

## Memorial 2003

Dennis Ray McElderry

Davis County, Iowa

January 3, 2003

Age 45

Dennis was struck and killed by a patrol car after laying down stop sticks during a high-speed chase. He had been with the agency for four years. Dennis leaves behind his three children and parents.

Anthony Johnson

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 7, 2003

Age 46

Anthony died of a heart attack after struggling with a student at the local high school. He was a volunteer as a part-time basketball coach, when the suspect created a disturbance Anthony asked him to leave. Upon escorting the suspect and hand cuffing him Anthony had the heart attack. He was a Detective with the PD for 22 years.

Steve Young

Upper Sandusky, Ohio

January 9, 2003

Age 49

Steve was the National President of the Fraternal Order of Police since 2001. He lost his battle to cancer. Steve leaves behind his wife and two children.



Andre Gerard Booker

Henrico, Virginia

January 12, 2003

Age 26

Andre was backing his patrol car up when it crashed through a fence and plunged into the water. He drowned when the car sank in a 30-foot pond. He had been with the agency for two years and leaves behind his parents.



Adam Reid Fleshner  
Charlton County, Georgia  
January 13, 2003  
Age 23

Adam was killed when his car struck a tree while trying to swerve to avoid another vehicle. He was on route to assist another officer. He had been with the agency for five years and leaves behind an 8 month old daughter.



Sheila Herring-Patrick  
Norfolk, Virginia  
January 16, 2003  
Age 39

Sheila was shot and killed while responding to a shooting call at a bar. She was wearing her vest, but was shot three times and one of the shots hit her in the lower stomach. Sheila had been with the agency for 11 months. She had previously worked for the Detroit PD 10 years and with the Norfolk Airport PD for 3 years.



Deborah Jean Hobbs  
Lake County, Montana  
January 16, 2003  
Age 39

Deborah was a Reserved Deputy. She died 12 days after she had been involved in a car accident after hitting a patch of black ice. She had never regained consciousness. She had been with the department for two years and leaves behind her husband, who is also a reserve deputy.

Peggy Kernan  
California  
January 18, 2003  
Age 65

Peggy died of cancer. She was with the Department of Corrections for 32 years. She retired in 1995 as Warden at the California State Prison Solano. Peggy was one of the first women to work in a supervisory capacity at San Quentin State Prison. She leaves behind her son Scott and her daughter Darby. God Bless her.

Joseph N. Sachatello III  
Montville, Connecticut  
January 23, 2003  
Age 33

Joseph was killed in an automobile accident while responding to a call. His car left the road and hit a tree. Joseph had been with the agency for 2 1/2 years and leaves behind his wife, infant son, parents and two sisters.

Sergeant William Gruenes  
Johnsburg, Illinois  
January 24, 2003  
Age 33

William died when an automobile ran a stop sign and struck his car. He died at the scene. The suspect was arrested for being under the influence of marijuana. William had been with the agency for five years. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Deputy David Jones  
Garfield County, Utah  
January 26, 2003  
Age 44

David was shot and killed during a routine traffic stop. The driver failed a sobriety test and was cuffed. A tow truck was called to collect the vehicle. The passenger pulled out a rifle that was loaded with ammunition to penetrate a bullet-proof vest and shot David. The suspects fled and the tow truck driver found David wounded, called for help, but he died before the ambulance could arrive. David had been with the agency for 16 months. He leaves behind his wife and five children.

Trooper Michael Todd Blanton  
Virginia State Police, Virginia  
January 29, 2003  
Age 29

Michael was killed after stopping a driver suspected of driving under the influence. He reached inside the car, the driver sped off, dragging Michael. The car crashed and rolled over, pinning Michael underneath. Michael was with the agency for five years. He had also served with the Henrico Sheriff's Dept for two years and as a United States Policeman for four years. He leaves behind his wife and his 6 year-old son.

Supervisor Stanley A. Wiley  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas  
January 29, 2003  
Age 38

Stanley was stabbed to death when he was attacked in the shoe factory of the prison. His throat was slashed with a knife used to trim shoes. He died four hours after the attack.

Corporal Edward W. Davenport  
Long Beach, California  
February 4, 2003  
Age 63

Edward fell off a ladder, sustaining a serious head injury, while doing maintenance at the departments firing range. He was the Range Master. He was found by a fellow officer but died the following day from his injuries. Edward had been with the department for 40 years and had been a member of the SWAT team for 30 years. He leaves behind his wife, daughter and two sons.

Trooper Brian A. Patterson  
Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania  
May 17, 1966  
February 14, 2003  
Age 36

Brian was electrocuted when an electrical cable from a utility pole touched him while he was at a car accident. He had been with the agency for nine years. Brian leaves behind his wife, a ten year old daughter and a nine year old son.



Eric DeWit  
Matteson, Illinois  
February 17, 2003  
Age 22

Eric was killed when his patrol car struck a fire hydrant while trying to avoid a car that pulled out in front of him and his partner. He had been with the agency for four months. Eric leaves behind his wife and a 1 month old daughter.

Lieutenant George Brooks  
New Tazewell, Tennessee  
February 19, 2003  
Age 61

George was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting a minor traffic accident. He had been a member of the PD for 29 years. George leaves behind his two sons and his brother, who is also with the same agency.



Jeremy Jay Carruth  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
February 20, 2003  
Age 29

Jay was shot and killed trying to arrest a suspect. The suspect had ambushed an officer the previous day. The suspect was also killed in the attempt to arrest him. Jay had been with the agency almost three years. He also served in the 239th Military Police, National Guard.



David Ezernack  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
February 20, 2003  
Age 26

David was shot and killed trying to arrest a suspect. The suspect had ambushed an officer the previous day. The suspect was also killed in the attempt to arrest him. David had been with the agency for almost four years.



Lieutenant Glenn Hicks  
Avery, North Carolina  
February 20, 2003  
Age 52

Glenn was shot in the face and killed as he and his partner responded to a residence. The resident was mentally disturbed and ambushed the officers. He had been with the reserve deputy office for five years and had been a full-time deputy for only three days. His son is also a deputy with the Sheriff's Office. Glenn leaves behind his wife, a son, two brothers and a grand-daughter.



Chief Ernest J. Leatherbury  
Crisfield, Maryland  
February 21, 2003  
Age 55

Ernest died from a heart attack after helping other officers subdue a suspect. An hour later at a meeting he collapsed. Ernest had been with the agency for six years and had been with the Maryland State Police for 25 years. He leaves behind his wife, three sons, five grandchildren and nine siblings.



