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24 Officer Fatalities in the Third Quarter of 2014

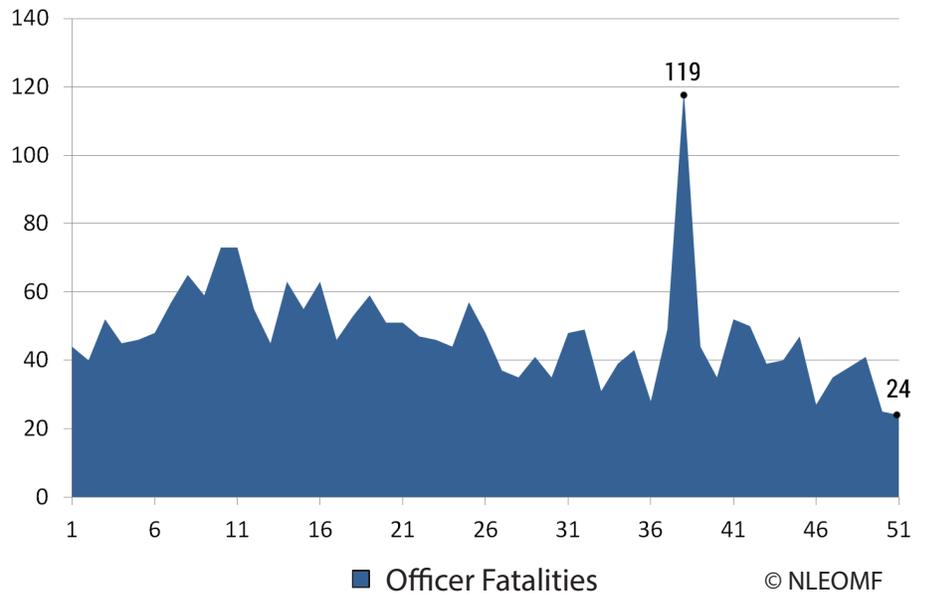
According to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, law enforcement officer fatalities decreased four percent at the end of the third quarter of 2014, compared to the same time period in 2013. Twenty-four law enforcement officers were killed from July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014, slightly decreasing from the 25 fatalities during the same time period in 2013.

Firearms-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer deaths during the third quarter of 2014 with 13 officer fatalities, up 86 percent from seven fatalities during the same time in 2013.

Of the remaining 11 officer fatalities, six officers were killed in traffic-related incidents, four officers died from job-related illnesses and one officer drowned to death.

Indiana, New Jersey, and Texas suffered the most fatalities in the third quarter of this year, each with three deaths. California, New York, Pennsylvania and

Third Quarter Fatalities: 1964-2014



South Carolina followed with two fatalities each. One Territorial officer and a Federal officer died in the line of duty. Thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia did not suffer a law enforcement fatality during the third quarter of 2014.

The average age of the officers killed in the line of duty was 39 years old,

and the average length of service was 13 years. Five officers died on a Sunday, the most of any day of the week. Two officers were killed on Wednesday and on Saturday, making them the least deadly days of the week. All 24 fallen officers were male. On average, each officer left behind two children.

RECENTLY FALLEN



Police Officer Patrick Scott
Mendota Heights (MN)
Police Department
EOW: 7/30/2014

Police Officer Patrick was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop.



Corporal Byron Dickson II
Pennsylvania State Police
EOW: 9/12/2014

Corporal Dickson was shot and killed from ambush at the Blooming Grove State Police Barracks.



Agent Geniel Amaro-Fantauzzi
Puerto Rico Police Department
EOW: 8/25/2014

Agent Amaro-Fantauzzi succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained one week earlier during a narcotics investigation.

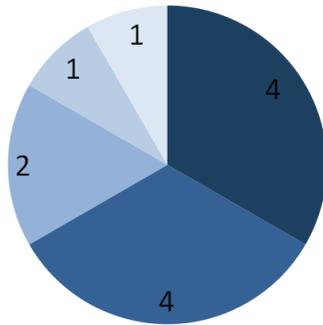
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Circumstances of Fatal Shootings: Third Quarter 2014



■ Ambush ■ Traffic Stop or Pursuit ■ Disturbance Call
■ Drug-Related ■ Investigating Suspicion

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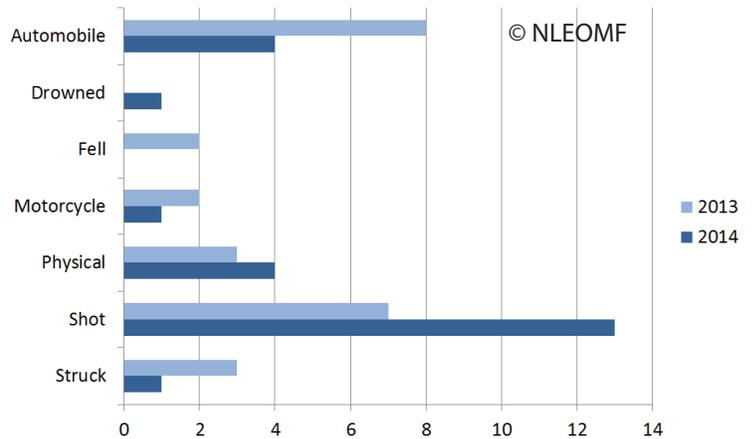
In the third quarter of 2014, firearms-related fatalities saw an increase from 2013 when seven fatalities occurred, compared to thirteen fatalities in 2014.

Ambushes and traffic stops or pursuits were the leading circumstances of firearms-related fatalities in the third quarter of 2014, killing four officers each. Two officers were killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call. One officer was shot during a drug related matter and an officer was shot and killed while investigating a suspicious persons or circumstances.

Felonious Fatalities: Third Quarter 2014 vs. Third Quarter 2013

Thirteen officers were feloniously killed in the third quarter of 2014, a 30 percent increase from 2013 when 10 officers were feloniously killed during the same period. All thirteen officers who were feloniously killed during the third quarter were shot.

In the third quarter of 2013, seven officers were shot and killed, two officers were felonious struck and killed, and one officer was killed in an automobile crash by a drunk driver.



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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.

In the vast majority of firearms-related cases, handguns were the offender's weapon of choice. Small and compact handguns can be concealed on persons, in vehicles or in purses. Always watch the suspect's hands and be aware of the possibility of the offender being armed.

Recommendation 2.

Officers should practice with their firearms as much as possible to increase their level of proficiency. Most states require minimal firearms instruction and re-qualification, so officers must be responsible for their own level of training.

Recommendation 3.

In many states, 1:00 am - 1:59 am is the time when bars are closing and larger numbers of intoxicated individuals are interacting with each other and the law enforcement. Officers should take special precautions, such as waiting for back-up during late night hours to ensure officer safety.