



36 Officer Fatalities in the Third Quarter of 2015

According to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, thirty-six law enforcement officers were killed from July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015, increasing 57 percent from 23 fatalities during the same period in 2014.

Firearms-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer deaths during the third quarter of 2015 with 12 officer fatalities, decreasing eight percent from 13 fatalities during the same period in 2014.

Eleven officers were killed in traffic-related incidents during the third quarter. Of those eleven, eight officers were killed in automobile crashes, two were struck and killed by a vehicle, and one was killed in a motorcycle crash.

During this period, eight officers died as a result of job-related illnesses, two officers fell to their death, one officer was killed in an aircraft accident, an officer drowned and an

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officer was beaten to death. Last year during this period, three officer died of job-related illnesses and an officer drowned.

Georgia and Louisiana suffered the most fatalities in the third quarter, with four deaths each, followed by Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York, and Texas, which each had three fatalities.

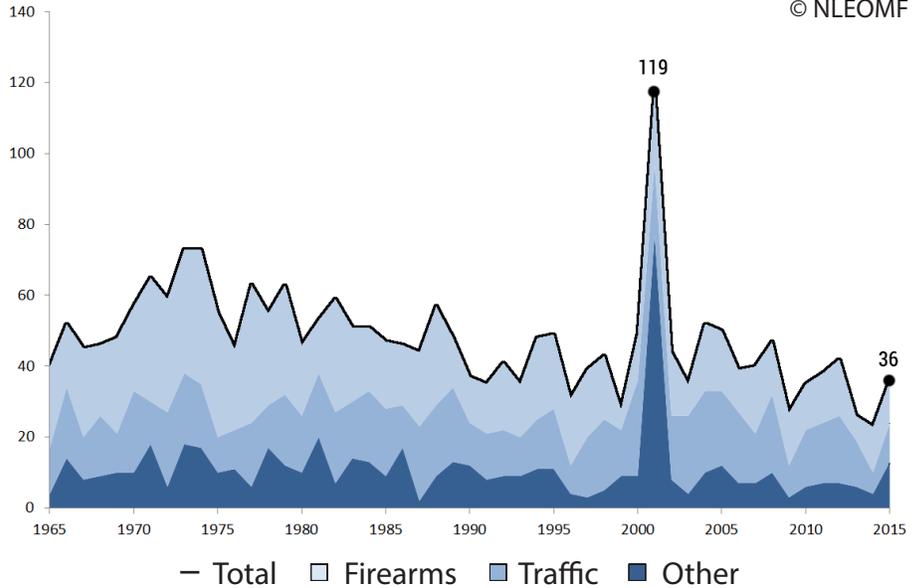
Thirty-three states and the District

of Columbia did not suffer a law enforcement fatality during the third quarter.

The average age of the officers killed in the line of duty was 41 years old, and the average length of service was 12 years. Thirty-four fallen officers were male and two were female. On average, each officer left behind two children.

Third Quarter Fatalities: 1965-2015

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— Total □ Firearms ■ Traffic ■ Other

RECENTLY FALLEN



Police Officer Greg Alia
Forest Acres (SC) Police
Department
EOW: 9/30/2015

Police Officer Greg Alia was shot and killed after responding to a call for a suspicious person.



Deputy Sheriff Bill Myers
Okaloosa County (FL)
Sheriff's Office
EOW: 9/22/2015

Deputy Sheriff Bill Myers was shot and killed after serving a domestic violence injunction.



Deputy Sheriff Dwight Maness
McHenry County (IL)
Sheriff's Office
EOW: 9/14/2015

Deputy Sheriff Dwight Maness died as a result of earlier gunshot injuries.

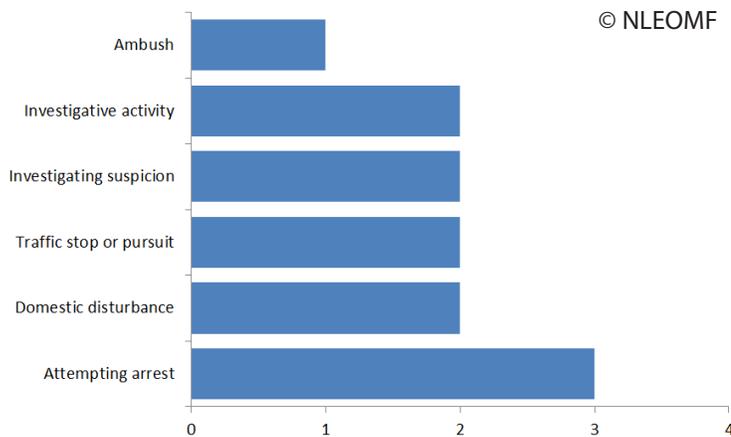
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This report is part of an innovative partnership with the VALOR initiative to promote law enforcement officer safety.

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Circumstances of Fatal Shootings: Third Quarter 2015



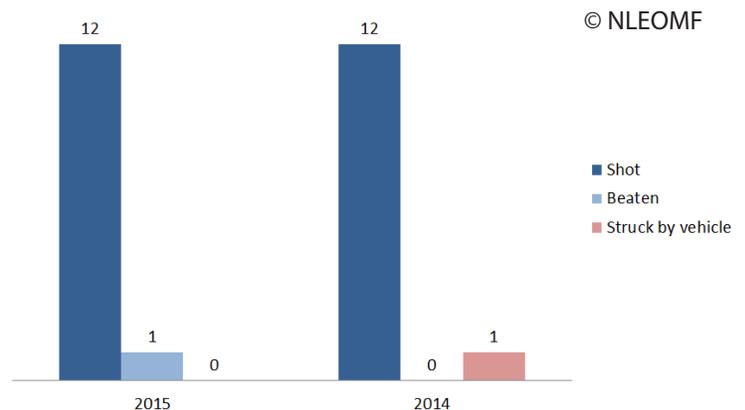
In the third quarter of 2015, firearms-related fatalities decreased eight percent from 2014 when 13 fatalities occurred, compared to 12 fatalities in 2015.

Attempting arrest was the leading circumstance of firearms-related fatalities in the third quarter of 2015, killing three officers. Two officers were killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call, two officers were feloniously killed during a traffic stop or pursuit, two officers were shot and killed while investigating suspicious persons or circumstances and two officers were shot and killed while conducting an investigative activity. An officer was shot and killed in an ambush.

Felonious Fatalities: Third Quarter 2014 vs. Third Quarter 2015

Thirteen officers were feloniously killed in the third quarter of 2015, matching the number of officers feloniously killed during the same period in 2014. Of the thirteen officers who were feloniously killed during the third quarter, 12 officers were shot and one officer was beaten to death.

During the same period in 2014, 12 officers were shot and killed and one officer was felonious struck and killed.



Training Recommendations

Based on fatality information collected by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, these recommendations are intended to help prevent violence against law enforcement officers and ensure officer resilience and survivability during encounters. Learn more at www.ValorForBlue.org.

Recommendation 1.

Weapon retention and use of the appropriate holster is critically important. Officers should have the latest in safety holsters that make it difficult for suspects to relieve officers of their firearms. There has been improvement, but some administrative holsters and duty holsters still present a danger as the firearm can still be swiftly removed by a suspect. Officers are also reminded to place their pistol side away from suspects and prisoners.

Recommendation 2.

Domestic violence calls continue to be deadly situations for law enforcement officers. No officer should be dispatched to a domestic-related call alone, nor serve domestic-related civil process alone. Officers should always wait for backup and, if possible, search the area where a suspect or involved party is going to sit during an investigation. Officers must be vigilant to monitor other family members, and be aware of how quickly the officer can become the focus of anger.