Michael E. Shannon  
Adams County, Wisconsin  
March 7, 2003  
Age 32

Michael was shot and killed when responding to a call. A homeowner had threatened a high way crew. When Michael went to approach the home owner he was shot. Michael was with the Sheriff's Dept. for eight years. He leaves behind his parents, brother and a sister.

James Branson  
St. Louis, Missouri  
March 9, 2003  
Age 36

James was involved in a car accident on February 14, 2003. He and his partner were chasing a car that was earlier involved in a carjacking. They collided with an S.U.V. He died on March 9th when a blood clot traveled from his ankle to his heart and lungs. James was with the department for four years. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

Detective James Nemorin  
Staten Island, New York  
March 10, 2003  
Age 36

James was killed when a gun deal went bad. He was with his partner who also died. He was with the department for seven years. James was known among fellow officers as the "Haitian Prince" and the "Haitian Sensation" for his meticulous wardrobe. He leaves behind his wife two sons ages 7 and 5 and a 20 month old daughter. His wife is also a police officer.



Det. James Nemorin,  
father of three

Detective Rodney Andrews  
Staten Island, New York  
March 10, 2003  
Age 34

Rodney was killed when a gun deal went bad. He was with his partner who also died. Rodney was with the department for seven years. He leaves behind two sons ages 11 and 12.



Det. Rodney Andrews,  
father of two

Sergeant Philip J. O'Reilly  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 16, 2003  
Age 41

Philip was killed when a tow truck struck his vehicle at an intersection. He was ejected from the car. Philip had been with the agency for 16 years. He leaves behind his wife, six children and seven brothers and sisters. One of his brothers is also with the Chicago Police Department.

Brent Jenkins  
Riverside County, California  
March 18, 2003  
Age 45

Brent was killed in a car accident. His car left the roadway, went down an embankment and struck a tree. He was wearing his seatbelt. He was with the Sheriff's Dept. assigned to San Geronio Pass. Brent leaves behind his wife and six children.

David P. Land  
Forsyth County, Georgia  
March 26, 2003  
Age 32

David was killed when his motorcycle collided with two cars on the way to a fight call. He had been promoted to Sergeant two days prior. David was with the department for 5 years and in law enforcement for 12 years. He leaves behind his wife and 6 year old daughter.

Deputy Marshal Glen Devanie  
Alexandria City, Louisiana  
April 2, 2003  
Age 25

Glen was killed in an car accident while responding to help another deputy in a foot pursuit. A car pulled out in front of him, he swerved to avoid a collision and hit several utility poles, causing him to be ejected from his vehicle. The car that pulled out in front of him did not stop and has not been identified. Glen was a former Explorer. He was deputy marshal for 6 years. Glen leaves behind his wife, 18-month-old daughter, and 3-week-old son.

Investigator Antonio Jose (Joe) Sapinoso  
Greenville County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina  
April 2, 2003  
Age 34

Joe was shot and killed after he was taken hostage when he arrived home from work. He had been involved in a domestic disturbance with his sister and the suspect in a previous incident as a deputy and as her brother. The suspect approached him at gunpoint and disarmed him, handcuffing Joe with his own handcuffs and took him in the house where he forced Joe to call his father into the living room. The suspect held both men at gunpoint for several hours while SWAT officers tried to negotiate. Finally, the suspect told negotiators he was coming out of the house but without warning he shot and killed Joe and his father. He then surrendered. Joe was with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office for 6 years and was assigned to the White Collar Crime Unit. He leaves behind his mother and sister.

Charles R. Clark  
Houston, Texas  
April 3, 2003  
Age 45

Charles was shot in the head and killed while responding to a silent alarm call. He didn't realize the three suspects had already killed a female inside. The suspects were apprehended the following day. Charles was one day away from celebrating his 20th year with the department. He leaves behind his wife.



Michael Doud  
Ohio Department of Corrections, Ohio  
April 5, 2003  
Age 51

Michael died of a fatal heart attack while helping to assist in an inmate that was attempting to hang himself. He had been with the agency for 14 years and leaves behind his wife and two children.

Phillip Guy Billings  
Broward County, Florida  
April 6, 2003  
Age 25

Phillip was shot and killed working off duty at a car dealership. The two suspects were found dead 4 days later of apparent suicide. Phillip was a Deputy Sheriff with the department for 18 months. He leaves behind his parents, brother and sister.

Melvin Collins  
Brunswick, Georgia  
April 11, 2003  
Age 31

Melvin was shot and killed during a robbery when he was on an off-duty job at a grocery store. he had just graduated from the academy and was to be sworn in on the following Monday. Melvin leaves behind his wife and two children.

Jose Arturo (Joe) Herrera  
Friona, Texas  
April 13, 2003  
Age 31

Joe was killed when his vehicle was intentionally struck in the driver's door by a suspect vehicle. The suspect was being chased by other officers. Joe had been at the station doing paper work when he heard the call and left to help.

Ray Giacomelli  
Pittsburg, California  
April 15, 2003  
Age 46

Ray was shot and killed while investigating a murder. He had gone into a home that he thought was vacant. The suspect, a recent parolee was there though and shot and killed Ray execution style. The suspect was shot and killed two nights later by officers. Ray had been with the agency for 23 years. He leaves behind two teenage daughters.

Eddie Mundo Jr.  
LaGrange, New York  
April 16, 2003  
Age 29

Eddie was killed when his vehicle was struck by a suspect car that he was pursuing. He was a deputy for the Jefferson County Sheriff Department for four years before working with the LaGrange Police Department. Eddie leaves behind his wife and one year old son.

Randy Smith  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana  
April 16, 2003  
Age 32

Randy was shot in the chest and killed while trying to serve a search warrant. He managed to get away from the residence to a yard next door, but officers were unable to tend to his wounds because of gunfire. Randy was a Deputy with the department for three years. He leaves behind his wife and 10 year old son.

Mary Ann Collura  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey  
April 17, 2003  
Age 43

Mary Ann was shot four times and killed by a suspect she was trying to help apprehend. The suspect was shot and killed in Florida four days later by law enforcement. Mary Ann had been with the department for 18 years and had been a special officer for an additional two years. She was the departments first female officer. Mary Ann leaves behind her mother, brother and two sisters.

Aaron J. Blount  
Fulton County, Georgia  
April 22, 2003  
Age 26

Aaron was found in his department vehicle shot twice in the head and once in the shoulder. His vehicle was still in drive and resting against rail road tracks. In spite of a manhunt no suspects were found. Aaron had been with the department for three years. He leaves behind his fiancée and 13 month old son.

