

## Memorial 2006

Billy Jack Zachary  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
January 1, 2006  
Age 32

Billy was killed when he was struck by a vehicle during a traffic stop. He was a Trooper for one year. Billy leaves behind his wife and a three month old daughter.



James F. Knapp  
Cook County, Illinois  
January 4, 2006  
Age 50

James was killed when his patrol car rear ended a semi-trailer that was waiting to turn left. The weather conditions were foggy. James was with the Cook County Police Department for sixteen years. He leaves behind his wife, who was a Lieutenant with the agency, and two sons.

Ethan Collins  
Fairfield County, Ohio  
January 4, 2006  
Age 29

Ethan was killed in a car accident en-route to assist an officer. He lost control of his car, rolled and hit a utility pole. He was a Deputy with the department for six years. Ethan leaves behind his wife, son and daughter.



James Zadroga  
New York City, New York  
January 6, 2006  
Age 34

James died as a result of ailments he received while working over 700 hours at Ground Zero. He had respiratory disease, black lung disease, and mercury on the brain. James was a Detective with NYPD for thirteen years. He leaves behind his four year old daughter.



Richard May  
East Palo Alto, California  
January 7, 2006  
Age 39

Richard was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call. He approached a group of men fighting and one ran, as Richard pursued him the suspect shot him. A fourteen year old police explorer was on a ride along with Richard at the time. Richard was with the agency for a year and a half. He was previously with the Lompoc Police Department for ten years. He leaves behind his wife and three daughters.

Wayne Clark  
New Jersey Department of Corrections  
January 10, 2006  
Age 62

Wayne was killed when his car hit a truck that was parked in the roadway, sun glare may have been a factor. Wayne was a Senior Officer with the Agency for 23 years. He leaves behind his girlfriend, two sons and two daughters.



Francis (Frank) Hennessy  
New York City, New York  
January 10, 2006  
Age 35

Frank died of a brain aneurysm while responding to a man with a gun call, he passed out as he got out of his patrol car to talk to the man. He was with the Department for 8 years and worked at the 70th Precinct. Frank leaves behind his wife and two daughters.



Cory Allen Ricks  
Seward County, Kansas  
January 16, 2006  
Age 33

Cory was killed when his car hit another car that was stopped in the road. He was transporting a juvenile prisoner at the time, both were killed. Cory was a Deputy with the agency. He leaves behind his wife, who is expecting, a son and a daughter.

Matthew Dewayne Myrick  
Hereford, Texas  
January 20, 2006  
Age 36

Matthew died when his car went off the road and into a ditch where it hit a concrete culvert and burst into flames. He was on the way to the scene of an accident. He was a Trooper for two years. Matthew leaves behind his wife and four children.



John Piskator  
Key West, Florida  
January 23, 2006  
Age 41

John died of a heart attack while doing physical training. He had just been promoted to Detective the week prior. He was with the Police Department for just under a year. John leaves behind his twelve year old son.



Kevin Lee  
New York, New York  
January 27, 2006  
Age 31

Kevin died of a heart attack when he was chasing several men that he had under surveillance for possible theft. He was with the agency for ten years. Kevin leaves behind his wife and six year old son.

Jeffery Alan Wroten  
Maryland State Division of Correction  
January 27, 2006  
Age 44

Jeffery was shot in the face with his own gun when he was guarding an inmate at the hospital. The inmate was apprehended after he escaped. He was with the Department of Corrections for four years and previously with Florida Department of Corrections and West Virginia Department of Corrections. Jeffery leaves behind 5 children.

Henry Prendes  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
February 1, 2006  
Age 37

Henry was shot and killed while assisting a domestic violence call. Over 50 rounds were fired by the suspect during the altercation. Henry was a Sergeant with the Agency for 14 years. He leaves behind his wife and two young daughters.

Jim Sell  
Gassville, Arkansas  
February 4, 2006  
Age 63

Jim was killed while attempting to stop a suspect vehicle. The suspect had been involved in a bar room fight involving hitting people with a hatchet. When Jim pulled the suspect over, he was shot once in the arm and twice in the head.

Jose "Joe" Gomez  
Eustis Florida  
February 5, 2006  
Age 34

Joe was shot and killed by a fellow officer who parked his truck down the street and walked up to Joe's house. The officer was looking for his wife who was seeking refuge from him. The suspect officer then found Joes wife, Selena and the suspect officers estranged wife, Kim hiding in a closet, shooting them both in the head. Joe leaves behind two small children.



