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# Personal Statement from the Editor...



Welcome to our second issue of 2021, Narcotic Officers Magazine, Volume 10 Issue 2, June 2021. As always, I would like to thank each of you for advertising, your support, hard work and dedication. None of this is possible without you. I am here to educate the public and law enforcement community in the awareness of narcotics, drugs, and other addictive substances. I also make every effort to support programs that teach kids, parents, and the law enforcement community about drug use.

This year marks our 10th anniversary. We continue focusing our supported programs towards drug education, equipment donations, and k9 programs that supply K9's with Narc overdose kits. We continue to produce a high-quality magazine to help promote the exchange of ideas and information among law enforcement agencies and support groups. We have found that our publication, Narcotic Officers Magazine, continues to be both educational and helpful to both public safety officials, and the public with an interest in drug safety and education.

We are currently receiving a high demand for trauma kits. Daily we are receiving calls, emails and direct messages requesting these lifesaving kits. It continues to boggle my mind as to why any department would not include trauma kits in their budget. As little as \$46 a kit can be found online with the necessary items to assist in stopping a wound or limb from bleeding out. Another item that can be purchased on its own is a tampon, which can be used to assist in plugging a bullet or stab wound. We used them when I was in the military to assist soldiers who have been

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Till next time, stay safe!

**Matt Neelley**  
**President**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Neelley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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K9 officers put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe, now it is our turn to thank them by providing them with the proper equipment they deserve. Join our mission, donate, and become a sponsor to help protect our K-9 officers. Thank you for your support!

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# 2.5 Tons of Methamphetamine and 100,000 Fentanyl Pills Interdicted

## Two Mexican Drug Traffickers Charged out of the Southern District of New York with Conspiring to Import Large Quantities of Narcotics into the United States

NEW YORK – Ray Donovan, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration New York Division, Audrey Strauss, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Peter C. Fitzhugh, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of Homeland Security Investigations, and Dermot Shea, Commissioner of the New York City Police Department, announced that Jose Loreto Gastelum-Torres and Fredy Alejandro Gastelum-Vega were charged in a criminal complaint in Manhattan federal court with conspiring to import approximately 2.5 tons of methamphetamine and 100,000 fentanyl pills into the United States. The charge arises from a January 29, 2021 seizure by Mexico’s Secretaría de Marina (the “Mexican Navy”) of approximately 2.5 tons of methamphetamine and 100,000 fentanyl pills in Sinaloa, Mexico.

“There is a tidal wave of fentanyl and methamphetamine being pushed from Mexico into the United States,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Ray Donovan. “Case in point, these two traffickers were allegedly caught red-handed with over \$90 million dollars’ worth of fentanyl and methamphetamine. Traffickers see opportunities when drug overdoses rise, and they are trying to flood American markets with these synthetic, highly addictive, and dangerous drugs. DEA and our law enforcement partners will continue to target drug networks to keep Americans safe and save lives.”

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said: “Thanks to the DEA, HSI, the NYPD, and the rest of our OCADETF New York Strike Force partners, as well as the Mexican Navy, a major shipment of potentially lethal drugs was interdicted before it could addict, poison, and

potentially kill untold numbers of people in the United States.”

“Those arrested allegedly sought to traffic thousands of fentanyl pills and multiple tons of methamphetamine, which would only exacerbate the plague currently devastating our community while steadily increasing addictions and overdose deaths,” said HSI Special Agent in Charge Peter C. Fitzhugh. “The Strike Force has been a proven model for success in dismantling transnational narcotics trafficking organizations. HSI showcased our unique value at the Strike Force in this case by leveraging our border resources to not only effectively address threats and vulnerabilities but moreover promote collaboration in furthering these investigations, making timely and significant arrests, and stopping deadly drugs from flooding our streets.”

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said: “Today’s charges demonstrate that the investigative efforts of the NYPD in coordination with our law enforcement partners are far-reaching and focused. As long as individuals, wherever they may be, are involved in illegal narcotics trafficking, the NYPD and our partners will relentlessly work to end the threat to public safety. I commend and thank the NYPD investigators, members of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force Initiative, agents from the New York Division of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the attorneys at the United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District, for their dedication to this investigation.

As alleged in the Complaint unsealed in federal court[1]:

On or about January 29, 2021, the Mexican Navy located and began tracking an outboardpowered boat traveling from

Las Arenitas, Sinaloa, Mexico, northwest through the Gulf of California. Approximately several hours later, the Mexican Navy interdicted the vessel in or around Topolobampo, Sinaloa, Mexico, and arrested Gastelum-Torres and Gastelum-Vega. Mexican Navy officers seized approximately 960 plastic containers from the boat, which contained approximately 2.5 tons of methamphetamine and 100,000 pills of fentanyl.

Gastelum-Torres, 53, and Gastelum-Vega, 33, of Mexico, are charged with conspiring to import at least 500 grams of methamphetamine and at least 400 grams of fentanyl into the United States, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. The maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendants would be determined by the judge.

This case is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Strike Force Initiative, which provides for the establishment of permanent multi-agency task force teams that work side-by-side in the same location. This co-located model enables agents from different agencies to collaborate on intelligence-driven, multi-jurisdictional operations to disrupt and dismantle the most significant drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations.

This investigation was conducted by the OCADETF New York Strike Force in partnership with the DEA’s law enforcement partners. The OCADETF New York Strike Force is comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies supported by OCADETF and the New York/New Jersey High Inten-

sity Drug Trafficking Area. The Strike Force is affiliated with the DEA's New York Division and includes agents and officers of the DEA; the New York City Police Department; the New York State Police; Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Homeland Security Investigations; the U. S. Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; U.S. Secret Service; the U.S. Marshals Service; New York National Guard; the Clarkstown Police Department; U.S. Coast Guard; Port Washington Police Department; and New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Ms. Strauss praised the outstanding investigative work of the OCDEF New York Strike Force and Mexico's Secretaría de Marina.

The case is being handled by the Office's Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Alexander Li, Benjamin Woodside Schrier, and Kyle A. Wirshba are in charge of the prosecution.

The charge contained in the Complaint is merely an allegation, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

[1] As the introductory phrase signifies, the entirety of the text of the Complaint, and the description

of the Complaint set forth herein, constitute only allegations, and every fact described herein should be treated as an allegation as to the defendants charged in the Complaint.

2.5 Tons of Methamphetamine and 100,000 Fentanyl Pills Interdicted. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/02/05/25-tons-methamphetamine-and-100000-fentanyl-pills-interdicted>.

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## Dark Web Trafficker Pleads Guilty to Distributing Opioids

ALEXANDRIA, Va., – A Florida man pleaded guilty today to unlawfully distributing thousands of prescription opioid pills in exchange for over half a million dollars through the “dark web.”

According to court documents, between 2012 and 2020, Daren James Reid, 35, of Fort Lauderdale, used the dark web to distribute oxycodone. Under the monikers “Oxyflight” and “Imperial Royalty,” Reid sold over 12,000 oxycodone pills, the sales of which yielded a profit of over \$500,000. Reid used dark web sites such as Silk Road, Wall Street, and Apollon to advertise and sell oxycodone pills of various strengths and prices. Reid utilized the U.S. Postal Service to illegally mail the pills to his customers across the U.S. in exchange for Bitcoin payments. Reid also possessed over one kilogram of oxycodone, morphine, and other pills in a storage facility in Florida.

Reid pleaded guilty to unlawful distribution and possession with the intent to distribute oxycodone. He is scheduled to be sentenced on June 1 and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison

for each of the counts. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Jarod Forget, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Washington Division; Raj Parekh, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Mark R. Herring, Attorney General of Virginia; Mark S. McCormack, Special Agent in Charge, FDA Office of Criminal Investigations, Metro Washington Field Office; James A. Dawson, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office Criminal Division; and Antonio J. Gomez, Inspector in Charge of the Miami Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, made the announcement after Senior U.S. District Judge Liam O'Grady accepted the plea. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Karolina Klyuchnikova is prosecuting the case.