Gerald Griffin  
San Diego, California  
April 25, 2003  
Age 42

Gerald was struck by a vehicle while conducting radar speed checks. He died ten days after he sustained the injuries. Gerald had been with the department for 17 years. He leaves behind his 15 year old daughter.

Cole Martin  
Chatsworth, Georgia  
April 25, 2003  
Age 20

Cole was killed when his patrol car struck a parking lot gate. The arm of the gate went thru the car and struck him in the neck. Cole had been with the department for a mere seven months.

Toney Clayton Summey  
Randolph County, North Carolina  
April 27, 2003  
Age 41

Toney was shot and killed with his own service weapon during a warrant from the previous night. As he reached for his pepper spray the suspect got his gun and shot Toney three times in the chest. The other Deputy retreated to his car for back up and suspect was apprehended with back up. Toney had been with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department for four years. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Michael Hartzell  
Youngstown, Ohio  
April 29, 2003  
Age 26

A shooting took place at a bar on in which one victim was wounded. The suspect fled in a silver Lincoln. Michael was in the area and spotted the Lincoln, getting behind the vehicle and running the license plate. Witness statements say the suspect exited his vehicle and ran to Michael's cruiser, firing three rounds at him. The suspect then fled the scene, abandoning his Lincoln several streets away and fleeing on foot. Michael was rushed to the hospital, where trauma teams did all they could to save Michael's life. He was pronounced dead a short time later. Michael had been with the department for three years. He leaves behind his fiancée, parents and a brother.

John R. Thomas  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 1, 2003  
Age 53

John was the first deputy superintendent for the Chicago Police. He died after collapsing in his home, possibly from a heart attack. He worked for the department for 33 years. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Randall Spearman  
Folsom, Louisiana  
May 4, 2003  
Age 57

Randall was stuck and killed by a car while directing traffic. The suspect was not charged.

Scott Allen Hylton  
Christiansburg, Virginia  
May 9, 2003  
Age 43

Scott was shot and killed with his own service gun when he responded to a shoplifting call. He did not have a chance to get out of the car when the suspect attacked him. Once Scott got out of the car the suspect knocked him to the ground shooting him. Scott had been with the department for only 1 year but had been in law enforcement for 20 years. Serving with the Hillsville PD, Radford University PD and Floyd County Sheriff Dept. He leaves behind his wife, four children, parents and a sister.

Bruce Lee  
Riverside County, California  
May 13, 2003  
Age 45

Bruce was beaten to death with his own baton. He had answered a call to a domestic disturbance. The suspect was trying to break into his parents' home. Bruce died from head injuries. He was with the sheriff's department for 22 years.

Shelby Green  
Anderson County, Texas  
May 15, 2003  
Age 39

Shelby was shot and killed during a burglary attempt. He chased the suspects in a short pursuit and his body was found near the roadway. Shelby had been a sergeant with the department for 10 years. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

Jim Mulay  
Peoria County, Illinois  
May 19, 2003  
Age 30

Jim was killed when his patrol car was broad-sided by a drunk driver at an intersection. He had been with the Sheriff's Department for 7 years. He was also supervisor of the Explorer Post and a member of the ERT team. Jim leaves behind his wife, two young sons and parents.

Douglas W. Bryant  
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky  
May 19, 2003  
Age 62

Douglas was killed when a suspect he had pulled over took off and Douglas chased him. The suspect deliberately struck his vehicle so it would overturn. Although he was wearing his seatbelt, he died later of his injuries. Douglas was with the department for 14 years. He leaves behind his wife and 16 year old daughter.

Special Agent Robert Brent  
U.S. Dept. of Commerce - Office of Inspector General, U.S.  
May 21, 2003  
Age 56

Robert was accidentally shot and killed when his gun discharged while he was cleaning it. The incident happened at his office. He had been with the department for 30 years and leaves behind his son and daughter.

Trooper Michael Newton  
Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri  
May 22, 2003  
Age 25

Michael was killed when his Crown Victoria was struck from behind while he was making a traffic stop. The car burst into flames with him trapped inside. He had been with the department for two years. Michael leaves behind his wife and two young sons.

Deputy Sheriff Jerry Ford  
Emanuel County, Georgia  
May 22, 2003  
Age 50

Jerry was killed in an automobile accident while returning from a work detail. The patrol car hydroplaned, went off the roadway and struck several trees.

Patrick K. Hardesty  
Tucson, Arizona  
May 26, 2003  
Age 40

Patrick was shot and killed when he located a suspect while investigating a hit and run. He had been with the department as a reserve officer for 11 years and as a fulltime officer for 19 months. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

Jeremiah Kirk Johnson  
Emery County, Utah  
May 27, 2003  
Age 30

Jeremiah was killed when his vehicle crossed the center line on a sharp curve and collided head on with a tractor trailer. He had been with the Sheriff's department for one and a half years. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

Ryan E. Cappelletty  
Chesterfield County, Virginia  
May 28, 2003  
Age 23

Ryan was shot and killed while responding to a call of shots fired. When he and another officer responded there was a suspect standing on the front lawn, who opened fire. He had been with the department after graduating from the academy only 5 months prior. Ryan leaves behind his wife.

Joshua Clyde Lancaster  
Fresno County, California  
May 29, 2003  
Age 27

Joshua was on patrol working a crime pattern when a suspect that was being chased for kidnapping broad-sided his vehicle and killing him. The pregnant woman that was kidnapped was also killed. Joshua was not aware that the chase was going on. He had been with the Sheriff's department for two years. Joshua leaves behind his wife.

Joshua Thomas Rutherford  
Blaine County, Montana  
May 29, 2003  
Age 28

Joshua was shot and killed when he was called while off duty to assist on a domestic disturbance call. He had been with the Sheriff's department for four years. Joshua leaves behind his three young children.

Anthony G. Cogdill  
North Carolina Highway Patrol, North Carolina  
May 30, 2003  
Age 32

Anthony was killed when his patrol car was struck by a tractor trailer, that pushed his vehicle 100 yards. The driver of the trailer was found with drug paraphernalia in his possession and the truck had faulty brakes. Anthony was a Trooper for 6 years and also served with the Buncombe County Sheriffs Office for 3 years. he leaves behind his wife and a three year old son.

Under Sheriff Matt Lane  
Ferry County, Washington  
May 30, 2003  
Age 41

Matt was killed in an airplane accident while on a search and rescue mission for a missing woman. She was found later in the afternoon. The pilot was also killed. Matt had been with the department for 13 years.

