

*2010 Statistics of Fallen Officers

This is a compilation of statistics based on fallen officers posted on copadorer.com. It is my way of showing you in simplest form the statistics of officers that died in 2010 and were posted on my site. 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 – 52 total

5 officers were shot at their own homes

6 officers killed on domestic violence calls

3 officers killed in gang related or deliberate attacks

11 officers were killed on the roadside while working accidents or giving tickets

3 officers were shot at traffic stops

5 officers were killed in robberies

5 officers were killed while serving a warrant

1 officer was accidentally shot by a fellow officer

2 officers were killed with their own gun

1 officer was killed by a hunter

Motor Vehicles – 67 total

14 officers struck a tree or a pole

12 officers were killed when they lost control of their vehicle

6 officers were killed by a drunk driver

7 officers were killed on motorcycles

1 officer was killed laying spike strips

1 officer was killed when his car hit a cow, 1 other officer hit a bull

1 officer was killed when another officers car hit his car

Heart Attack – 15 total officers died of heart attacks

2 were sitting in their car

1 was shoveling snow

5 died after altercations or in chases

4 died during training exercises

Other Causes of Death:

2 beaten

1 airplane crash

1 helicopter accident

4 drowning

1 bicycle accident

1 ATV accident

1 boating accident

1 fell through a sink hole

1 cancer

STATES WITH MOST LOSSES

Texas: 20

California: 11

Illinois: 9

Florida: 8

Maryland: 7
Arizona: 7

No deaths listed for: Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Total of fallen officers on copadorer.com: 164
Total of fallen officers in U.S.A in 2010: 162

(www.copadorer.com lists officers who also die off the line of duty, therefore these figures will never compliment each other and can only be used in comparisons.)

LENGTH OF TIME ON THE JOB

7 years on average – 14 officers died in their seventh year of duty.

Shortest time on job – 1 month

Longest time on job – 54 years, Investigator in Tennessee

4 officers died with less than a year on the job

1 to 5 years on the job – 43 officers

6 to 10 years on the job – 34 officers

11 to 15 years on the job – 18 officers

16 to 20 years on the job – 18 officers

21 to 25 years on the job – 8 officers

26 to 30 years on the job – 4 officers

31 years plus on the job - 9 officers

AGES OF FALLEN OFFICERS

Average Age: 31 years old **(down 6 years from 37 years old in 2009)**

Youngest: 23

Oldest:

76

Age 18 to 22: (No officers below the age of 23 are posted as fallen officers)

Under age 25: 9 officers

Age 26 to 30: 23 officers

Age 31 to 35: 29 officers **(up 13 from 2009 total of 16)**

Age 36 to 40: 23 officers

Age 41 to 45: 15 officers **(down 6 from 2009 total of 21)**

Age 46 to 50: 14 officers

Age 51 to 60: 11 officers

Age 61 to 65: 8 officers

Over age 65: 2 officers

GENDER OF LOST OFFICERS

Female: 6 **(up 5 from 2009 total of 1)**

Male: 158 **(up 42 from 2009 total of 116)**

4 officers were engaged to be married

97 officers were acknowledged as being married

CHILDREN OF LOST OFFICERS

220 total of children lost parents

9 wives were expecting, one with twins

44 children known to be daughters

61 children known to be sons

33 grandchildren lost grandparents
An officer in Illinois had 11 children (ironically he was killed by a group of youth on a bus)

RANKINGS OF LOST OFFICERS

Police Officer – 56	Corrections Officer – 3
Deputy Sheriff – 34	Border Control – 3
Captain – 3	DOJ/Special Agent – 5
Chief – 2	Probation Officer – 2
Sheriff - 1	Retired - 2
Sergeant – 13	
Lieutenant – 5	
Corporal – 8	
Detective – 4	
Trooper – 10	

NOTES OF INTEREST

Five officers were shot and killed outside their own homes.

One mother was with her son on a ride along when they had a car accident, killing her son.

One officer was killed by the son of a Chief of Police from another town.

15 family members of officers are also members of service. **Note: 2 fathers, 2 sisters, 4 brothers and 7 sons also in law enforcement.**

One Deputy died the day before his birthday. His wife is also pregnant.

One Sergeant died on his birthday.

A Detective was killed when a brick was thrown at his head, killing him one hour before his birthday.

One officer died on the job two days after coming back from Iraq.

A Captain died six months before he was due for retirement.

One officer was killed outside his parents home when suspects attempted to rob him.

*The stats above are not a scientific study and should not be used in association with any reports or documentation for law enforcement or educational purposes. They are simply stats based on information www.copadorer.com received on behalf of the fallen officers and requests for their memorial postings.