

## **2012 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 [www.copadorer.com](http://www.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-**

- 7 officers were shot during ambush's
- 7 officers were shot serving warrants
- 7 officers were shot during traffic stops
- 5 officers were shot during domestic violence calls
- 5 officers were shot during a robbery call
- 2 officers were shot by a hidden gun
- 3 officers were shot by fellow officers
- 2 officers were shot in a foot pursuit
- 1 officer was shot by his own gun
- 1 officer was shot by a drunk driver
- 1 officer was shot in a fight
- 1 officer was shot by her estranged husband
- 44 officers in total died by gunfire

#### **Motor Vehicle-**

- 10 officers died from head-on collisions
- 8 officers died in single car accidents
- 7 officers died on route to an assist
- 9 officers died when their car struck a tree or pole
- 6 officers died in motorcycle accidents
- 2 officers died in helicopter crashes
- 2 officers died being struck by drunk drivers
- 2 officers died in airplane crashes
- 1 officer died while walking through the departments parking lot
- 1 officer died being struck while jogging
- 46 officers in total died in motor vehicle accidents

#### **Other-**

- 5 officers died of heart attacks
- 5 officers were stabbed
- 3 officers died from head injuries
- 2 officers were killed at their homes
- 1 officer died of injuries from falling from a horse
- 1 officer died of Hepatitis C
- 1 officer died after being beaten by a teenager
- 1 officer died falling from a cliff rescuing a teenager

### **STATES WITH MOST LOSSES**

- Texas 15
- Colorado 7
- Georgia 7
- North Carolina 6
- Louisiana 5
- Maryland 5

**NO LOSSES** - Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming

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

2, 6 and 7 years were the average length of time. 8 officers in each time period passed this year.

Shortest time: 2 months

Longest time: 55 years

Under 1 year on the job: 2

Under 5 years on the job: 22 officers

6-10 years: 27 officers

**11 to 20 years: 41 officers**

21 to 30 years: 12 officers

31 to 40 years: 2 officers

41 to 50 years: 0 officers

50 plus years on the job: 1 officer

### **AGES OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

Average Age: 32

Youngest: 20

Oldest: 82

Under age: 25 - 9 officers

Age 26-30: 11 officers

Age 31-35: 26 officers

Age 36-40: 16 officers

Age 41-45: 20 officers

Age 46-50: 17 officers

Age 51-55: 10 officers

Age 56-60: 1 officers

Age 62-65: 2 officers

Age 66-70: 1 officer

Age Over 71: 1 officer (age 82)

### **GENDER OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

Male Officers - 109

Female Officers - 13

\*Total Officers listed on CopAdorer's Memorial Page 2012 - 122

Total Officers lost in 2012 - 126

\*This total will be the number of official officers deaths in 2012 -

some of the names listed on the web site were retired or disabled officers that did not die in the Line of Duty and are not documented anywhere else but on [www.copadorer.com](http://www.copadorer.com)

### **CHILDREN OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

\*217 children lost parents

5 wives were expecting births

34 known to be daughters

49 known to be sons

9 grandchildren lost grandparents

1 great-grandchild lost their great grandparent

\*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 - 47

Deputy Sheriff - 21

Corrections Officers - 9 (3 Being Sergeants)

Trooper - 9

Sergeant - 7

Agent - 6

Corporal - 5

Border Control - 5  
Captain - 2  
Detective - 3  
Postal Inspector - 1  
Chief Petty Officer - 1  
Chief (Retired) - 1  
Constable 2 - (1 Retired)  
Investigator - 1  
Reserve Deputy - 1  
Park Ranger - 1

#### **MONTH LOST MOST FALLEN OFFICERS**

August and December - 15 officers each month

#### **MONTH LOST LEAST FALLEN OFFICERS**

February - 4 officers

#### **FAMILY ON THE JOB**

Husbands - 2  
Wives - 2  
Sons - 4  
Brothers - 5  
Fathers - 2

#### **Notes of Interest:**

Retired Chief of Police 40 year history with murderer was killed at his curb getting the mail.  
One officer had a heart attack the day after his department lost a fellow officer.  
One officer died while escorting another officers mothers funeral procession.  
One officer used to have a career as a pro Baseball Player.  
One officer was 8 days from retiring.  
One officer was not wearing his vest.  
One officer was killed by her spouse.  
One officer was killed in a home invasion.  
One officer collapsed and died the day after escorting Obama's entourage.  
One officer died the day before his 35th birthday.