Charles (Bo) Harrison  
Pasco County, Florida  
June 1, 2003  
Age 56

Bo was on surveillance near a nightclub. A nineteen year old sniper shot him with the bullet going thru the trunk and shooting him in the back. Bo was a Vietnam veteran and was 15 days away from retirement. He had been with the department for 31 years. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Arnold Strickland  
Fayette, Alabama  
June 7, 2003

Arnold was shot and killed by a suspect that grabbed a service weapon while being booked. Another officer and a dispatcher were also killed. The suspect fled in a patrol car and was later apprehended. Arnold had 23 years of law enforcement experience. He was with the department for three years. He leaves behind his three children and a grand child.

James Crump  
Fayette, Alabama  
June 7, 2003  
Age 40

James was shot and killed by a suspect that grabbed a service weapon while being booked. Another officer and a dispatcher were also killed. The suspect fled in a patrol car and was later apprehended. James had 10 years of law enforcement experience. He was a Corporal with the department for two and a half years. He leaves behind his son.

Leslie "Ace" Mealer  
Fayette, Alabama  
June 7, 2003

Leslie was shot and killed by a suspect that grabbed a service weapon while being booked. Another officer and a dispatcher were also killed. The suspect fled in a patrol car and was later apprehended. Leslie was a dispatcher with the department.

Joseph Scott Quarles  
Laurens County, South Carolina  
June 11, 2003  
Age 22

Joseph was killed when his vehicle left the road, struck an embankment and rolled. He was with the department for 17 months and was previously worked as a detention officer for one year.

Darla Lathrem  
Florida Department of Corrections, Florida  
June 11, 2003  
Age 38

Darla was killed when 3 of the 5 inmates she was supervising building a new dormitory for the maximum prison attempted to escape. One of the inmates not willing to participate in the escape was also killed. Darla had been with the Department of Corrections for one year.

Tony Zeppetella  
Oceanside, California  
June 13, 2003  
Age 27

Tony was shot in the neck and killed when he stopped a known gang members vehicle in the parking lot of a bank. The suspect stole Tony's car and barricaded himself in his parents home. He surrendered after 4 hours. Tony had been with the department for 13 months. He leaves behind his wife and his six month old son.



Michael Johnson  
Vermont State Police, Vermont  
June 15, 2003  
Age 39

Michael was struck and killed by a suspects vehicle after laying spikes in the road. Other officers were in pursuit of the suspect and he swerved to avoid the spikes, striking Michael. Michael was a Sergeant and had been with the agency for 16 years. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

James Lanceford (Lance) Horner Jr.  
Alabama Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources, Alabama  
June 22, 2003  
Age 32

Lance drowned while attempting to assist another officer whose boat became disabled. He was wearing a flotation vest, but his boat was pulled under the water and through the flood gates. Lance had been with the agency for 6 and a half years. He leaves behind his wife and 5 month old son.

Rodney F. Pocceschi  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
June 23, 2003  
Age 33

Rodney was shot and killed while making a traffic stop. The suspect was a six-time felon, wanted for assaulting another police officer. Rodney was with the department for 4 years. He was previously with the Bloomsburg University Police Department. He leaves behind his wife and a nine month old son.

Melvin Lisojo  
Newark, New Jersey  
June 24, 2003  
Age 35

Melvin was killed when his patrol car was broad-sided during a chase. The car flipped on its side. He had been with the department for five years. Melvin leaves behind his wife, three children and a brother, who also serves on the department.

John Frederick Lee (Fred) Small  
Inglewood, California  
June 24, 2003  
Age 39

Fred was killed when his motorcycle was struck by two other vehicles. One car lost control, hitting another and they both hit Fred's bike. He had been with the department for five years. Fred had also served with the Los Angeles Community College PD and the Westminster PD. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

Detective Abiel Barron  
Los Angeles, California  
June 25, 2003  
Age 49

Abiel was killed when the vehicle his partner and he were in was struck head on. Another vehicle was trying to pass a tractor trailer and crossed into their lane. Abiel had been with the agency for 19 years.

Gerald Warf  
Red Bank, Tennessee  
June 28, 2003  
Age 30

Gerald was responding to an accident with injuries. He was negotiating a curve and a street sweeper was in front of him with the driver outside the vehicle. He swerved to miss the collision and lost control of his patrol car. The collision killed both him and the driver of the street sweeper. Gerald was married for two years and leaves behind his wife and a two year old child.

Charles (Chuck) Sease  
Flagler County, Florida  
July 5, 2003  
Age 35

Chuck was killed when he was struck by a car after deploying stop sticks. Other officers were attempting to stop the vehicle after a disturbance at a bar. Chuck had been with the Sheriff department for only two months. He previously was employed with Waterbury Connecticut Police Department. Chuck leaves behind his wife.

Trooper Kevin M. Marshall  
Michigan State Police, Michigan  
July 7, 2003  
Age 33

Kevin was shot and killed while attempting to help other officers serve a warrant for solicitation of prostitution to a male. As the team entered the home Kevin was reportedly shot in the side, between his vest panels. Information from other sources say that he was not hit in the side and the bullet went thru his vest. The suspect has been shot and killed. Kevin was with the department for 8 years. He leaves behind his wife and two children.



Mike Fitzgerald  
Moore County, Texas  
July 8, 2003  
Age 47

Mike was killed when his patrol car was struck head-on by another vehicle on an unlined county road. He was responding to a call of a suspicious vehicle. Ironically the car that Mike was struck by was the same person that made the report of the suspicious vehicle. Mike was with the Sheriff Office for 14 years.

John Musice  
Wilson County, Tennessee  
July 9, 2003  
Age 49

John was struck and killed by a vehicle being pursued. He was attempting to lay down stop sticks near the exit. The two female occupants in the vehicle were apprehended. John was with the Sheriff Office for 15 years.

Jerry Muncy  
Mount Juliet, Tennessee  
July 9, 2003  
Age 43

Jerry was struck and killed by a vehicle being pursued. He was attempting to lay down stop sticks near the exit. The two female occupants in the vehicle were apprehended. Jerry was a Sergeant with the department for 15 years.

Resource Protection Officer Steven Vance Caddy  
Portland Air Base, Oregon  
July 16, 2003  
Age 49

Steven died from a heart attack while conducting a training exercise with members of the Oregon Air National Guard. He was renewing his duty certification He was doing an exercise with another guardsman who was on the ground, handcuffed him and began searching him. As he was about to complete the search, he suddenly collapsed and fell on top of the guardsman. Steven was with the Portland Air Base Police Department for 6 months. He had a total of 27 years in law enforcement, and had previously served with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Warrenton Police Department, Warm Springs Tribal Police Department, Crook County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Stanfield Police Department, and Lake County Sheriff's Office. Steven leaves behind his three children.