This investigation was conducted by the FBI Washington Field Office's Hi-

Tech Opioid Task Force, which is composed of task force partners including special agents and officers of the DEA, the FBI, Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and detectives from local assisting police agencies. The task force is charged with identifying and investigating the most egregious Dark Web marketplaces, and the vendors operating on the marketplaces who are engaged in the illegal acquisition and distribution of controlled substances, to include fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other opioids.

Dark Web Trafficker Pleads Guilty to Distributing Opioids. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/02/09/dark-web-trafficker-pleads-guilty-distributing-opioids>.

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# DEA Announces Expansion of Operation Crystal Shield

## DEA Chicago and San Francisco Field Divisions have Been Identified As Methamphetamine Trafficking Transportation Hubs

WASHINGTON – Drug Enforcement Administration Acting Administrator Timothy J. Shea announced the expansion of Operation Crystal Shield. This expansion includes the designation of two additional methamphetamine “transportation hubs” in 2021. Through this effort, DEA is attacking the entire supply chain, locating and seizing meth shipments before they are broken down and trafficked into our communities and neighborhoods. The Chicago Field Division and San Francisco Field Division have been added to this initiative, along with the nine DEA field divisions originally selected to participate. Additionally, operational resources have been increased by 50 percent to attack the meth threat and the violence that accompanies it.

“When DEA announced Operation Crystal Shield last February, we pledged to adjust, adapt, and expand our efforts based on the actions of the dangerous drug trafficking cartels, and today we are fulfilling that pledge,” said Acting Administrator Shea. “This is an ever-evolving initiative to protect the American people from the dangers of methamphetamine. It is imperative we continue to keep up the intensity and reverse the trend of increased meth on our

streets and deaths from meth use and overdose. This action is an important step to stymie this dangerous drug from flooding our neighborhoods and communities.”

In February 2020, DEA launched Operation Crystal Shield, a major coordinated enforcement effort targeting methamphetamine transportation hubs throughout the United States to prevent these deadly narcotics from wracking public health and security across the nation. In total, Operation Crystal Shield generated more than 800 investigations resulting in over 2,100 arrests, the seizure of nearly \$54.5 million in drug proceeds, more than 300 firearms, and more than 60,000 pounds of methamphetamine.

Since the inception of Operation Crystal Shield, DEA has identified changing trends in methamphetamine trafficking. The Chicago Field Division has been identified as a hub for Sinaloa and CNJG operations that transport methamphetamine to communities across Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. The San Francisco Field Division has been identified as a hub for methamphetamine trafficked across northern California to Oregon and Nevada.

The initial nine DEA field divisions that participated in Operation Crystal Shield were selected because they had accounted for over 75 percent of the methamphetamine seized across the United States in 2019. Including the two new hubs of Chicago and San Francisco, the 11 divisions taking part in Operation Crystal Shield represent more than 90 percent of the 118,146 pounds of methamphetamine seized throughout the United States in 2020.

Virtually all methamphetamine in the United States is produced in Mexico in industrial-like labs, through major ports of entry along the Southwest Border, and transported in tractor trailers and personal vehicles along U.S. highways.

DEA Announces Expansion of Operation Crystal Shield. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/01/15/dea-announces-expansion-operation-crystal-shield>.

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# DEA Launches Project Wave Breaker to Stop Flood of Deadly Fentanyl

New initiative focuses on stemming the tide of synthetic fentanyl flowing into the United States

EL PASO – Today the Drug Enforcement Administration announced a new initiative, Project Wave Breaker, to disrupt the flow of deadly fentanyl into the United States.

Project Wave Breaker will direct interdiction, enforcement, and outreach efforts to the El Paso Division to disrupt the flow of fentanyl in and around the United States. The initiative will also employ analytical intelligence assets to target the activities of Mexican transnational criminal organizations, which are the primary suppliers and distributors of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl substances throughout the United States.

“While a major entry point for fentanyl is the Southwest border, the cartels are spreading their poison into communities across the Nation,” said DEA Acting Administrator D. Christopher Evans. “Through this initiative, we’re tackling a very real public health, public safety, and national security threat, identifying the most egregious street-level networks in our communities and working our way up through the supply chain.”

“The lethal dose of fentanyl is 2.2 milligrams, and the average amount of fentanyl in the pills we seize is 1.8 milligrams,” said Kyle W. Williamson, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s El Paso Division. “There isn’t much room for error. Every pill we seize from these profit-seeking cartels is

a potential life saved.”

The eleven divisions participating in Project Wave Breaker are credited with 85 percent of all synthetic opioids seized by the DEA in 2020. They include: Phoenix, New York, San Diego, New England, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, San Francisco, Houston, and El Paso.

Mexican cartels, particularly the Sinaloa Cartel, have capitalized on the opioid epidemic and prescription drug misuse and abuse in the United States, flooding communities with illicit fentanyl and driving the record-setting rates of overdose deaths. According to the most recently published CDC provisional data, more than 87,200 people died from an overdose last year, marking the largest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period. Deaths involving synthetic opioids increased nearly 60 percent during the same 12-month period ending September 1, 2020.

## Facts about fentanyl:

- Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.
- Of counterfeit pills tested in DEA laboratories, one in four pills made with fentanyl contained a potentially lethal dose.

- A kilogram of fentanyl can contain 500,000 potentially lethal doses. Last year, the eleven divisions participating in Project Wave Breaker seized a combined total of 2,316 kilograms of fentanyl (more than a billion potentially lethal doses).

- The seizure of fentanyl-laced pills along the Southwest border increased more than 89 percent from January 2019 to December 2020.

Project Wave Breaker aims to reduce the amount of fentanyl coming across the Southwest border, reduce crime and violence associated with drug trafficking, and ultimately save lives by reducing the demand for illicit fentanyl.

For resources and additional information on fentanyl and other illicit drugs, visit [www.dea.gov/divisions/facts-about-fentanyl](http://www.dea.gov/divisions/facts-about-fentanyl).

DEA Launches Project Wave Breaker to Stop Flood of Deadly Fentanyl. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/04/27/dea-launches-project-wave-breaker-stop-flood-deadly-fentanyl-3>.

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# Grand Jury Indicts More than a Dozen People in Drug Ring Stretching From LA To St. Louis

ST. LOUIS – The U.S. Marshals arrested 16 people Tuesday as the result of a federal grand jury indictment returned Jan. 6, 2021, charging them with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

For more than a year, the Drug Enforcement Administration St. Louis Division, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Jefferson County Municipal Enforcement Group, conducted an investigation targeting a drug trafficking organization responsible for the distribution of crystal methamphetamine in the St. Louis region with a network connected to Los Angeles, California.

According to the indictment, on June 18, 2020, investigators joined with the St. Charles County (Mo.) Regional Drug Task Force and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to execute search warrants at locations associated with Dedrick Jordan, Joseph Holliman and Brandon Thomas. Investigators seized more than \$140,000 in cash, crystal methamphetamine and high-grade marijuana, as well as two assault rifles and four handguns. Another gun was seized from a secret compartment in a vehicle, which was stopped on its way to St. Louis, containing 28 pounds of methamphetamine with a purity level of more than 90 percent.

Four of the individuals indicted are from Los Angeles, with the remainder being based in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The defendants are:

- Brendon Darnell Thomas, 44, of St. Louis
- Joseph Robert Holliman, 46, of St. Louis
- Dedrick Deshon Jordan, 32, of Los Angeles

- Terry James Williams, 34, of Carson, California
- Clifford Dwight Davis, Jr., 40, of Los Angeles
- Maria D. Flores-Cervantes, 32, of Los Angeles
- Jacqueline Renee Harris, 39, of St. Charles
- Thomas William Fogle, 41, of Bonne Terre, Mo.
- Richard Leroy Clark, 61, of Farmington, Mo.
- Sarah Nicole Reynolds, 36, of DeSoto, Mo.
- Joseph Michael Suraud, 41, of Arnold, Mo.
- Alexandra Marni Chambers, 27, of Arnold, Mo.
- Deidre Denise Medcalf, 51, of Eureka, Mo.
- David Michael Nuelle, 34, of St. Louis
- Matthew Joseph Aubin, 43, of Imperial, Mo.
- Kevin John Karll, 66, of High Ridge, Mo.

