

## **2005 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 2005 and were posted on copadorer.com. Everyone should find it informative. Feel free to share it with your affiliated agencies and departments. God Bless all of our fallen officers and in our hearts they will remain.

### **CAUSE OF DEATH**

#### **Shootings-**

12 officers died during domestic violence calls  
7 officers died answering robbery calls  
3 officers died in an ambush  
3 officers died serving warrants  
14 officers died during a traffic stop  
6 officers were shot accidentally  
6 officers were shot by suspect with their own gun  
2 officers died of accidental self inflicted  
**64 officers in total died by gunfire**

#### **Motor Vehicle-**

15 officers died when they lost control of vehicle  
19 officers died in auto accidents involving someone else  
4 officers died due to road conditions  
12 officers died being ran over by a vehicle  
4 officers died while laying stop sticks  
4 officers died because of a drunk driver  
4 officers died in motorcycle accidents  
**66 officers in total died from motor vehicle accidents**

#### **Heart Attack-**

3 officers died of heart attacks during training  
3 officers died of heart attacks during an assault  
4 officers died of heart attacks assisting another officer  
4 officers died of heart attacks during a foot pursuit  
**14 officers in total died of heart attacks**

#### **Other-**

1 officer died of drowning  
4 officers died in helicopter accidents  
1 officer died in an airplane accident  
1 officer died in an atv accident  
1 officer died being struck by a train  
3 officers died falling off bridges  
1 officer died of a stabbing  
1 officer died of hepatitis C  
2 officers died from cancer  
1 officer died from drinking too much water  
3 officers died of mortar attack in war in Iraq

### **STATES WITH MOST LOSSES**

California 23  
Texas 13  
Georgia 10  
Virginia 9  
Missouri 7

### **LENGTH OF TIME ON THE JOB**

3 years on average - 13 officers died within 3 years of duty  
Shortest time on the job - 6 days - Heart Attack during training in Alabama  
Longest time on the job - 37 years - Lake Ranger in Oklahoma  
Under 1 year on the job - 9 officers  
Under 5 years on the job - 48 officers  
6 to 10 years on the job - 25 officers  
11 to 20 years on the job - 40 officers  
21 to 30 years on the job - 21 officers  
31 to 40 years on the job - 4 officers  
17 officers time on the job unknown

#### **AGES OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

Average age of a fallen officer - 34 years old  
Youngest 21 years old from Michigan  
Oldest 72 years old from Oklahoma  
Under Age 25 - 7 officers  
Age 25 to 30 - 24 officers  
Age 31 to 35 - 39 officers  
Age 36 to 40 - 27 officers  
Age 41 to 50 - 37 officers  
Age 51 to 60 - 23 officers  
Age 61 to 65 - none  
Over 65 - 1 officer  
Ages Unknown - 8 officers

#### **GENDER OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

Female Officers - 7  
Male Officers - **159**  
\*Total Officers listed on copadorer memorial page 2005 - **166**  
Total Officers lost in 2005 - **149**  
\*This total will always be greater then the number of officers deaths in 2005 -  
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 FALLEN OFFICERS**

**238** children lost parents  
2 wives are expecting births  
61 known to be daughters  
70 known to be sons  
30 grandchildren lost grandparents  
This does not include listings where children's gender were not known and its not specific, only  
information I have from postings.

#### **RANKINGS OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

Police Officer - 65  
Deputy Sheriff - 33  
Captain of Chief of Police - 2  
Sheriff - 2  
Sergeant - 14  
Lieutenant - 2  
Corporal - 2  
Dispatcher - 1  
Detective - 7  
Trooper - 4  
State Police - 2  
Highway Patrol - 1

Corrections Officer - 5  
Ranger/Forestry - 3  
Motorcycle Officer - 2  
Special Agent - 7  
Federal Agent - 2  
Constable - 1  
Mounted Police - 4  
K9 Officer - 1  
Narcotics - 1  
Parole Officer - 1  
Reserve Officer - 1  
Retired Officer - 1

**Notes of Interest:**

No officers of the age of 25 or 30 are listed.  
Three officers were engaged, 110 were married, 52 marital status unknown.  
Eight officers listed were Off Duty when they were killed.  
Two officers were killed when suspects went to the officers homes.  
One officer died from drinking too much water during training.  
March was the worst month for deaths - 21 deaths.  
Eight officers have family that work on the job also.  
Rookie of the Year 2004 was killed in Washington.  
One officer had his father with him on ride along, both were killed.  
One officer also had a brother in law killed this year.  
One officer was killed when his best friend played a joke on him.  
One officer was killed by her spouse.  
One officer was killed by a 12 year old girl.  
Alaska has no deaths listed for 2005.