



30 Officer Fatalities in the First Quarter of 2015

According to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, law enforcement officer fatalities have increased three percent at the end of the first quarter of 2015, compared to the same period in 2014.

Thirty law enforcement officers were killed as of March 31, 2015, up from 29 fatalities during the same period in 2014.

Traffic-related fatalities are the leading cause of officer deaths thus far in 2015, with 13 officer fatalities, up 18 percent from 11 fatalities during the same time in 2014.

Of the remaining 17 officer fatalities, ten officers died as a result of job-related illnesses and seven were shot and killed.

Alabama and Texas suffered the most fatalities in the first three months of the year, with three deaths each. Georgia,

Six officers were killed in felonious incidents

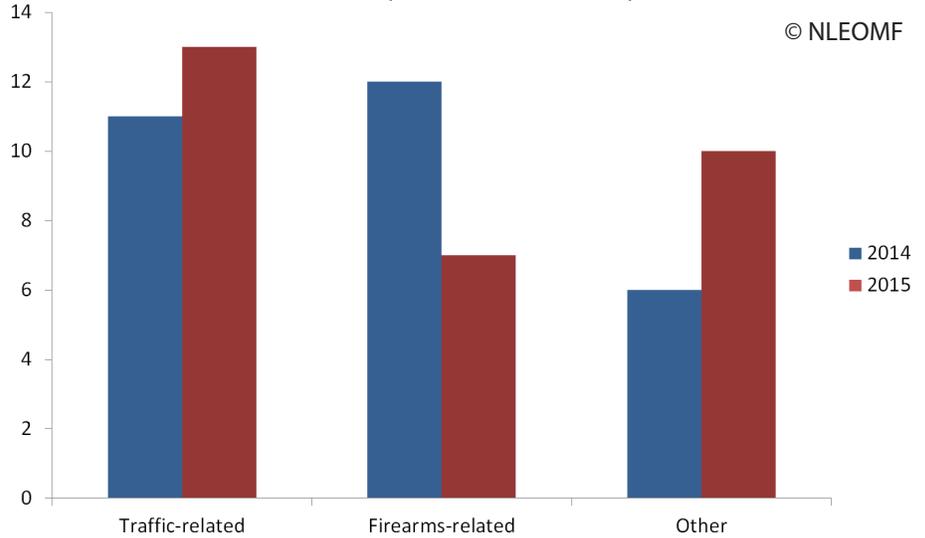
Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and Mississippi followed with two fatalities each. One Federal officer and one Territorial officer also died in the first quarter of 2015. Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia did not suffer a law enforcement fatality during the first quarter of 2015.

The average age of the officers killed in the line of duty was

41 years old, and the average length of service was 13 years. Nine officers died on a Wednesday, the most of any day of the week. One officer was killed on a Sunday, making it the least deadly day of the week.

All 30 of the fallen officers were male. On average, each officer left behind two children.

Total Fatalities: First Quarter 2014 vs. First Quarter 2015



RECENTLY FALLEN



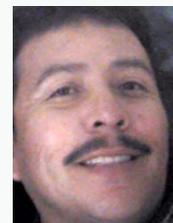
Trooper Trevor J. Casper
Wisconsin State Patrol
EOW: 3/24/2015

Trooper Trevor J. Casper was shot and killed in a shootout with a bank robbery suspect.



Police Officer Michael Johnson
San Jose (CA) Police Department
EOW: 3/24/2015

Police Officer Michael Johnson was shot and killed while responding to a report of a man threatening to kill himself.



Police Officer Alex Yazzie
Navajo Nation Police Department
EOW: 3/19/2015

Police Officer Alex Yazzie was shot and killed after responding to a domestic violence call.

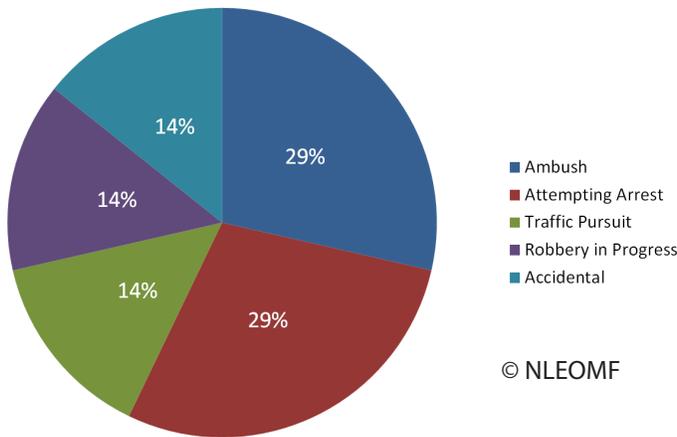
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Circumstances of Fatal Shootings: First Quarter 2015



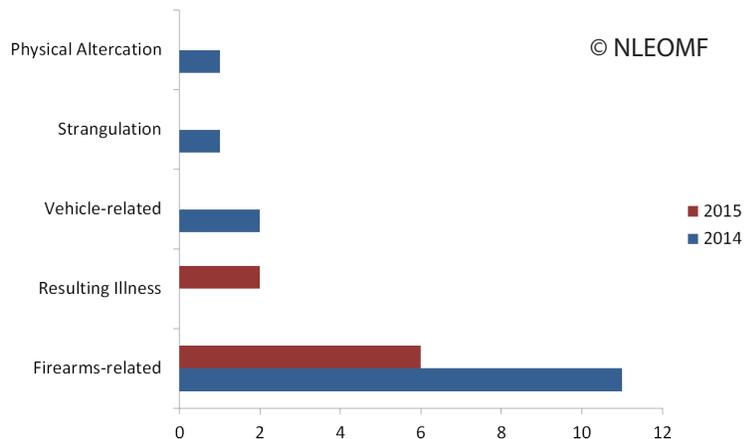
In the first quarter of 2015, firearms-related fatalities saw a 42 percent decrease from 2014 when twelve fatalities occurred during the first quarter, compared to seven fatalities in 2015.

Ambushes and attempting an arrest were the leading circumstances of firearms-related fatalities in the first quarter of 2015, killing two officers each. An officer was fatally shot during a traffic pursuit, one officer was shot and killed while a robbery was in progress, and one officer was inadvertently shot and killed during a training exercise.

Felonious Fatalities: First Quarter 2014 vs. First Quarter 2015

Eight officers were feloniously killed in the first quarter of 2015, a 47% decrease from 2014 when 15 officers were feloniously killed during the same period. Six officers were feloniously shot and killed, and two officers were killed as a result of a job-related illness related to a felonious altercation.

In 2014, eleven officers were feloniously shot and killed, two officers were feloniously killed in traffic-related incidents, one officer was strangled to death, and one officer died as a result of a physical altercation with a suspect.



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.

During the first quarter of 2015 both handguns and assault rifles were used to kill officers in the line-of-duty. Stay alert for all potential threats at a crime scene and aware of the weapons that may be used against you.

Recommendation 2.

In the first quarter of 2015, one-third of officer line-of-duty deaths were from job-related illnesses such as heart attacks, heat stroke, or other ailments contracted as a result of the officer's duties. Staying safe also means staying in-shape and living a healthy lifestyle.

Recommendation 3.

Traffic-related fatalities are the leading cause of officer deaths thus far in 2015, with 13 officer fatalities, up 18 percent from 11 fatalities during the same time in 2014. Taking protective measures, such as wearing your seat belt and using proper traffic stop techniques, can save lives.