Ebony Silinzy, 43, of St. Louis, was indicted separately for obtaining firearms on behalf of Holliman, who is a convicted felon and prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms. Thomas and Holliman, who are previously convicted felons, were also charged with unlawful possession of firearms.

“It takes a collective effort with our DEA counterparts to identify and investigate members of these illegal drug trafficking organizations,” noted Marrison Lee, DEA St. Louis Division Act-

ing Assistant Agent in Charge. “As a result, this investigation yielded a successful outcome on the dismantlement of a major criminal enterprise.”

The methamphetamine offense carries a maximum term of imprisonment of life, a fine of up to \$10 million or both. The money laundering offense carries a maximum term of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$500,000, or both. Possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 60 months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$250,000, consecutive to any other sentence imposed. The defendants charged with being felons in possession of a firearm face a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both. Charges set forth in the indictment are merely accusations and do not constitute proof of guilt. Every defendant is presumed to be innocent unless proven guilty.

The investigation involved the following law enforcement agencies: DEA, HSI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Marshals Service, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, St. Charles City and County Police, Phelps County Sheriff’s Department, Arnold Police Department and the Normandy Police Department, all in Missouri.

Grand jury indicts more than a dozen people in drug ring stretching from LA to St. Louis. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/01/13/grand-jury-indicts-more-dozen-people-drug-ring-stretching-la-st-louis>.

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# BREAKING: New Study Finds Youth Marijuana Addiction Rate Double Rate of Alcohol & Other Substance Use Disorders

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(ALEXANDRIA, VA)

An explosive study published today in the journal *JAMA Pediatrics* and conducted by prominent researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, found that teenage marijuana users (aged 12-17) have double the prevalence of a use disorder (addiction) than nicotine, alcohol, and, in most categories of users, even prescription drug misusers. The addiction rate was as high as 20% among those who had used more than three years, and double the rate of alcohol in all categories.

“Knowing how potent today’s marijuana is, this study shouldn’t be a complete shock – but given today’s misinformed views, it is a bombshell,” said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and a former senior drug policy advisor to the Obama Administration. “It was always thought that drugs like cigarettes had a far greater prevalence for use disorder than marijuana, but this study finds the prevalence of marijuana use disorder among teens

**SAM** Smart Approaches to Marijuana  
preventing another big tobacco

is at the top. This speaks volumes about the need to educate young people on the harms of marijuana use and halt the normalization and commercialization of its use.”

Marijuana addiction rates among lifetime users was 10.7% among those who used less than a year; 14.6% among those who used 1-2 years; 16.8% among those who used 2-3 years; and 20.1% among those who used more than three years. Out of twenty categories of users across five non-marijuana drugs, the only addiction rate that comes close is the 11% rate among teenage prescription drug misusers who used less than a year. Marijuana addiction rates were higher than all prescription drug misusers for those who used more than a year.

The release of this study comes at a cru-

cial time, as lawmakers in five states (New Hampshire, Hawaii, Maryland, Wyoming, and North Dakota) have all rejected efforts to legalize the substance in recent days. However, lawmakers in New York and New Mexico will vote within days of this study’s publication on bills to commercialize marijuana and essentially endorse its use.

SAM Press Release, March 29, 2021

BREAKING: New Study Finds Youth Marijuana Addiction Rate Double Rate of Alcohol & Other Substance Use Disorders. D.A.R.E. America. (n.d.). <https://dare.org/breaking-new-study-finds-youth-marijuana-addiction-rate-double-rate-of-alcohol-other-substance-use-disorders/>.

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# Substantial Prison Terms Imposed for Fentanyl Distributors

## Phoenix Based Sources of Supply Sentenced in Federal Court

SPOKANE, Wash. - Josue Medina-Perez, age 24 and Francisco Delgado, age 35, both from Phoenix, Arizona, were sentenced March 17, 2021, after admitting to being members of a drug trafficking organization responsible for trafficking fentanyl-laced pills into the Eastern District of Washington. They each pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl. Senior United States District Judge Edward Shea sentenced Josue Medina to a 96-month term of imprisonment, to be followed by a 5-year term of court supervision after release from federal prison and Francisco Delgado to a 10-year term of imprisonment, to be followed by a 4-year term of court supervision after release from federal prison.

According to information disclosed during court proceedings, Medina-Perez and Delgado were identified as members of a drug trafficking organization tied directly to Sinaloa Mexico, operating in the Phoenix, Arizona area. Medina-Perez and Delgado were identified as one of the first major sources of fentanyl-laced pills in Eastern Washington and were responsible for transporting and distributing

more than 5,000 to 10,000 pills per week beginning in 2017. These fentanyl-laced pills are made to appear to be prescription medication. Fentanyl, an extremely potent opioid, is largely responsible for the marked increase in drug overdoses and deaths in Eastern Washington. As Judge Shea noted during the sentencing hearing, fentanyl is the most dangerous and insidious drug facing our community today and, based upon the quantity of pills sold by Medina-Perez and Delgado and their negative impact on this community, these lengthy sentences were appropriate.

Today's enforcement action is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation. The OCDETF program provides supplemental federal funding to the federal and state agencies involved in the investigation of drug-related crimes. This OCDETF investigation is being conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

This case was investigated by the Spokane Resident Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration in partnership

with the Kennewick, Pasco and Richland Police Departments.

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# The Role and Preparation of School Resource Officers

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By Ashley M. Frazier

There is an opportunity for law enforcement and schools to partner in a way that elevates both institutions and is potentially transformative in building trust and cooperation between community members.

If school communities decide that having law enforcement on site is right for their children, then they must select school resource officers (SROs) carefully and ensure that they are rigorously prepared. They should be socialized into the school culture, as a member of the educational team, in the same way as other staff members. Just as classroom teachers, special educators, school counselors, and occupational and speech therapists come from different disciplinary training programs and coalesce into collaborative teams that forge a shared vocabulary and best practices for their unique context, SROs need to be deeply included to be effective in their positions.

SRO responsibilities should be driven by the social-emotional lives of students, focused on supporting children and adolescents in developing skills in problem-solving, decision making, goal setting, resilience, and emotional regulation. SROs should engage, affirm, and nurture students, acting as a teacher and guide, and not in a disciplinary capacity. The nature of their law enforcement training means the SRO is uniquely prepared to plan for and maintain student safety in the face of external threats. An effective SRO also will recognize that the most effective way to protect students is to prepare them to assess and manage their own bodies and lives successfully.

The D.A.R.E. program was established in 1983. It is motivated by a vision in which students are empowered to respect others and to lead lives

free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. Thousands of certified officer-instructors in tens of thousands of classrooms throughout the U.S. and around the world implement the D.A.R.E. curricula to teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives.

While many D.A.R.E. officers are SROs, and many SROs are D.A.R.E. officers, they are each a distinct position from the other. There is significant overlap in the selection, competencies, and training needed to succeed in either role. In that spirit, we offer some of the strategies that have helped D.A.R.E. officers successfully partner with schools for over 35 years.

## Clearly defined role

The role of the SRO must be clearly defined in a contract between the school and law enforcement agency so that everyone is on the same page about what the officer is trained and expected to do in the school. This should be determined by schools and their communities, informed by district and state guidance and national organizations.

The role of an SRO includes functions such as teacher, mentor/guide, and law enforcement. While the law enforcement role will be most familiar to the officer and others, it is also the one that has drawn the most concern from the public. This role requires clear communication about how it will be realized on the school campus. It is important that the distinction between enforcing laws and enforcing school rules in a disciplinary role is apparent to both school and law enforcement personnel.



The teacher and mentor/guide roles may be less familiar and require training, however they are full of potential. A well-implemented SRO program can provide opportunities to build positive, healing relationships among law enforcement and the young people, families, and school personnel. Each gets to see and know the other in a routine, supportive environment. The lines of communication that can prevent an adverse health, safety, or security event are developed over time when students and law enforcement officers are in contact often enough to form a trusting relationship that encourages safe and timely sharing of information.

The SRO should be included as a full member of the educational team. There are many “all hands on deck” opportunities during the school year. The SRO belongs there with everyone else, on the duty chart, at staff assemblies, team-building activities, and meetings. They should attend in-service training and professional development, pitching in with school events and projects. It may be appropriate to include the SRO in IEP/BIP conferencing.