Deputy Constable John David Garcia  
Montgomery County, Texas  
July 17, 2003  
Age 33

John was killed when his patrol car was struck by a SUV. The SUV crossed into incoming traffic, collided with a truck and landed on John's car. John was in law enforcement for 6 years. He leaves behind his wife and one child.

John Bennett  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas  
July 17, 2003  
Age 40

John was killed when the vehicle he was driving while transporting a person to death row was struck by a truck that had gone out of control. The other officer with him and the inmate suffered minor injuries. Driver of the truck was also killed.

Kelli L. Lambert  
Wellston, Ohio  
July 21, 2003  
Age 21

Kelli was killed when her patrol car struck another patrol car as both were responding to an emergency call. She was ejected from the car.

Ryan Keith Goto  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
July 23, 2003  
Age 35

Ryan was killed in a motorcycle accident. A package had fallen off a truck the vehicle behind the truck swerved to miss it and was rear ended by another vehicle which sent the vehicle in the path of the motorcycle officers Ryan was with. Ryan had been with the department for 13 years and leaves behind his 6 year old son, fiancée and father.

Gordon Lewis Stevens  
Canton, Michigan  
July 23, 2003  
Age 52

Gordon was investigating a suspicious vehicle. On the way back to his patrol car another vehicle that was speeding and lost control went airborne colliding into the back end of Gordon's car. It caused Gordon's car to roll over ejecting him. Gordon was with the department for 25 years. He leaves behind his wife.

Richard V. Lawn Jr.  
Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
July 28, 2003  
Age 41

Richard died from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident. He was responding to the scene of a fire when his vehicle was struck by a deer, he lost control of his vehicle and hit a utility pole. He managed to get out of the car and was taken to the hospital, later released to go home. At home he collapsed and died as a result of the injuries. Richard had been with the department for 15 years. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

Douglas E. Wendel  
Richmond, Virginia  
July 30, 2003  
Age 41

Douglas was speaking to a suspected drug dealer when another man walked up behind him and shot him in the back of the head and neck. Suspect was caught and charged with capital murder. Douglas was with the department for 5 years. He leaves behind his two young sons, daughter, brother and his parents.

Chaney Champagne  
LaFourche Parish, Louisiana  
July 31, 2003  
Age 45

Chaney was killed in a car accident en-route to a call of an elderly woman driving her car into a canal. His vehicle collided with a truck due to the slippery roads. He was a Detective with the department for 22 years. Chaney leaves behind his mother, two sisters and four brothers.

Kurt Harrelson  
LaFourche Parish, Louisiana  
July 31, 2003  
Age 31

Kurt was killed in a car accident en-route to a call of an elderly woman driving her car into a canal. His vehicle collided with a truck due to the slippery roads. He was a Sergeant with the department for 10 years. Kurt leaves behind his wife, 10 year old son and 4 year old daughter.

Timothy Wayne Woodard  
Cherokee County, Georgia  
August 2, 2003  
Age 26

Timothy was killed when his patrol car collided with a tree as he was responding to a report of a home invasion robbery in progress. He was a Deputy Sheriff with the department for two years.

Patrick Maher  
Federal Way, Washington  
August 2, 2003  
Age 46

Patrick was shot and killed after breaking up a fight between two brothers and one of the brother's ex-girl friend. In the struggle, one male gained control of Patrick's gun. In an attempt to disarm him, Patrick lunged at the male, but was shot in the abdomen just below the edge of his bullet resistant vest. He was with the department for seven months and was previously with the Honolulu PD for seven years. Patrick leaves behind his wife and two children.

Stephen Sorensen  
Los Angeles, California  
August 2, 2003  
Age 46

Stephen was shot and killed after responding to a trespassing call. A person called in saying they heard 6 gun shots and when officers went to look for Stephen they discovered his body. He had been shot 6 times and his feet were tied together and his body was dragged through the desert. The theory is that he had uncovered a meth lab before he was killed. Stephen was with the Sheriffs Office for 12 years and he leaves behind his wife and son.

Jim Wooley  
Faulkner County, Arkansas  
August 5, 2003  
Age 60

Jim was sitting in a rolling chair on a deck investigating the theft of a stolen lawn mower. The chair started rolling back and he fell 5 feet to the ground. He suffered several broken bones and a torn aorta and succumbed to his injuries. He was a Detective with the agency for 13 years and is survived by his wife.

Wesley Wagstaff  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas  
August 5, 2003  
Age 40

Wesley was killed in a head-on car accident when he was responding to a call of a man hunting deer off season. The other driver was also killed. Wesley was with the department for 10 years and leaves behind his wife and son.

Sergeant Rodney L. Davis  
Greene County, Virginia  
August 26, 2003  
Age 30

Rodney was shot and killed while attempting to serve a narcotic warrant on a man for selling crack cocaine. When he and another deputy arrived at the home, the suspect's mother told them the suspect wasn't there. The mother then allowed them to search the house. The suspect was hiding in a bedroom. He was able to run into another room and close the door. When the deputies kicked the door in the man opened fire, shooting Rodney in the side, in between the panels of his vest. The suspect was also killed when the deputies returned fire. Rodney had been with the agency for 2.5 years and served with the Newport News Sheriff's Department for 5 years and the Middle Peninsula Regional Jail for 3.5 years. He leaves behind by his expectant wife and two children.

Anthony L. Woods  
Memphis, Tennessee  
August 27, 2003  
Age 35

Anthony was shot and killed after responding to a domestic violence call. After he entered the residence, the suspect shot a woman who was inside in the arm and leg. Anthony was shot in the head when he struggled with the suspect. The suspect was shot and killed while he tried to escape out the back of the house, by another officer. Anthony was with the agency for seven years and leaves behind his wife, a Deputy Jailer, two sons and a daughter.

Shannon Distel  
Riverside County, California  
August 27, 2003  
Age 31

Shannon was with the Highway Patrol. He was killed in a motorcycle accident while on patrol. A pickup truck pulling a trailer turned left in front him and his motorcycle became wedged in between the truck and trailer and he was thrown 50 yards. Shannon leaves behind his wife and infant child.

Trooper Robert W. Bianchin  
Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania  
August 27, 2003  
Age 32

Robert was killed in an automobile accident while on an undercover assignment. His car left the roadway and struck an embankment. He had been with the Pennsylvania State Police for 8 years and leaves behind by his wife and 1 year old daughter.