Selena Gomez  
Eustis Florida  
February 5, 2006  
Age 29

Selena was shot and killed by a police officer who parked his truck down the street and walked up her house. The officer was looking for his wife who was seeking refuge from him. After killing Selena's husband, the suspect officer found Selena and the suspect officers estranged wife Kim hiding in a closet, shooting them both in the head. Selena was an administrative assistant in the Tavares Planning, Zoning and Development Department. Selena leaves behind two small children.

Kim Mount  
Eustis, Florida  
February 5, 2006  
Age 35

Kim was shot and killed by her husband who parked his truck down the street and walked to the house she was staying at seeking refuge from him. After killing a fellow officer who resided at the home, the suspect officer found Kim and the fellow officers wife, shooting them both in the head. Kim worked with the Eustis Police Department as an administrative clerk. She is also the daughter of a Lake County deputy sheriff. Kim leaves behind two children.



Eric Hernandez  
New York City, New York  
February 8, 2006  
Age 24

Eric died eight days after he was shot by a fellow officer when he was mistakenly taken for a suspect leaving a bar. Eric had been in an altercation with patrons of the bar. When he left the bar and got his bearings back, he pulled out his gun aiming it at an innocent man he had suspected was one of the patrons that attacked him. Another officer saw that altercation and shot Eric, not knowing he was a Police Officer.

Steven R. Smith  
Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
February 9, 2006  
Age 43

Steven died from injuries of a gunshot wound from 7 years earlier while he struggled with a suspect and was shot. He and two fellow officers had responded to reports of a murder in a graveyard. Steven was shot in the neck during the struggle and became quadriplegic. He was in a nursing home until passing away. He had been a Trooper for five years. Steven leaves behind two children.

Stacy McMurrough  
Lafayette County, Arkansas  
February 10, 2006  
Age 32

Stacy was killed when his car went off the road, overturning in a ditch and he was thrown out of the car. He was on the way to back up another Deputy during a domestic disturbance call. He was a Sheriff Deputy for Lafayette County and also a volunteer firefighter for Stamps Fire and Rescue.

Eric Solorio  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 12, 2006  
Age 26

Eric died from injuries received two weeks earlier in a car accident when he and his partner were chasing another vehicle. They were cut off by another driver and hit a tree and church building. Eric was with the Police Department for three and a half years. He leaves behind his mother.

Elizabeth Edwards  
Hardin County, Illinois  
February 12, 2006  
Age 26

Elizabeth died from head injuries when she was in a car accident on the way to the scene of a car accident. Weather conditions caused her to lose control of her car and hit a tree. She was a Deputy Sheriff.

Ryan Seguin  
Broward County, Florida  
February 15, 2006  
Age 23

Ryan was killed while pulling over a vehicle on the highway. Another vehicle came up from behind striking him. Ryan was a Deputy Sheriff for three years. He leaves behind his parents of whom his father is a retired police officer.

Stephen Hahn  
Eau Claire County, Wisconsin  
February 16, 2006  
Age 62

Stephen was killed when a vehicle lost control on the interstate, crossed the median and hit the transport van he was driving. A semi-truck also hit him from behind. Stephen was a Captain of the agency for thirty one years. After retiring he became a Special Deputy for nine years. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Earl Scott  
California Highway Patrol  
February 17, 2006  
Age 36

Earl was shot in the head and killed while walking back to his car after getting the registration of a driver he stopped for speeding. Another driver saw the incident and called the police. The suspect was identified by his registration still in Earl's hand. He turned himself in. Earl was with the agency for nine years. He is from a family of law enforcement officers including his father, two uncles and a cousin. He leaves behind his father, stepmother and sister.

Herman W. Brooks  
De Ridder, Louisiana  
February 17, 2006

Herman died 8 years after being struck by a vehicle while assisting at the scene of an accident. He was a Lieutenant with the agency for thirteen years. Herman leaves behind his wife, children and grandchildren.

Kevin C. Manion  
Virginia State Police  
February 18, 2006  
Age 27

Kevin was accidentally shot and killed while he and another Trooper were looking at a pickup that was being moved and a shot gun in the truck accidentally discharged. He was wearing his vest at the time. Kevin was with the agency for two and a half years.