Additionally, there should be a clear expectation that the SRO will engage and interact with students throughout the school day in multiple contexts. These may include informal morning or afternoon greetings, casual conver-

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sation in the cafeteria or recreational space, and more formal classroom visits to lead discussion and activities about relevant health and safety topics. The mentorship and guidance role can only come to life through consistent positive contact.

A rigorous process must be in place for recruiting and selecting qualified and appropriate SRO candidates who are good fits for the school culture and climate, and who are well-suited for the specific role that the school community has defined for the SRO.

### **Comprehensive and continual training**

SRO training must be robust, comprehensive, and ongoing, preparing officers for the range of knowledge they will need to effectively meet the expectations of their school community. In preparing for the SRO role, officers should learn about child development, including specialized training in the development and education of students with disabilities. They should learn classroom management skills, positive behavioral intervention, conflict de-escalation, restorative practices, and culturally responsive education. Training should include information about student rights and the responsibilities of educational institutions.

An SRO should receive the same on-

boarding and professional development that other school personnel receive to familiarize them with the policies, procedures, and processes of their school community. They should have intimate knowledge of their school's approach to promoting safe and pro-social behavior, as well as accommodations, plans, and strategies that are used to individualize approaches to specific cases and contexts.

Beyond these basic knowledge and skills required for the SRO to function competently in a school setting, they should develop specific areas of expertise as a resource to the school community. To perform exceptionally in their work, the SRO should know about effective health promotion and prevention science. Many SROs deliver school programming related to life skills, decision making, and safety. Effective prevention is an ongoing, multi-level, skills-building effort, and certification in comprehensive programming such as D.A.R.E. can provide the SRO with a high level of proficiency and a library of evidence-informed curricular materials that will allow a customized approach suitable to the needs of their community.

Law enforcement officers are professional crisis responders. They can provide leadership in times of crisis, and in preparing school safety and security plans. While they should be chosen

for their potential to enhance a school community, robust and ongoing training is critical, and only by participating as a full member of the educational team will they ultimately succeed.

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# Using the Strategic Prevention Framework to Prevent Drug Misuse Among College Students

SPOKANE, Wash. - Josue Medina-Pe

The Strategic Prevention Framework has lasted the test of time. It forces your program to be purposeful, strategic, and intentional. Working through the SPF helps you make decisions based on data and evidence-based practice. I may be doing something different than you are but that's because my data is different. My prevention program won't look exactly like yours and that's okay.

—Fran Harding, former Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Imagine a night on your campus at the beginning of the academic year. The late summer heat still hangs in air, and students are not yet busy with homework and tests. Some students are having a party in a residence hall room, and at that party, a student overdoses and dies. 23 Prevention with Purpose: A Strategic Planning Guide for Preventing Drug Misuse among College Students

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Imagine a night on your campus at the beginning of the academic year. The late summer heat still hangs in air, and students are not yet busy with homework and tests. Some students are having a party in a residence hall room, and at that party, a student overdoses and dies.

It is not an understatement to say that this situation is a nightmare for college and university administrators. As health and wellness professionals, losing a student to overdose is our worst fear, compounded by the almost immediate slide into a difficult cascade of events. From the horror of telling parents their child has died to the immediate spotlight of negative media attention on your campus to addressing

the confusion and distress of your student body after the loss of one of their own, a student death from drugs or alcohol affects the whole campus environment.

Yet in the face of these actions, most best practice documents aimed at higher education professionals provide tips for how to navigate the immediate aftermath of the tragedy. They advise administrators and faculty on how to help students who may be traumatized by the death, whether or not to cancel classes, and how to formulate a media strategy that includes talking points for local and national outlets.

For those of us involved in substance misuse prevention and health promotion, this narrow focus on the tragedy itself can feel jarring. After all, we know that most student deaths from drug and alcohol overdoses aren't one-of events. We know the role that environment plays in behavior, and those of us who have been on campus for a while have some idea of where "problem" substance misuse behaviors occur with regularity, whether it's a certain residence hall, an off-campus street, a fraternity and sorority residence, or a specific athletic team or social group. Most of us yearn to understand more about why and how this could have happened.

However, in the aftermath of a tragedy like this, we are usually asked by administrators to *do something* to make sure it doesn't happen again: buy an online drug education program, give a talk in a residence hall, or create an ad campaign about the dangers of a drug.

And although we know there must be a more measured and intentional method to address the underlying alcohol or other drug issue on campus, it can also feel impossible to slow the momentum and reassure worried administrators and parents. This is where the SPF can be useful in shifting the conversation.

**Strategic Prevention Framework**

Developed by SAMHSA in 2004, the SPF is a five-step process that provides a method to design and deliver a culturally appropriate, effective, and sustainable prevention program.

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**Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)**

**Rather than jumping to a solution for a substance misuse issue, the SPF guides prevention practitioners through a process that answers the following questions:**

**What is the problem?**

**What do I have to work with?**

**What should I do, and how should I do it?**

**How can I put my plan into action?**

**Is my plan succeeding?**

In answering these questions, prevention practitioners gain a deeper understanding of the complexities that underlie substance misuse issues, from individual risk factors to environments where misuse is more likely to occur. More importantly, the SPF provides a method to build support and foster common understanding in a community on the reasons why substance misuse issues are occurring and how best to address them while considering the unique characteristics of the community.

**Figure 3. Strategic Prevention Framework**

**The five questions listed above relate to the five steps of the SPF, which will be detailed in individual chapters in the**



**guide:**

**STEP 1: Assessment.** Identify local prevention needs based on data. **Related question: What is the problem?**

**STEP 2: Capacity.** Build local resources and readiness to address prevention needs. **Related question: What do I have to work with?**

**STEP 3: Planning.** Find out what works to address prevention needs and how to do it well. **Related question: What should I do, and how should I do it?**

**STEP 4: Implementation.** Deliver evidence-based interventions as needed. **Related question: How can I put my plan into action?**

**STEP 5: Evaluation.** Examine the process and outcomes of interventions. **Related question: Is my plan succeeding?**

## Sustainability and Cultural Competence Assessment

### Capacity

### Planning

### Implementation

### Evaluation

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All of the steps are guided by two central principles—cultural competence and sustainability—which should be integrated into each step of the SPF.

### Cultural Competence

Cultural competence describes the ability of an individual or organization to interact effectively with members of diverse population groups. At a college or university, this means understanding that specific student communities on your campus may have very different ways of thinking about and understanding a substance misuse issue. For example:

Consider the terms and phrases used by a student community when discussing substance misuse problems and related behaviors.

Look for prevention interventions that

have been developed for and evaluated with an audience similar to your student population.

Develop case examples that reflect students' life experiences to supplement an intervention that is already underway.

Conduct follow-up interviews with students to understand program evaluation findings.

At every step of the SPF, remember to consider the campus culture as a whole, as well as the specific student communities within the campus, to ensure that diverse members on your campus actively participate in, feel comfortable with, and benefit from your prevention practices.

One way to work toward cultural competence is to practice cultural humility,<sup>78</sup> or the active practice of dismantling the biases and beliefs that we, as individuals, bring to our work with students and student groups on our campuses. Practicing cultural humility also means taking a close look at the historical biases and belief systems that operate on our campuses and working to dismantle those systems as well. For example, when working with fraternity or sorority students, our interactions are influenced by our own experiences, whether positive, negative, or neutral, with these groups. They are also affected by the cultural history and perceived value of fraternity and sorority groups on our campus. Cultural humility refers to a process of both personal and institutional self-reflection and self-exploration to ensure that we are learning from others rather than assuming or ascribing beliefs or values to individuals or groups.

The following questions will help you start to think through your educational history and biases and allow you to work toward dismantling them: 26 Check In: How I Let Go of Preconceptions About a Student Group in my Prevention Work

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### Check In: How I Let Go of Preconceptions About a Student Group in my Prevention Work

As health and wellness professionals on college campuses, many of you are typically master's or doctoral-level educated.

Plainly stated: You have attended many years of school. After so much schooling, it's likely that you have ideas or beliefs about certain groups of students on campus.

