

2004 Statistics of Fallen Officers

This is a compilation of statistics based on fallen officers posted on this web site. It is my way of showing you in simplest form the statistics of officers that died in 2004 and were posted on copadorer.com I think everyone should find it informative. Feel free to share it with your particular agencies and departments. God Bless all of our fallen officers and in our hearts they will remain.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Shootings-

- 19 officers died during domestic violence calls
- 12 officers died answering robbery calls
- 9 officers died in an ambush or execution
- 8 officers died serving warrants
- 4 officers died during a traffic stop
- 2 officers died by friendly fire
- 1 officer died of accidental self-inflicted shot

63 officers in total died by gunfire

Motor Vehicle-

- 26 officers died in single car accidents
- 24 officers died in auto accidents involving someone else
- 11 officers died being struck by a drunk driver
- 6 officers died in motorcycle accidents involving someone else
- 2 officers died in single motorcycle accidents
- 1 officer died hitting a deer

70 officers in total died from motor vehicle accidents

Other-

- 8 officers died of heart attacks while assisting
- 2 officers died of heart attacks during training
- 1 officer died of heart attack while on bike duty

11 officers in total died of heart attacks

- 3 officers died of drowning
- 2 officers died in helicopter accidents
- 1 officer died in an airplane accident
- 1 officer died in a fall
- 1 officer died in a gas explosion
- 1 officer died of electrocution
- 1 officer died of a head injury
- 1 officer died of a stabbing
- 1 officer died in a mortar attack

STATES WITH MOST LOSSES

- Texas 19
- California 15
- Florida 12
- New York 10
- Alabama 8
- Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee 7

LENGTH OF TIME ON THE JOB

- 3 years on average - 12 officers died within 3 years of duty
- Shortest time on the job - first shift of first day - Police officer in North Carolina
- Longest time on the job - 40 years - Chief of Police in Pennsylvania
- Under 1 year on the job - 6 officers
- Under 5 years on the job - 39 officers

6 to 10 years on the job - 33 officers
11 to 20 years on the job - 39 officers
21 to 30 years on the job - 19 officers
31 to 40 years on the job - 6 officers
15 officers time on the job is unknown

AGES OF LOST OFFICERS

Average age of a fallen officer - 30 years old
Youngest 20 years old from Florida
Oldest 77 years old from California
Under Age 25 - 6 officers
Age 25 to 30 - 27 officers
Age 31 to 35 - 26 officers
Age 36 to 40 - 28 officers
Age 41 to 50 - 34 officers
Age 51 to 60 - 24 officers
Age 61 to 65 - 2 officers
Over 65 - 5 officers

GENDER OF LOST OFFICERS

Female Officers - 10
Male Officers - 145
*Total Officers listed on memorial page 2004 - 157
Total Officers lost in 2004 - 153
*This does not indicate that every officer we lost in 2004 is listed on the web site -
some of the names listed on the web site were retired or disabled officers that did not die in the Line of
Duty.

CHILDREN OF LOST OFFICERS

219 Children lost parents
2 wives were expecting births
62 known to be daughters
43 known to be sons
This does not include listings where children's ages or gender were not known and its not scientific, only
information I have from postings.

RANKINGS OF LOST OFFICERS

Police Officer - 64
Deputy Sheriff - 32
Captain or Chief of Police - 6
Sheriff - 1
Sergeant - 12
Lieutenant - 4
Highway Patrol - 5
Trooper - 5
Corporal - 3
Reserve Deputy - 4
Detective - 3
Investigator - 2
Marshall - 1
Corrections - 2
Constable - 4
Game & Fish - 2
Border Control - 3
Special Agent - 3
Secret Service - 1

Notes of Interest:

Two officers died of heart attacks within 24 hours of each other while assisting other officers.

North Carolina officer killed on very first shift in auto accident as a passenger.

An officer in Washington D.C. died of a heart attack helping a little girl chase her dog that ran away.

Two officers in separate situations were killed while a robbery was being attempted on them off duty.

An officer died after being in a coma for 19 years after being shot in a burglary call.

An officer had retired but was working one day a week when he was shot by a drunk driver.

A Sheriff was on the scene of an accident involving his secretary's son, who died. The Sheriff then died of a heart attack on the scene witnessing it.