Donna Kay Walden  
Mode, Illinois  
February 20, 2006  
Age 60

Donna was a Corrections Officer with Effingham, Illinois Sheriff's Department. She leaves behind her husband, two sons, a brother and three grandchildren.

Louis W. Hoover Jr.  
Baltimore, Maryland  
June 12, 1944  
February 21, 2006  
Age 61

Louis died of a heart attack less than one year after retirement. He was with the Baltimore City Police Department for 25 years. Louis leaves behind his wife, Anna and four children - John, Debra, Brian and Officer Jason Louis Hoover who is carrying on the family tradition of #970.

Kyle Ballard  
Pasadena, California  
February 24, 2006  
Age 30

Kyle died from a heart attack after completing a 6-mile run during a training exercise. He was with the department for 8 years. Kyle leaves behind his wife and three sons.

Gregory John Bailey  
Ranch Cucamonga, California  
February 25, 2006  
Age 36

Greg was killed when a drunk driver struck him as he was on the highway during a traffic stop. He was with the Highway Patrol for ten years. Greg had just returned from tour in Iraq. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, two sons and his parents.

Juan Serrano  
Tampa, Florida  
February 25, 2006  
Age 49

Juan was killed when his car was hit by a drunk driver. He was a Detective with the Mayor's office and the Mayor's personal protection officer and driver. He had just left the Mayor at a function. Juan was with the Police Department for seventeen years. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

K9 Officer Berry  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
February 26, 2006  
Age 7 1/2

Berry died in his sleep of a possible heart attack. He was with the Tuscaloosa Sheriff Department for nine years. See a photo of Berry and his partner [here](#).  
In Loving Memory of Berry



Joseph Corr  
New Hartford, New York  
February 27, 2006  
Age 30

Joseph was shot and killed while he was in pursuit of suspects that had robbed a jewelry store. He was with the Police Department for six years. Joseph leaves behind his wife, baby daughter and his parents.



Andrew J. (AJ) Sperr  
Rochester, New York  
March 1, 2006  
Age 33

AJ was shot and killed in Big Flats when he stopped a car for a traffic violation. He was unaware that the suspects had just committed a bank robbery. AJ was a Trooper with the State Police for ten years. He resided in Caton and grew up in Rochester, New York. AJ leaves behind his parents and ten siblings.



Jeremy Newchurch  
Assumption Parish, Louisiana  
March 1, 2006  
Age 31

Jeremy was shot and killed during a drug bust, with another officers fire arm, when a suspect tried to take it. Jeremy was a Sergeant with the agency for eight years.

Matthew J. Melchiondia  
Watchung, New Jersey  
March 8, 2006  
Age 31

Matthew was called to assist fellow undercover detectives in a traffic stop involving suspected stolen vehicles. With emergency equipment activated, he passed several slow moving vehicles in an attempt to approach the suspect's car. One vehicle in front of him proceeded to make a left turn as he was trying to pass it. The vehicle struck his patrol car behind the front wheel, causing Matt's car to spin around and strike a tree in the driver's side door he died instantly. Matt was a decorated and dedicated officer and served on the police force for six years. In January 2006, he earned his Masters Degree from Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ. He is survived by his wife Lynn, of 5 months, his parents, and brother, who is also a Watchung police officer.

Erin S. Frasier  
U. S. Air Force Security Police  
March 13, 2006  
Age 18

Erin was killed when her car missed a curve in the road and overturned when she was patrolling Edwards Air Force Base.

Nicholas D. (Nick) Greenig  
U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security - Border Patrol  
March 14, 2006  
Age 28

Nick was killed in a car accident on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation in Pima County, Arizona, when he and his partner hit a bull that was walking across the highway. Nick was a Senior Patrol Agent with the agency for four years.

James McGrane Jr.  
Bernalillo County, New Mexico  
March 22, 2006  
Age 38

James was shot and killed while making a traffic stop. The suspect shot him twice and fled. James was a Deputy Sheriff with Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department for 2 1/2 years and previously with New Mexico State Police and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for 10 years. He leaves behind his wife and parents.