To do effective prevention, however, you must start as close as you can with a blank slate and use hard data and objective evidence to drive your strategic planning.

The following questions will help you start to think through your educational history and biases and allow you to work toward dismantling them:

How is the campus I work at different from my own undergraduate institution? Which type of institution is "better" or "worse"? How did I determine that?

How do I feel about students who join fraternities and sororities? What is the value of these groups on a college campus? How do I know that? What personal interactions have I had with students in fraternities and sororities?

How do I feel about student athletes? How are athletes at large Division I schools different from athletes at smaller Division III programs? Where did these beliefs come from? What personal interactions have I had with student athletes?

How do I feel about students who experiment with drugs? What types of students participate in that culture? How do I know that? How do my own experiences with drug use (or lack of drug use) affect how I see these students?

Use these questions as a check-in when you find yourself drawing conclusions or making judgments about a student group or population. Work hard to take yourself and your beliefs out of your prevention planning.

### Sustainability

Equally important is the concept of sustainability, or the process of building an adaptive and effective system that achieves and maintains desired long-term results. To break the cycle of one-of programs and campaigns on your campus, you must do the following:

**Think about sustainability from the beginning.** Build community support, show results, and secure continued funding for prevention efforts.



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**Identify diverse resources.** Look for people, partnerships, and materials to support prevention in unexpected places.

**Invest in capacity.** Find ways to teach others how to assess needs, plan, and deliver interventions.

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**Build ownership among stakeholders.** Communicate and connect with people on your campus. The more you inform and involve people, the more likely they will be to help sustain prevention efforts.

**Identify program champions.** Find individuals committed to substance misuse prevention. These people will be your program champions. Understand that some people are more excited about prevention—and more influential on your campus—than others.

**Track and tout outcomes.** Use strong evaluation methods to help you determine, and communicate to others, which prevention efforts are worth sustaining.

### Characteristics of the SPF

The SPF is a dynamic and iterative process that encourages practitioners to go forward and backward in the steps as a part of planning. For example, if an intervention that is ready to launch doesn't have the support it needs from a key campus group, don't be afraid to go back and build capacity and buy-in.

The SPF is also data driven, which undergirds everything from understanding the scope of a substance misuse issue to selecting an evidence-based intervention that is appropriate for your student population. As those of us who have worked on college campuses can attest, different years mean different issues with substance misuse: One year, students may report increasing use of e-cigarettes, while the next year, nonmedical use of prescription stimulants may be on the rise. Prioritizing data at every step of your prevention planning is the only way to know the extent of your

campus's substance misuse issues and how to best address them.

Finally, the SPF is a team-driven approach, which may come as a relief for the vast majority of you on campus who do substance misuse prevention on your own. Every step of the SPF benefits from and relies on participation from a diverse cross-section of your campus population. These players may change and move in and out of your prevention programming process as your campus's needs change.

The rest of this guide details each step of the SPF, complete with interactive worksheets and stories from other prevention practitioners on campus who have done similar work.

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# 11 Inspirational Quotes to Boost Police Morale in Trying Times

Patrol • April 17, 2020  
• by Doug Wyllie •

Amid this current pandemic of COVID-19—also known as coronavirus—police across the country are being pressed to their limit. Morale is tanking and the stresses of the job are ever-increasing.

In recent weeks in this space, I've posted some practical tactics to keep safe while on patrol such as wearing a mask—rated to N95 or higher—and keeping a good supply of disposable gloves at your immediate disposal. Wash your hands and disinfect your patrol vehicle.

This week in this space, I want to do something a little different. I want to provide you with some inspirational quotes to help you muddle through these troubling and trying times. I'll also add my interpretation of the quotes as they related to law enforcement.

**“Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid.” —President Ronald Reagan**

Indisputably the greatest president of my lifetime, Ronald Reagan was imminently quotable, but this one is probably my favorites. Bravery in the face of evil is what American cops exhibit every single day. I'll modify this great quote somewhat by saying that bravery is not the absence of fear, but resilience despite that fear.

**“The police are the public, and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.” —Robert Peel**

In 1829, Sir Robert Peel established the London Metropolitan Police Force and became known as the “Father of Modern Policing.” He produced a list of guiding principles that remain as valid today as when they were written two centuries ago.

**“Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.” —Publilius Syrus**

The seas these days are anything but calm—in some places the waters are downright angry—but those police leaders who hold the helm must keep the ship righted, its crew safe and well cared for, and working together to move the vessel steadily on in the desired direction. The seas will calm once again, but for now the sailing is going to be difficult.

**“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” —Maya Angelou**

Police officers have the unique opportunity—and ability—to return some sense of dignity to victims of crime, and even can restore a person who is accused of the crime by treating them with respect. You don't have to respect the person's actions—in fact you probably find those actions reprehensible—but remember the power of unconditional respect, taught in the book of that same name.

**“Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they shall be called the children of God.” —Matthew 5:9**

This one is self-explanatory. I'm pretty sure that most officers—whether or not they are particularly religious—believe this to be true. Officers put themselves in harm's way every day in the pursuit of justice and the protection of the innocent from those who would hurt or even kill them. For this they are rarely shown gratitude—in fact they are frequently ridiculed for their virtuous acts. But God knows that what you do for your communities is laudable and necessary work. You will be rewarded in Heaven.

**“When you think about quitting, remember why you started.” —Unknown**

It's tough to be a cop. It's always been

tough, but these days it's even more difficult. It's easy get down and think about a different career—something in business or education or a variety of other vocations. For some, pulling the pin is the right thing to do, but for most officers, staying on the job is the only possible path.

**“People sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.” —George Orwell**

Every cop in America knows this quote. The emblem of the thin blue line shows just how seriously police officers take this heavy responsibility in service of their community. Whether you're working nights, days, or mids, you are the rough men and women who allow the community to rest well in their beds.

**“Hire character. Train skill.” —Peter Schutz**

The former CEO of Porsche gave this advice as his company was developing high-end sports cars such as the venerable classic Porsche 911.

With agencies across the country facing a staffing crisis, there has been talk in some circles about lowering hiring standards. For myriad reasons, this is a sub-optimal short-term solution to what really is a long-term problem. Police departments should continue to hire individuals of the highest possible character, so that young people look at the police in their cities and towns and say, “I want to be like that.”

**“I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to make the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.” —Michael Jordan**

In law enforcement so many things can—and regularly do—go wrong, and yet police officers press on in their

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mission to serve and protect. Cases get tossed, criminals walk free, victims are re-victimized, and yet every day, police set out on the streets in a constant effort to keep their communities safe. Rarely are they thanked for their efforts. They seek not thanks nor praise, but the feeling of achievement from a job.

**“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” —Winston Churchill**

Police leaders routinely must stand at a podium and give briefings on a host of issues from police shootings to missing children. They get pretty good at standing up and talking, but it’s equally important to sit down and listen. Police leaders routinely attend community meetings where they sit and listen and answer questions from concerned citizens.

**“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” —Henry Ford**

These are trying times indeed—the Coronavirus outbreak has had significant impact on agency staffing and officer health. Officers have been sent home to quarantine while the remaining members of the department are stretched very thin. The streets are largely desolate, but criminals are becoming emboldened to commit property crimes, racing into and out of grocery markets and retail stores

and helping themselves to whatever they please, knowing that there will be no consequences for their crimes.

Officers across the country are dealing with a massive uptick in property crimes, domestic violence calls, and in some cases enforcement of “stay-at-home” orders. You’re doing all this even as staffing shortages worsen with infected officers at home in quarantine. But we as a nation will eventually get through this, and we’ll take flight once more.

### **Final Words**

These are difficult days. I hope these quotes help you keep your head up—and on a swivel—while working the streets. Add one—or more—of your favorite quotes in the comments below.

Be well and be safe out there.

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### WHAT TO DO

- If your child is missing from home, search through
- » closets
  - » piles of laundry
  - » in and under beds
  - » inside large appliances
  - » vehicles—including trunks
  - » and anywhere else that a child may crawl or hide



Immediately call your local law-enforcement agency and provide them with your up-to-date Child ID Kit.



