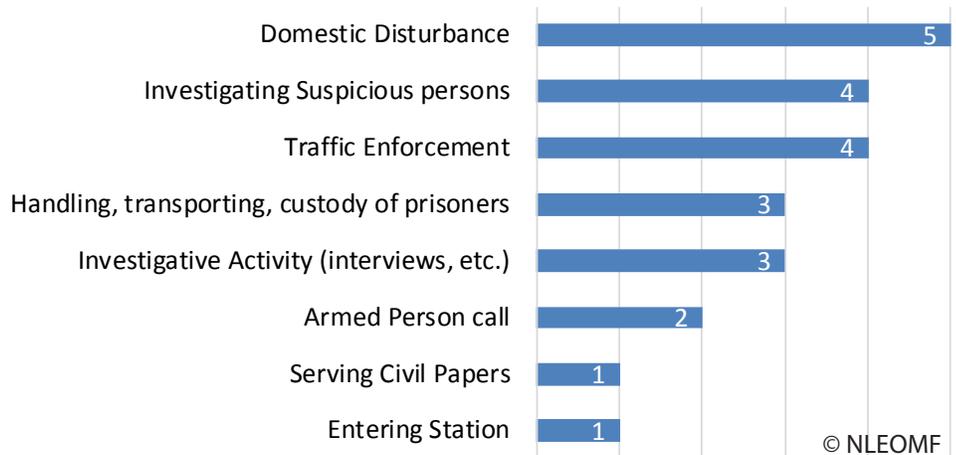
enforcement officers in the first half 2017. Of the 23 officer fatalities, **13 officers were shot and killed with a handgun.** One officer was shot and killed with a rifle and one officer was killed with a shotgun. The type of firearm used in the remaining eight fatalities is still unknown for the first half of 2017.

Of the 23 firearms-related fatalities in the first half of 2017, **6 were shot and killed in May, the most of any**

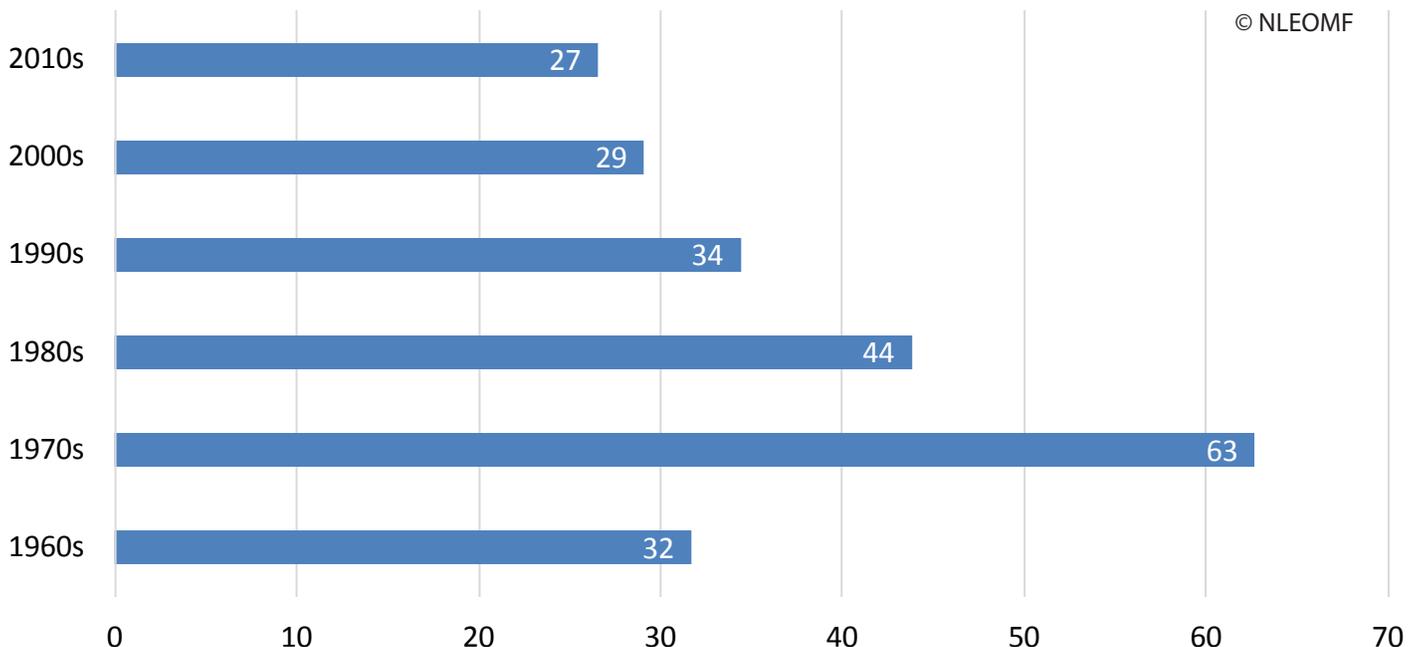
other month. Four officers were shot in each of the months of January, March, April and June.