Joseph Whitehead  
Bibb County, Georgia  
March 23, 2006  
Age 36

Joseph was shot in the face and chest and killed when he and other Deputy Sheriff's served a search warrant during a drug investigation. He was wearing his vest. Joseph was with the agency for eleven years. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

Pierre Bain  
Lancaster, California  
March 23, 2006  
Age 45

Pierre was killed when he was trying to pass another vehicle and lost control of his motorcycle. He was on his way to assist another officer that was following a car with robbery suspects in it. An elderly male in an SUV making a left turn never saw Pierre's motorcycle and turned in front of him. While making an evasive maneuver, Pierre lost control of his motorcycle and crashed. He was a Deputy with the Lancaster Sheriff's Office for fifteen years. He leaves behind his wife and three daughters.

Gerard Burke Jr.  
Metropolitan, District of Columbia  
March 23, 2006  
Age 39

Gerard was killed in a car accident when he had just called in a possible stolen car and his car went over the center line, hit a parked car and then hit a moving car. He was a Sergeant with the Police Department for sixteen years.

Michael Byrd Jr.  
Pascagoula, Mississippi  
March 27, 2006  
Age 26

Michael was killed when he was thrown from his motor bike and hit by a truck.

Maria Cecelia Rosa  
Long Beach, California  
March 28, 2006  
Age 30

Maria was shot and killed while she was walking to her car to go to work at her home. It was 6:00 a.m. and the person who shot her is unknown. Maria was a Deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office for six years.



Joe Prock  
Caddo Parish, Louisiana  
April 1, 2006  
Age 52

Joe was shot in the head and set on fire inside his mothers' home when he walked in on a home invasion. His mother did get away from the now missing suspects. Joe was the Fire Captain at the Greenwood fire station in Caddo Parish for more than 30 years, once being named career firefighter of the year in 1996. He leaves behind his mother, wife, son, daughter and 5 year old grandson.

Anthony Maurice Andrews  
Saraland, Alabama  
April 7, 2006  
Age 33

Anthony died of a heart attack a week after jogging during a physical fitness program. He was at one time a member of SWAT, with the bike unit and the honor guard. He also spent two years in Iraq helping to train local police. Anthony leaves behind his wife and three children.

Steven Vitale  
New York City, New York  
April 10, 2006  
Age 55

Steven was shot numerous times by a fellow law enforcement officer in a fit of road rage. He and his wife were getting out of the car at a store when the fellow officer shot him after following Steven and his wife because he was cut off on the interstate. Steven was retired from the Port Authority. The officer that shot him was a retired NYPD officer. He leaves behind his wife and three daughters. Note: Steven was awarded the PA's Medal of Valor for his heroism after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

R. Scott Sumner  
Chelsea, Michigan  
April 13, 2006  
Age 43

Scott was killed in a helicopter crash while assisting in a pursuit of a suspect on foot. He was Chief of Police and with the Police Department for 19 years. Scott leaves behind his wife and two sons.

Matthew Tuttle  
Chelsea, Michigan  
April 13, 2006  
Age 28

Matthew was killed in a helicopter crash while assisting in a pursuit of a suspect on foot. He was a Reserve Officer and served as Captain with Chelsea Area Fire Authority. Matthew leaves behind his wife.

Scott Severns  
South Bend, Indiana  
April 23, 2006  
Age 36

Scott was shot and killed by a juvenile during a botched robbery. He was talking to a friend at his car when they were approached by the suspects and he tried to protect a friend he was with. The suspects shot Scott several times in the torso and when he was down, they shot him in the neck and the head. Scotts' father and grandfather were also Police Officers. He was a Corporal and with the agency for 8 years. Scott leaves behind his parents, grandmother, sister and brother. Note: Scott was officer of the year in 2004.



Craig J. Todeschini  
Pompey Hill, New York  
April 23, 2006  
Age 25

Craig was killed when he was chasing a motorcycle that was going over 100 mph. He lost control of his car and it struck a tree. Craig was a Trooper with New York State Police for almost four years. He leaves behind his pregnant wife.

Jeremy Chambers  
Cahokia, Illinois  
April 24, 2006  
Age 27

Jeremy was killed in a car accident when he was hit head on by a pickup truck. The impact overturned his car and he was trapped inside, he died of his injuries. He was with the agency for almost three years. Jeremy is from a family of police officers. His father is a retired captain with the Cahokia Police. His brother is a St. Louis County officer and his sister is married to a police officer.



Robert Daniel Targosz  
Gilbert, Arizona  
April 30, 2006  
Age 37

Robert was killed when he was struck while driving his motorcycle by a drunk driver. He was with the Police Department for twelve years. Robert leaves behind his wife.