James Joseph Slater  
Spokane, Washington  
August 29, 2003  
Age 41

James was killed while on way to back up a fellow officer following a stolen vehicle. A call to 911 reported a patrol vehicle in the ditch and the deputy unconscious. James started sliding on a corner and overcorrected, causing him to hit a utility pole that flipped the patrol car four times. He had been with the Spokane County Sheriff's Department for 2.5 years. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

William Franklin James II  
Wake County, North Carolina  
September 5, 2003  
Age 33

James was killed while responding to a domestic violence call, his patrol car collided with another car head-on. James served with the Wake County Sheriff's Office for 3 years. He also had previously served with the Rockingham Police Department, the Sunset Beach Police Department and the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office. He leaves behind by his wife, son, mother, and brother.

Michael Waters  
West Memphis, Arkansas  
September 11, 2003  
Age 24

Michael was killed in an car accident during a vehicle pursuit following an armed robbery of a grocery store. His car struck a concrete barrier in a construction zone and flipped over. Michael was ejected from the car and struck by a second patrol car. He had been with the West Memphis Police Department for 2 years and leaves his wife.

Captain Joseph Aloysius Mattingly Jr  
Montgomery County, Maryland  
September 13, 2003  
Age 51

Joseph was killed in a car accident, when his car struck a tree, while on patrol. He was serving as the department's night commander at the time of the accident. Joseph was posthumously promoted to the rank of Captain. He had been with the agency for 28 years and leaves behind his wife and four children.

Jason (Tye) Pratt  
Omaha, Nebraska  
September 19, 2003  
Age 30

Tye died from a gunshot wound he received in searching for a man that had fled from a vehicle after it was stopped by officers. The suspect was behind some bushes and opened fire, hitting Tye in the head. Tye was in a coma until his death one week later. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant the day before he passed away. He was a Sergeant and with the department for 8 years. Tye leaves behind his wife and two daughters, ages three and nine months.

Tyler Matthew Pinchot  
Buena Park, California  
September 21, 2003  
Age 45

Tyler died from injuries sustained three months earlier when his police motorcycle was struck from behind. He was attempting to stop a traffic violator when another car struck his motorcycle. Tyler was a Corporal, serving with the Buena Park Police Department for 23 years and leaves behind his wife, three stepchildren, parents, and five siblings.

Investigator Bret D. Tepe  
Ford County, Kansas  
September 23, 2003  
Age 37

Bret was killed on duty and driving his personal vehicle, when a car traveling the opposite direction experienced a tire blow-out. The vehicle crossed into Bret's lane and struck his vehicle head-on. Both drivers were killed. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and had served with the Ford County Sheriff's Office for 12 years and previously served 1 year with the Goodland Police Department. Bret leaves behind his wife and three children.

John F. Strickland  
Harnett County, North Carolina  
September 24, 2003  
Age 38

John was killed in a single-car crash while responding to a call. He was a U.S. Army veteran. John was a Deputy Sheriff having served with the Harnett County Sheriff's Office as a full-time deputy for only 5 months and had served an additional 3 months as a part-time deputy.

Phil Owens  
Wake County, North Carolina  
October 2, 2003  
Age 34

Phil was killed in a single-car accident, a passing motorist found his patrol car against a tree. He had served as Deputy Sheriff with the Wake County Sheriff's Office for 8 years and leaves behind his wife and 10-year-old daughter.

Robert T. Hansel  
Lynch, Kentucky  
October 5, 2003  
Age 56

Robert was killed in a car accident when his patrol car struck the back of a coal truck. He was a Captain serving with the Lynch Police Department for 13 years and had previously served with the Harlan Police Department for 14 years.

Robert Stevens  
Sandersville, Mississippi  
October 5, 2003  
Age 75

Robert was killed in a car accident while pursuing a suspect. His car left the road and struck a utility pole, splitting it in half. It took three hours to get him out of the wreckage. Robert was a part-time officer and only worked on weekends.

Kevin Sherwood  
Clare County, Michigan  
October 9, 2003  
Age 37

Kevin was killed in an automobile accident while responding to a call of a car driving on the wrong side of the road. The car he was looking for is the car that he collided with. Both drivers were killed. Kevin was a Deputy Sheriff for nine years. He leaves behind his wife and his three children.

Donnie Washington  
Richland County, South Carolina  
October 16, 2003  
Age 31

Donnie was killed in an automobile accident. He was a Narcotics officer with the department for two years and had been in law enforcement for nine years. Donnie leaves behind a son.

Thomas Morash  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
October 17, 2003  
Age 33

Thomas was killed when his motorcycle struck a vehicle while responding to a call of a minor traffic accident. A woman driving turned into Thomas's path. The impact catapulted him from the seat onto the pavement. The driver was arrested and charged with driving without a valid driver license, causing a death, and violating the right of way. Thomas was with the West Palm Beach Police Department for 12 years and had previously served with the Fort Pierce Police Department. He leaves behind his wife and daughter.

Bruce A. Williams  
Green Lake County, Wisconsin  
October 19, 2003  
Age 38

Bruce was shot and killed after responding to a domestic violence call. When he arrived at the call, the suspect opened fire with a high-powered rifle, striking Bruce in the neck and upper shoulder area above his vest. The suspect then locked himself in his apartment and was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Bruce was with the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office for 14 years leaves survived by his wife, three daughters, parents, and three siblings.

Daniel Starks  
Fort Myers, Florida  
October 25, 2003  
Age 21

Daniel was killed in automobile accident while responding to backup other officers who were involved in a high-speed pursuit. His patrol car collided with another patrol car. Daniel had served as a sworn officer with the agency for only 2 months and had served as an Explorer and Community Service Aide for the previous 5 years.

Micah Brown  
Marta, Georgia  
October 25, 2003  
Age 29

Micah died from injuries he sustained two weeks prior when his patrol car was struck by a hit-and-run driver as he responded to a theft-in-progress call. The other vehicle struck his patrol car when the driver ran a red light. The collision caused Micah's patrol car to strike a concrete pillar. Micah had been with the MARTA Transit Police Department for 2 years.

Lieutenant Gregory Floyd Medlin  
Desoto County, Missouri  
November 2, 2003  
Age 31

Floyd died from injuries in a car accident from five weeks earlier. He was responding to a call of a suspicious vehicle in front of a church when his car left the roadway, flipping several times and Floyd was ejected from his car.

Toby Dirickson  
Ranger, Texas  
November 2, 2003  
Age 28

Toby was standing next to his patrol car directing traffic when he was struck and killed by a tractor trailer while working the scene of a fatal accident. He was with the department for only 4 months and had previously served as a jailer for the Ector County Law Enforcement Center.