After you have reported your child missing to law enforcement, call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® at 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678).

If your computer is equipped with a microphone and speakers, you may talk to one of our Hotline operators via [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) online.

Learn more about this child ID kit at [www.missingkids.com/childid](http://www.missingkids.com/childid)



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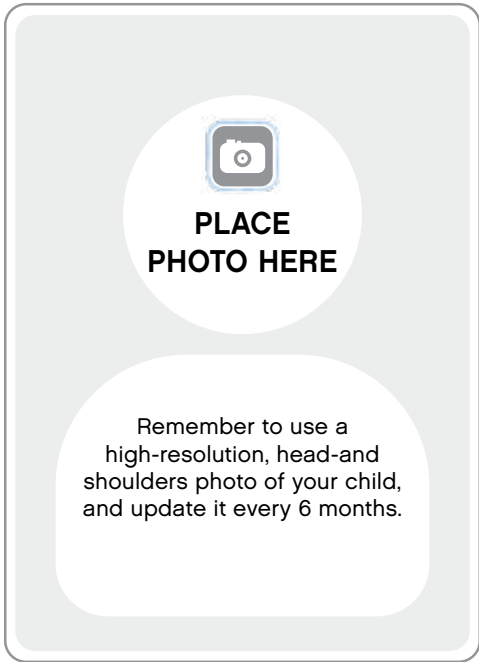
### HOW TO USE THIS KIT



When recovering a missing child, the most important tools for law enforcement are an up-to-date, quality photograph and descriptive information. Complete this Child ID Kit by attaching a recent photograph of your child and listing all identifying and medical information. Update the photograph and information every 6 months, and keep the Kit in a secure, accessible location.







## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province/Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sex: Female  Male

Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Height	Weight	Date



## DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

My child wears or has:

Glasses  Contacts  Braces  Birthmarks  Piercings  Tattoos

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First/Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_



## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_



Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Office #: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FINGERPRINTS

Fingerprints are critical to a complete child identification record and should be taken by trained individuals, such as law-enforcement personnel.

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# MEMORIAL SECTION



**Sergeant Gordon William Best**  
North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety, SC  
EOW: Friday, January 1, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



**Master Corporal Brian Roy LaVigne**  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Monday, January 11, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



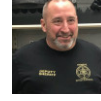
**Police Officer Jerry Steven Hemphill**  
Lanier Technical College Police Department, GA  
EOW: Saturday, January 16, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



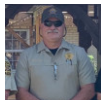
**Sergeant Daniel Marcus Mobley**  
DeKalb County Police Department, GA  
EOW: Saturday, January 2, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



**Agent Luis A. Marrero-Díaz**  
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR  
EOW: Monday, January 11, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Sergeant Edward John Marcurella, Jr.**  
Colleton County Sheriff's Office, SC  
EOW: Saturday, January 16, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Lieutenant Jeff Bain**  
DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, AL  
EOW: Sunday, January 3, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



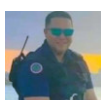
**Agent Luis X. Salamán-Conde**  
Carolina Municipal Police Department, PR  
EOW: Monday, January 11, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Lieutenant John Reynolds**  
Garden Grove Police Department, CA  
EOW: Sunday, January 17, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Howell**  
Henry County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Sunday, January 3, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Agent Eliezer Hernández-Cartagena**  
Carolina Municipal Police Department, PR  
EOW: Monday, January 11, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



**Corrections Officer Joseph A. Martini**  
Ulster County Sheriff's Office, NY  
EOW: Sunday, January 17, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Sergeant Randall Sims**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice -  
Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Sunday, January 3, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



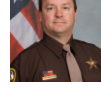
**Police Officer Melton 'Fox' Gore**  
Horry County Police Department, SC  
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Cause: Struck by vehicle



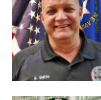
**Deputy Sheriff Adam Gibson**  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, CA  
EOW: Monday, January 18, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Deputy Sheriff Jonathan David Price**  
Marion County Sheriff's Office, SC  
EOW: Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



**Sergeant Frederick H. 'Butch' Cameron**  
Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, VA  
EOW: Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Court Bailiff Gerald 'Bear' Smith**  
Pahrump Justice Court, NV  
EOW: Monday, January 18, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Police Officer Jay Hughes**  
Kalispel Tribal Police Department, TR  
EOW: Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



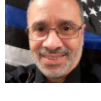
**Detective Sergeant Stephen R. Desfosses**  
Norton Police Department, MA  
EOW: Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Police Officer Brandon M. Stalker**  
Toledo Police Department, OH  
EOW: Monday, January 18, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



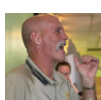
**Officer Brian David Sicknick**  
United States Capitol Police, US  
EOW: Thursday, January 7, 2021  
Cause: Duty related illness



**Police Officer Hector Moya**  
Newark Police Department, NJ  
EOW: Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Warrants Officer Toby Keiser**  
Knox County Sheriff's Office, TN  
EOW: Monday, January 18, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Sergeant David G. Crumpler**  
Henry County Police Department, GA  
EOW: Thursday, January 7, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Chief of Police Tony M. Jordan**  
Middleburg Borough Police Department, PA  
EOW: Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Jacinto R. Navarro, Jr.**  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**First Sergeant Timothy Lee Howell**  
North Carolina Highway Patrol, NC  
EOW: Thursday, January 7, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



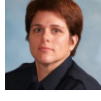
**Police Officer Joseph Henry Montgomery**  
Arizona State University Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Thursday, January 14, 2021  
Cause: Motorcycle crash



**Officer Byron Don Shields**  
United States Department of Homeland  
Security - Customs and Border Protection -  
Office of Field Operations, US  
EOW: Wednesday, January 20, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Lieutenant William Lyle Gardner**  
Denver City Police Department, TX  
EOW: Thursday, January 7, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



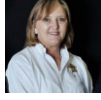
**Corporal Christine Peters**  
Greenbelt Police Department, MD  
EOW: Thursday, January 14, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



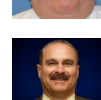
**Lieutenant Robert Van Zeyl**  
Suffolk County Police Department, NY  
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Cause: COVID19



**Conservation Officer Steven Reighard**  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources, IA  
EOW: Friday, January 8, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



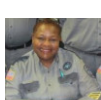
**Constable Sherry Kay Langford**  
Henderson County Constable's Office -  
Precinct 1, TX  
EOW: Thursday, January 14, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



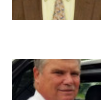
**Lieutenant Frank Arnold**  
California Department of Developmental  
Services - Office of Protective Services, CA  
EOW: Friday, January 22, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Police Officer Arturo Villegas**  
Alamo Police Department, GA  
EOW: Sunday, January 10, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Lieutenant Treva Preston**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice -  
Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Friday, January 15, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



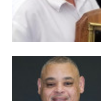
**Special Agent Wayne Douglas Snyder**  
Georgia Department of Corrections, GA  
EOW: Saturday, January 23, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Police Officer Tyler Britt**  
Chandler Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Monday, January 11, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Corrections Officer IV Alfred Jimenez**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice -  
Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Friday, January 15, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Captain Michael D'Angelo Garigan**  
Gordon County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Sunday, January 24, 2021  
Cause: COVID19







**Lieutenant Juan Rafael Rivera-Padua**  
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR  
EOW: Sunday, January 24, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Agent Juan Rosado-López**  
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR  
EOW: Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



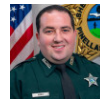
**Sergeant Richard Paul Brown**  
Fresno Police Department, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff II Frank Gonzalez Holguin, III**  
Tulare County Sheriff's Office, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, January 27, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Patrolman Darian Jarrott**  
New Mexico State Police, NM  
EOW: Thursday, February 4, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Deputy Sheriff Michael Magli**  
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



**Auxiliary Sergeant Louis M. Livatino**  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Wednesday, January 27, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Detective Pedro Junior 'Pete' Mejia**  
Pasadena Police Department, TX  
EOW: Saturday, February 6, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



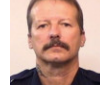
**Police Officer Horacio Dominguez**  
Micosaukee Tribal Police Department, TR  
EOW: Sunday, February 21, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