Firearms-related fatalities peaked in 1973, with 84 officers shot and killed that year. Since then, the annual average has decreased from 63 in the 1970s, to 29 in the 2000s. In 2016, as a result of a number of unprecedented ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers, the number of firearm-related fatalities rose to 65.

Circumstances of Fatal Shootings



Average Mid-Year Firearms-related Fatalities by Decade



Officer Fatality Data

In the first half of 2017, **five officers from the state of Georgia and five officers from the state of New York were killed**, while California, Florida, and Texas each had four officers killed, and three officers were killed in Louisiana. **Three federal officers, three Tribal officers and one territorial officer were also killed in the line of duty in 2017.** Ten states lost two officers and thirteen states lost one officer. Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia did not lose an officer in the first half of this year.

Jurisdiction

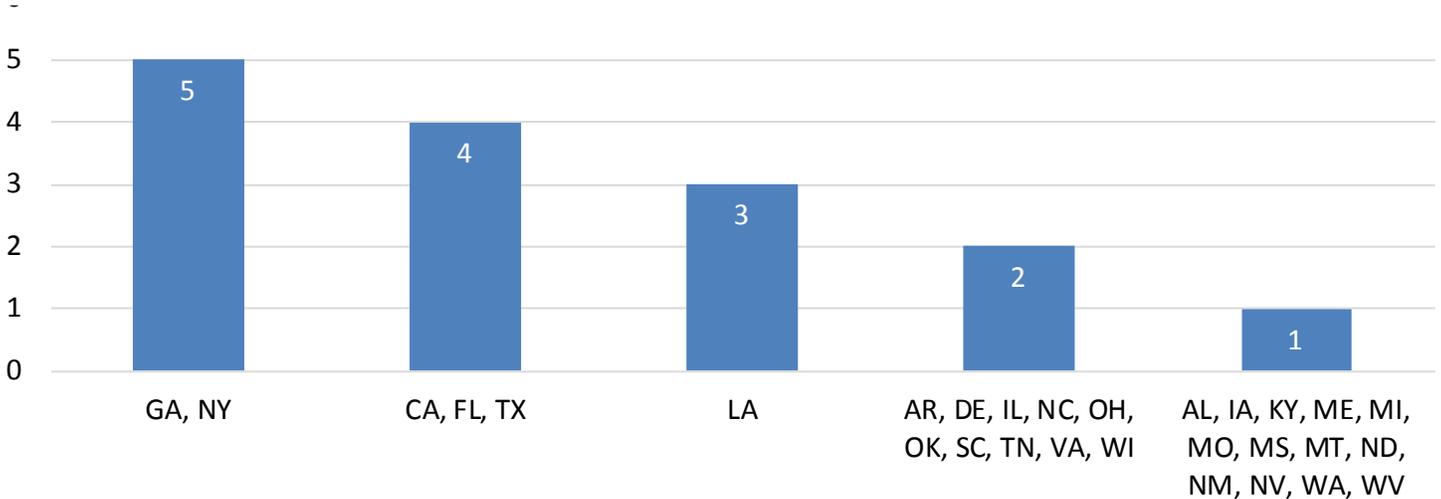
Municipal	27	Federal	3
Sheriff	18	Territorial	1
State	13	Tribal	3

Gender

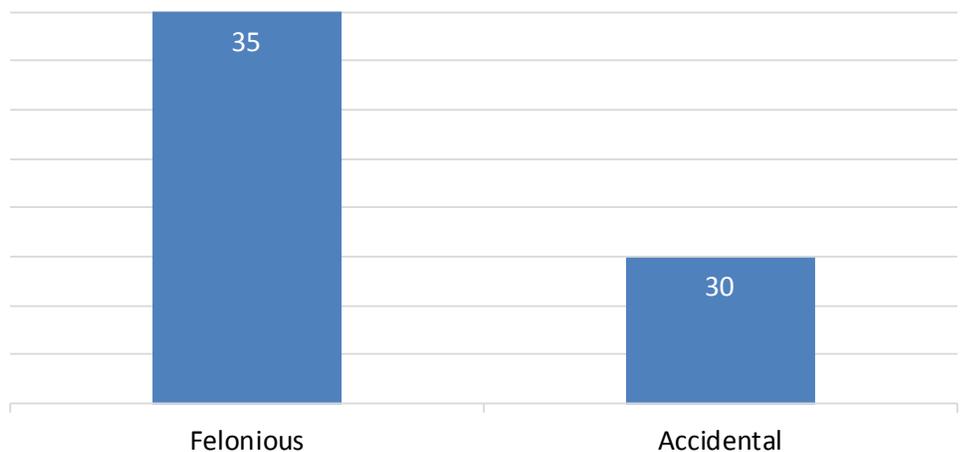


	Low	Average	High
Age of Officer	20	47	64
Length of Service	.25 years	18 years	37 years
Number of Children	0	2	6

Deadliest States



Felonious Deaths vs. Accidental Fatalities



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