Robert Coulter  
California Highway Patrol  
November 2, 2003  
Age 39

Robert accidentally shot and killed himself when he was putting his shotgun in his patrol car. The shotgun is usually in a vertical position between the two front seats. Investigation shows the trigger may have been depressed when he tried to position the shotgun in the lock. The accident happened in the parking lot of the CHP's Weaverville station. He was found three hours later in his vehicle. He was with the department for 14 years. He leaves behind his wife, son, and daughter.

Deputy Sheriff William Davis  
Moody County, South Dakota  
November 3, 2003  
Age 54

William was killed when a vehicle struck him while working at an accident scene. He was putting a driver under arrest for refusing to sign a citation when another driver lost control of her car on the icy road. The car slid into the back of his patrol car and struck him as he searched the suspect. William was thrown approx. 30-feet and died almost instantly. He had been in law enforcement for 21 years and leaves behind his wife, mother and brother.

Correctional Officer Frederick Hyatt  
Department of Correction, Tennessee  
November 8, 2003  
Age 59

Frederick was strangled and beaten to death during an escape attempt by five inmates at the Middle Tennessee Correctional Complex. When other officers responded to the common area they located Officer Hyatt's body. He had been strangled with a cord from a laundry bag and beaten with his flashlight and a sock filled with canned food. None of the five inmates were able to escape. Frederick served with the Tennessee Department of Correction for 11 years.

Deputy Sheriff Richard Meyer  
Winnebago County, Wisconsin  
November 13, 2003  
Age 27

Richard was killed when his patrol car hit construction equipment in the road. He was responding to back up another deputy for a burglar alarm, when he entered a construction zone. He tried to avoid a large gravel pile, but collided with a large piece of construction equipment. He is the first line of duty death for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. Richard served with the Sheriff's Office for three years and leaves behind his wife and one-year-old son.

Corporal Anthony Michael (Tony) Walker  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
November 15, 2003  
Age 41

Tony died of injuries from 10 days earlier when he was involved in a car accident. He was on patrol in his unmarked car when it went out of control and struck a tree. Tony served as the president of the Prince George's County Fraternal Order of Police. He had served with the department for 19 years and leaves behind his wife, son, and three daughters.



Matthew Pavelka  
Burbank, California  
November 15, 2003  
Age 26

Matthew was shot and killed while backing up another officer during a traffic stop. The driver failed to produce a driver's license or vehicle registration. Both persons in the vehicle exited the car, each with two handguns, and opened fire on the officers. The suspects fired over 30 rounds from the handguns, striking both officers. Both officers were able to return fire killing one of the suspects. The second suspect remains at large. Matthew only served with the agency for 10 months and had previously served as a United States Air Force Security Police officer for four years.

Dean Beattie  
California Highway Patrol, California  
November 19, 2003  
Age 46

Dean was killed while attempting to pass a slow-moving truck. He was behind the truck and turned on his emergency lights. As he was attempting to pass the truck on the right hand shoulder, his patrol motorcycle hit the truck near the right wheel well and was thrown. Dean did not make radio contact prior to the accident it's not known why he activated his emergency lights. Dean was with the California Highway Patrol for 24 years.

John Samra  
Clifton, New Jersey  
November 21, 2003  
Age 41

John was on patrol when he stopped a car in which the driver had recently been released from prison on parole. The suspect fled in the car, John got back on his motorcycle and pursued him. In an attempt to cut off the suspect, the suspect intentionally rammed John's motorcycle with his van, he died from his injuries. Although the suspect fled on foot, but was apprehended by two civilians who witnesses the incident. It was later found out that his driver's license was later determined to have been revoked. John served with the Clifton Police Department for 15 years and is the first Clifton Police Officer ever to be killed in the line of duty since 1920.

James O'Brien  
Temple, Texas  
November 21, 2003  
Age 38

John was killed in a motorcycle accident while on the way to provide a police escort. His motorcycle struck the back of a vehicle that was stopped in the left lane attempting to make a left-hand turn. He was with the Temple Police Dept. for seven years. James leaves behind a son, 14 and daughter who is 12.

Trooper Jeffrey T. Edelson  
New York State Police, New York  
November 23, 2003  
Age 34

Jeffrey was killed in an automobile accident while on patrol. He was on the way to a call of a criminal mischief complaint when he made a U-turn to possibly conduct a traffic stop. While trying to catch up with the possible violator his passenger side wheels left the roadway striking the gravel shoulder. His patrol car went out of control, crossed the roadway, and struck a tree. Jeffrey was with the New York State Police for 6 years and was assigned to Troop F. He leaves behind his parents and sister.

Deputy Sheriff Ruby Rainault  
Essex County, Vermont  
November 24, 2003  
Age 54

Ruby was killed in an automobile accident while on duty. She was making a U-turn to help a stranded motorist, when her patrol car was broadsided by a truck. She leaves behind her husband, who is also an Essex County Deputy Sheriff.

Deputy James (Jim ) Weaver  
Orange County, Florida  
November 24, 2003  
Age 37

Jim died two days after he was struck by a car while directing traffic at the scene of a minor accident. The driver of the vehicle claimed that she did not see him because of the flashing lights at the accident scene.

Sergeant Hubert (John John) Yancey  
Scott County, Tennessee  
November 28, 2003  
Age 35

John John was accidentally shot and killed by another deputy. They were at a suspected meth lab at a mobile home. One deputy went inside to search after a suspect granted him permission. Three deputies remained outside making sure he could exit. The deputy inside saw someone hiding in a closet, holding what appeared to be a weapon. He took cover, the closet door opened and two women in the home began screaming. John John, thinking the deputy was in trouble, entered the home armed with a shotgun. The other deputy already inside saw John John's silhouette, thought he was an armed suspect, fired one round, and struck John John just above his vest. Three suspects fled, but were caught. None were charged in connection with John John's death. John John was with the Department for 6 years and leaves behind his wife and three sons.

Deputy Sheriff Glenn M. Searles  
Onondaga County, New York  
November 29, 2003  
Age 31

Glenn was killed when he was struck by a vehicle while assisting a stranded motorist. He was returning to his patrol car to get flares, when the driver of a minivan who was experiencing chest pains, swerved out of control and struck Glenn and his patrol car. Glenn was pinned between the minivan and his patrol car and died from his injuries. Glenn had served with the Department for two years, and had previously served as an investigator with the medical examiner's office.

Deputy Sheriff Christopher John Hensley  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Idaho  
November 30, 2003  
Age 25

Christopher was killed in an automobile accident. His Chevy Blazer patrol vehicle struck a patch of black ice, went out of control and rolled over. Christopher served with the Department for 6 months, and had been in law enforcement for a total of 3 years. He leaves behind his 2-month-old son and his girlfriend.