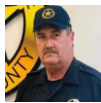
**Director of Field Operations Beverly Good**  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
- Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations, US  
EOW: Thursday, January 28, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Officer Cesar Dangan Sibonga**  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
- Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations, US  
EOW: Sunday, February 7, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Lieutenant Eugene Lasco**  
Indiana Department of Correction, IN  
EOW: Sunday, February 21, 2021  
Cause: Stabbed



**Sergeant Tommy W. Cudd**  
Union County Sheriff's Office, SC  
EOW: Thursday, January 28, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



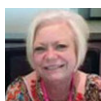
**Deputy Sheriff Ross Dixon**  
Cambria County Sheriff's Office, PA  
EOW: Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore**  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks and Watercraft, OH  
EOW: Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
Cause: Duty related illness



**Sergeant Jeffery Robert Smith**  
Berry College Police Department, GA  
EOW: Friday, January 29, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



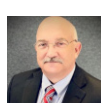
**Corrections Officer IV Vicky James**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Parole Officer Troy K. Morin**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Parole Division, TX  
EOW: Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Special Agent Robert Allan Mayer, Jr.**  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
- Customs and Border Protection - Office of Professional Responsibility, US  
EOW: Saturday, January 30, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Investigator Eddie B. Hutchison, III**  
Walker County Criminal District Attorney's Office, TX  
EOW: Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Officer Carlos Mendoza**  
United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations, US  
EOW: Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Sergeant William Brautigam**  
New York City Police Department, NY  
EOW: Sunday, January 31, 2021  
Cause: 9/11 related illness



**Special Deputy Marshal Hugh Boyd Bennett**  
United States Department of Justice - United States Marshals Service, US  
EOW: Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Thomas Albanese**  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, CA  
EOW: Thursday, February 25, 2021  
Cause: Motorcycle crash



**Correctional Officer Juan Llanes**  
Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, FL  
EOW: Monday, February 1, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Chief of Police Timothy John Sheehan**  
California Borough Police Department, PA  
EOW: Thursday, February 11, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



**Reserve Deputy Constable Martinus Mitchum**  
Second City Court of New Orleans Constable's Office, LA  
EOW: Friday, February 26, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Sergeant Grace A. Bellamy**  
Georgia Department of Corrections, GA  
EOW: Monday, February 1, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Donald Raymond Gilreath, III**  
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, OH  
EOW: Friday, February 12, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



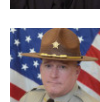
**Police Officer Dominic Jared Winum**  
Stanley Police Department, VA  
EOW: Friday, February 26, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



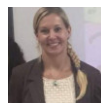
**Lieutenant Michael Boutte**  
Hancock County Sheriff's Office, MS  
EOW: Monday, February 1, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Police Officer Mitchell Penton**  
Dallas Police Department, TX  
EOW: Saturday, February 13, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



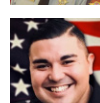
**Captain Justin Williams Bedwell**  
Decatur County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Monday, March 1, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



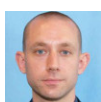
**Special Agent Laura Ann Schwartzenberger**  
United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation, US  
EOW: Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



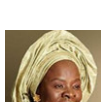
**Officer Genaro Guerrero**  
United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations, US  
EOW: Monday, February 15, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Police Officer II Jose Anzora**  
Los Angeles Police Department, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



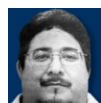
**Special Agent Daniel Alfin**  
United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation, US  
EOW: Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



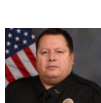
**Corrections Officer IV Tawiwo Obele**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Corrections Officer III Tracey Adams**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Saturday, March 6, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



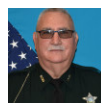
**Detention Officer Robert Perez**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office, TX  
EOW: Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Major Estaban 'Stevie' Ramirez, III**  
Bell County Sheriff's Office, TX  
EOW: Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



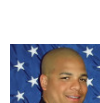
**Officer Crispin San Juan San Jose**  
United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations, US  
EOW: Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Jack Edward Gwynes**  
Nassau County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



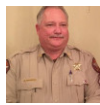
**Deputy Constable Manuel Phillippe De La Rosa**  
Hays County Constable's Office - Precinct 2, TX  
EOW: Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Officer Jesse Madsen**  
Tampa Police Department, FL  
EOW: Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault







**Sergeant Barry Edwin Henderson**  
Polk County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Corrections Officer Luis Arturo Hernandez, Sr.**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice -  
Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Wednesday, March 31, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



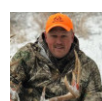
**Corporal Keith Heacock**  
Delmar Police Department, DE  
EOW: Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
Cause: Assault



**Deputy Sheriff Stanley "Allen" Burdic**  
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, OR  
EOW: Thursday, March 11, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Police Officer William Evans**  
United States Capitol Police, US  
EOW: Friday, April 2, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



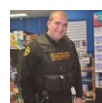
**Sergeant Chris Ward**  
Watauga County Sheriff's Office, NC  
EOW: Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



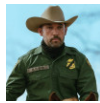
**Police Officer Gary Hibbs**  
Chicago Heights Police Department, IL  
EOW: Friday, March 12, 2021  
Cause: Assault



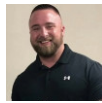
**Lieutenant James Kouski**  
Hometown Police Department, IL  
EOW: Saturday, April 3, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



**Deputy Sheriff Logan Fox**  
Watauga County Sheriff's Office, NC  
EOW: Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



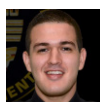
**Border Patrol Agent Alejandro Flores-Bañuelos**  
United States Department of Homeland  
Security - Customs and Border Protection -  
United States Border Patrol, US  
EOW: Monday, March 15, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



**Police Officer Brent Nelson Hall**  
Newton Grove Police Department, NC  
EOW: Saturday, April 3, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



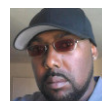
**Police Officer Christopher Farrar**  
Chandler Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Friday, April 30, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



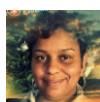
**Police Officer Kevin Valencia**  
Orlando Police Department, FL  
EOW: Monday, March 15, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Deputy Sheriff Joseph Brandon Gore**  
Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, NC  
EOW: Saturday, April 3, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Detention Services Officer Michael Wall**  
Los Angeles County Probation Department, CA  
EOW: Friday, April 30, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



**Sergeant LaShonda Owens**  
Northampton County Sheriff's Office, NC  
EOW: Thursday, March 18, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Christopher Wilson Knight**  
Bibb County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
Cause: Stabbed



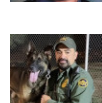
**Sergeant John Burrig**  
Oregon State Police, OR  
EOW: Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



**Police Officer Matt North**  
Bemice Police Department, OK  
EOW: Saturday, March 20, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



**Sergeant James K. Smith**  
Iowa State Patrol, IA  
EOW: Friday, April 9, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Border Patrol Agent Freddie Vasquez**  
United States Department of Homeland  
Security - Customs and Border Protection -  
United States Border Patrol, US  
EOW: Saturday, May 8, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Police Officer Eric Talley**  
Boulder Police Department, CO  
EOW: Monday, March 22, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



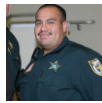
**Deputy Sheriff Thomas Patrick Barnes**  
Jefferson Davis County Sheriff's Department, MS  
EOW: Saturday, April 10, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



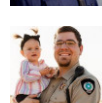
**Detective Luca Benedetti**  
San Luis Obispo Police Department, CA  
EOW: Monday, May 10, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



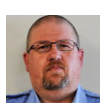
**Chief of Police Fred Alan Posavetz**  
Clinton Township Police Department, MI  
EOW: Monday, March 22, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Carlos Antonio Hernandez**  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Sunday, April 11, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Deputy Sheriff Samuel Alexander Leonard**  
Concho County Sheriff's Office, TX  
EOW: Monday, May 10, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Correctional Officer Robert McFarland**  
Iowa Department of Corrections, IA  
EOW: Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
Cause: Assault



**Border Patrol Agent Christopher Shane Simpkins**  
United States Department of Homeland Security -  
Customs and Border Protection -  
United States Border Patrol, US  
EOW: Monday, April 12, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Sergeant Stephen Jones**  
Concho County Sheriff's Office, TX  
EOW: Monday, May 10, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