Trooper Tony M. Lumley  
Georgia State Patrol, Georgia  
December 2, 2003  
Age 36

Tony died from injuries when his patrol car collided with a vehicle being pursued by other agencies. The pursuit was through three counties, Spalding County is where Tony joined in. It ended when the suspect's vehicle crashed into Tony's vehicle. The suspect was apprehended and Tony was flown to a hospital where he died from his injuries the following morning. Tony was with the Georgia State Patrol for 2.5 years, and was assigned to the Griffin Post. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Town Marshal Richard Mark Clapp  
New Richmond, Indiana  
December 5, 2003  
Age 45

Richard suffered a fatal heart attack after a violent struggle with a 17-year-old domestic violence suspect. Richard and his son, a county jail officer, attempted to arrest the suspect. He resisted and Richard and his son wrestled with the suspect for several minutes before backup officers arrived taking the suspect into custody. After the suspect was handcuffed, Richard suffered a heart attack. He died on the way to the hospital. The suspect faces juvenile charges including aggravated battery, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest. Richard was with the New Richmond Town Marshal for 22 years and leaves behind his wife and son.

Constable Donnie M. Ouzts  
Abbeville County, South Carolina  
December 8, 2003  
Age 63

Donnie was shot and killed after he went to a location to see if Sergeant Wilson had been taken hostage when suspects called the sheriff's office and told them that a deputy had been shot. Sergeant Wilson had gone to the home of two men upset that the state was taking a small piece of their land through eminent domain to widen a highway. When Sergeant Wilson arrived to discuss a complaint by highway crews that they had been harassed by the homeowners, he was taken hostage by the suspects. When they arrived, the suspects opened fire, striking Donnie. The other Deputy was able to retreat to a safe location and call of back-up. Donnie died from the gunshot wound while on route to the hospital.

Sergeant Danny Wilson  
Abbeville County, South Carolina  
June 20, 1966  
December 8, 2003  
Age 37

Daniel had gone to the home of two men upset that the state was taking a small piece of their land through eminent domain to widen a highway. When he arrived to discuss a complaint by highway crews that they had been harassed by the homeowners, he was taken hostage by the suspects. After a 14 hour standoff and two hours of not hearing from the suspects, officers entered the house. Daniel's body was found inside the house. He had been handcuffed by the suspects and shot. It was not known to the department until after the raid that Daniel had been killed by the suspects. The three suspects: a man, his wife and son, were apprehended. The two men are charged with two counts of murder and one count of criminal conspiracy. The female, who wasn't home during incident was arrested and charged with one count of accessory before the fact of murder and one count of criminal conspiracy.

Corporal Thomas Roberts  
Mishawaka, Indiana  
December 13, 2003  
Age 43

Thomas was shot while responding to a call of shots fired during a neighborhood dispute. As Thomas and his partner tried to talk with the resident doing the shooting, he came out of a home shooting. Both Thomas and his partner were shot. He died at the scene. Thomas was a Corporal and with the Department for fourteen years. Thomas leaves behind his wife and two children.

Officer Bryan S. Verkler  
Mishawaka, Indiana  
December 13, 2003  
Age 27

Bryan was shot while responding to a call of shots fired during a neighborhood dispute. As Bryan and his partner tried to talk with the resident doing the shooting, he came out of a home shooting. Both Bryan and his partner were shot. Bryan was taken to the hospital and died during surgery. He was a Patrolman with the Department for two years. Bryan leaves behind his wife.

Border Patrol Agent James Epling  
United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection, US  
December 16, 2003  
Age 24

James drowned when he fell or was pushed into the Colorado River in California. He was involved in a foot pursuit of a Mexican national and three Chinese nationals who were spotted on the California side of the river. Agents lost track of James during the foot pursuit. His body was located 3 days later. James had served with the Customs and Border Protection for less than 1 year and was assigned to the Yuma Border Patrol Station. He leaves behind his expectant wife and three children.

Scott A. Patrick  
Gary, Indiana  
December 22, 2003  
Age 27

Scott was shot and killed while trying to assist a motorist. The motorist had a stolen car and while attempting to approach him Scott was shot. Scott was a State Trooper for three years. He leaves behind his wife who is expecting the birth of their child.



Reserve Officer Russell Simpson  
Bandon, Oregon  
December 22, 2003  
Age 51

Russell drowned trying to rescue a teenage boy swept into the ocean when he was walking his dog at the beach. Russell responded to the scene as part of a rope-chain of people trying to reach the boy. He was pulled under by the current and into the ocean. The boy was rescued. Russell was with the Department for 4 years. He was a retired firefighter from the Los Angeles County, California, Fire Department. He leaves behind his wife, mother, and brother, who is also with the Bandon Police Department.

John Watson  
Kenai, Alaska  
December 25, 2003  
Age 43

John was shot and killed after locating a vehicle with a suspect and a 21-year-old female. The suspect appeared intoxicated and the officer wanted to conduct a welfare check. In an attempt to arrest the aggressive suspect, a struggle broke out. The suspect got ahold of John's handgun. Firing two shots, one shot struck John in the back, the second shot struck John in the back of the head, killing him. When back-up arrived, after a stand-off, the suspect surrendered. John was with the Department for 18 years. He leaves behind his wife and children.

Trooper Nikky Green  
Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Oklahoma  
December 26, 2003  
Age 35

Nikky was shot and killed after he pulled over a suspicious vehicle. When dispatch lost radio contact with him another Deputy and Trooper went to investigate and found Nikky alongside a rural county road. The suspect remains at large. Nikky was with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for six years and leaves behind his wife and four children.

Deputy Sheriff Jesus A. Garza Jr.  
Bexar County, Texas  
December 26, 2003  
Age 33

Jesus was killed in a car accident while responding to a report of a vehicle accident. His patrol car left skidded across the road and crashing against several trees. He was wearing his seatbelt, was killed instantly. Jesus was with the Department for 11 years and leaves behind his wife and three young children.

Paul Pino  
California Highway Patrol, California  
December 30, 2003  
Age 49

Paul was killed when his patrol car was pushed under a flatbed truck while he made a traffic stop. The driver of vehicle that struck his car told officers she was driving while drowsy and could have been traveling at about 90 miles an hour. Paul was with the California Highway Patrol for 23 years and leaves behind his wife and four daughters.

Arthur Olsen  
Town of Dover, New Jersey  
December 30, 2003

Arthur was killed when he was struck by a transit train investigating a report of a homeless man on the railroad tracks. He was with the Town of Dover Police Department for 19 years and leaves behind his wife and two children.