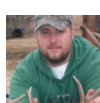
**Senior Master Trooper Todd A. Hanneken**  
Illinois State Police, IL  
EOW: Thursday, March 25, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



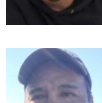
**Detention Deputy Mark Edward Anderson**  
Olmsted County Sheriff's Office, MN  
EOW: Thursday, April 15, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



**Police Officer Jimmy Inn**  
Stockton Police Department, CA  
EOW: Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Corporal Kyle Jeffrey Davis**  
Washington County Sheriff's Office, OK  
EOW: Thursday, March 25, 2021  
Cause: Assault



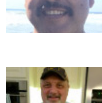
**Corrections Officer Jimmy Garcia**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice -  
Correctional Institutions Division, TX  
EOW: Thursday, April 15, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



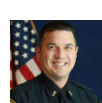
**Deputy Sheriff James Herrera**  
Denver Sheriff's Department, CO  
EOW: Sunday, May 16, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



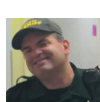
**Trooper Joseph Gallagher**  
New York State Police, NY  
EOW: Friday, March 26, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



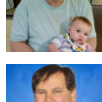
**Police Officer David Parde**  
Lexington Police Department, NC  
EOW: Saturday, April 17, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



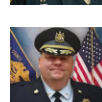
**Lieutenant Adam Gustafson**  
West Fargo Police Department, ND  
EOW: Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



**Sergeant Shane Owens**  
Broward County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Saturday, March 27, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



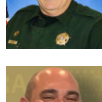
**Deputy Sheriff Terry Dyer**  
Madison County Sheriff's Office, TN  
EOW: Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
Cause: Heart attack



**Superintendent Scott D. "Slip" Mahoney**  
Delaware County Bureau of Park Police  
and Fire Safety, PA  
EOW: Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



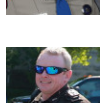
**Trooper Chad Walker**  
Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas  
Highway Patrol, TX  
EOW: Sunday, March 28, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



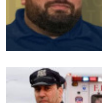
**Deputy Sheriff Alexander Gwosdz**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office, TX  
EOW: Thursday, April 22, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



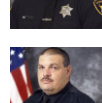
**Police Officer Chris Oberheim**  
Champaign Police Department, IL  
EOW: Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



**Reserve Deputy Sheriff James Driver**  
Monroe County Sheriff's Office, IN  
EOW: Monday, March 29, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



**Police Officer Anastasio Tsakos**  
New York City Police Department, NY  
EOW: Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
Cause: Vehicular assault



**Police Officer Jeremy Brinton**  
Nogales Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Friday, May 21, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle







**Corporal Thomas Wade Frazier**  
Artesia Police Department, NM  
EOW: Friday, May 21, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



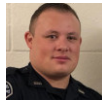
**Police Officer Scotty Triplett**  
Memphis Police Department, TN  
EOW: Saturday, May 22, 2021  
Cause: Motorcycle crash



**Detective Stephen Arnold**  
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, LA  
EOW: Sunday, May 23, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire



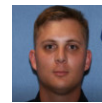
**Conservation Officer Sarah Grell**  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources -  
Enforcement Division, MN  
EOW: Monday, May 24, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash



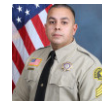
**Deputy Sheriff Daniel "Duke" Trujillo**  
Denver Sheriff's Department, CO  
EOW: Wednesday, May 26, 2021  
Cause: COVID19



**Trooper John Harris**  
Mississippi Department of Public Safety -  
Mississippi Highway Patrol, MS  
EOW: Friday, May 28, 2021  
Cause: Struck by vehicle

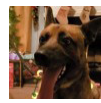


**Police Officer Ginarro New**  
Phoenix Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Monday, May 31, 2021  
Cause: Automobile crash

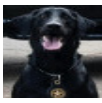


**Sergeant Dominic Vaca**  
San Bernardino County Sheriff's  
Department, CA  
EOW: Monday, May 31, 2021  
Cause: Gunfire

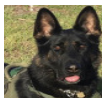
# K9 MEMORIAL



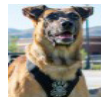
**K9 Thorr**  
Henry County Police Department, GA  
EOW: Thursday, January 9, 2020  
Cause: Automobile crash



**K9 Blue**  
South Carolina Department of Natural  
Resources, SC  
EOW: Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
Cause: Duty related illness



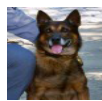
**K9 Chance**  
Homestead Police Department, FL  
EOW: Friday, June 5, 2020  
Cause: Accidental



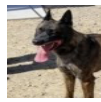
**K9 Hondo**  
Herriman City Police Department, UT  
EOW: Thursday, February 13, 2020  
Cause: Gunfire



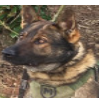
**K9 Django**  
United States Department of Homeland  
Security - Customs and Border Protection -  
United States Border Patrol, US  
Cause: Heatstroke



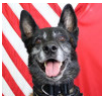
**K9 Rao**  
South Carolina Highway Patrol, SC  
EOW: Wednesday, June 10, 2020  
Cause: Duty related illness



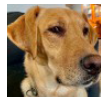
**K9 Ike**  
Maricopa Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Saturday, June 27, 2020  
Cause: Heatstroke



**K9 Roscoe**  
Anderson County Sheriff's Office, SC  
EOW: Wednesday, August 12, 2020  
Cause: Gunfire



**K9 Sjaak**  
La Vergne Police Department, TN  
EOW: Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
Cause: Gunfire



**K9 Leo**  
Wake Forest Police Department, NC  
EOW: Wednesday, July 1, 2020  
Cause: Heatstroke



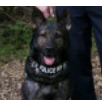
**K9 Ronja**  
Tacoma Police Department, WA  
EOW: Thursday, August 13, 2020  
Cause: Gunfire



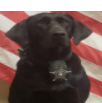
**K9 Titan**  
Johnstown Police Department, PA  
EOW: Sunday, November 22, 2020  
Cause: Fall



**K9 King**  
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, LA  
EOW: Sunday, July 12, 2020  
Cause: Heart attack



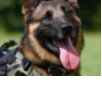
**K9 Atlas**  
Scotts Valley Police Department, CA  
EOW: Friday, August 21, 2020  
Cause: Duty related illness



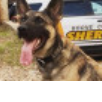
**K9 Cara**  
Staunton Sheriff's Office, VA  
EOW: Monday, December 21, 2020  
Cause: Fall



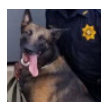
**K9 Bonnie**  
University of Nevada Reno Police  
Department, NV  
EOW: Thursday, July 16, 2020  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



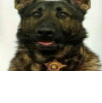
**K9 Blue**  
Gwinnett County Police Department, GA  
EOW: Thursday, September 10, 2020  
Cause: Gunfire



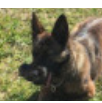
**K9 Loki**  
Boone County Sheriff's Office, IL  
EOW: Sunday, December 27, 2020  
Cause: Vehicular assault



**K9 Bloo**  
DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Tuesday, August 4, 2020  
Cause: Gunfire (Inadvertent)



**K9 Diesel**  
Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, IN  
EOW: Saturday, November 14, 2020  
Cause: Struck by vehicle



**K9 Lyka Lukas**  
United States Department of Homeland  
Security - Federal Protective Service, US  
EOW: Monday, December 28, 2020  
Cause: Fall

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# A POLICEMAN'S PRAYER

Saint Michael, heaven's glorious commissioner of police, who once so neatly and successfully cleared God's premises of all its undesirables, look with kindly and professional eyes on your earthly force.

Give us cool heads, stout hearts, and uncanny flair for investigation and wise judgment.

Make us the terror of burglars, the friend of children and law-abiding citizens, kind to strangers, polite to bores, strict with law-breakers and impervious to temptations.

You know, Saint Michael, from your own experiences with the devil, that the police officer's lot on earth is not always a happy one; but your sense of duty that so pleased God, your hard knocks that so surprised the devil, and your angelic self-control give us inspiration.

And when we lay down our night sticks, enroll us in your heavenly force, where we will be as proud to guard the throne of God as we have been to guard the city of all the people.

Amen.