Darryl Tsujimoto  
San Francisco, California  
May 1, 2006  
Age 41

Darryl died of a heart attack after running a half mile exercise with a canine and locating a fellow officer who was playing the suspect. He was with the Police Department for fifteen years. Darryl leaves behind his fiance'.



Eduardo Chavez  
Highway Patrol, Texas  
May 2, 2006  
Age 30

Eduardo was killed when his car went out of control and rolled over while responding to assist his brother, another officer, in a narcotics arrest. Eduardo was a Trooper for Texas Highway Patrol for three and in law enforcement for seven years. He leaves behind his wife who is with child.

Dimitrios (Jimmy) Theodorou  
Brooklyn, New York  
November 22, 1983  
May 6, 2006  
Age 23

Jimmy was killed on the Belt Parkway when his car was hit from behind and his gas tank exploded. He was not on duty at the time. Jimmy loved being a cop and died far too young, his spirit will remain with us all here forever. He was with the NYPD for just short of a year. He leaves behind his parents, a brother, his girlfriend of seven years and all who were touched even briefly in their lives by him.



Gary Skerski  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
May 8, 2006  
Age 46

Gary was shot in the neck and killed responding to robbery at a bar. He was with the department for sixteen years. He leaves behind his wife, son and a daughter.



Vicky O. Armel  
Fairfax, Virginia  
May 8, 2006  
Age 40

Vicky was shot and killed by a carjacker who drove into the police station's back parking lot and started shooting at officers with an AK-47. She was a Detective with the agency for nine years. Vicky leaves behind her husband, who is also an officer, a son age seven and a daughter age four.



Rudy Mesa  
San Marcos, Texas  
May 8, 2006  
Age 56

Rudy was killed when a roadside bomb exploded in Iraq. He was a retired officer and had been in Iraq for one month. He had left for Iraq to assist in training police officers just a few days after his retirement. In Rudy's career he served two tours of duty in Vietnam earning many medals and commendations, including a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, an Army Achievement Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with seven service stars. He retired from the military in 1992 as a sergeant first class and was a Deputy for Bexar County sheriff's department for a year. Rudy joined the San Marcos police in 1994. Rudy leaves behind his wife.





Keith Lyon  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
May 9, 2006  
Age 42

Keith was killed when his car was hit head on by a driver on a narrow two lane road. Keith was with the Knox County Sheriff's Office for eighteen years. He began his career in 1988 as a correctional officer, promoted to jail sergeant in 1991, jail lieutenant in 1993 and jail captain in 1995. In 1996, Keith was promoted to assistant chief deputy of administration, and then to assistant chief deputy in 1997. A total of eighteen years in law enforcement. Keith leaves behind his wife.



Bill Jones  
Kingston, Tennessee  
May 11, 2006  
Age 53

Bill, a Deputy Sheriff, and a friend who was with him on a ride-a-long were found shot to death on the side of the highway. Two brothers that had a vendetta against local officials were to blame for the shootings. Bill had been with the agency for nine months but in the occupation of law enforcement for twenty five years.



Robert Kearse  
Columbus, Georgia  
May 11, 2006  
Age 39

Robert died while having an asthma attack in his patrol car at a gas station. He did try to call for help but was unable to breath to complete the call.

Rodney Todd Miller  
Bondville, Illinois  
May 12, 2006  
Age 40

Rodney was killed when his car was struck by another vehicle. He was a Sergeant with State Police for sixteen years. Rodney leaves behind his wife, two sons; and his mother, father and sister.

Gregory Dean Stewart  
Beeville, Texas  
May 15, 2006  
Age 32

Gregory died a week after wounds he received after being shot outside a club. He was on Army National Guard Training and he and a friend were approached by a man who tried to rob them outside the club. Gregory was with the Police Department for seven years. He leaves behind his wife, son, parents, a sister and two brothers.

Michael E. Garbarino  
Fairfax County, Virginia  
May 17, 2006  
Age 53

Michael died from five gunshot wounds he received 9 days after a carjacker drove into the police station's back parking lot and started shooting at officers with an AK-47. Michael was sitting in his car at the time. He was a Master Police Officer for twenty three years. Michael leaves behind his wife, two children; and his mother, father and brother.



Anthony A. Byrd  
Baltimore, Maryland  
May 19, 2006  
Age 31

Anthony was killed in a car accident when another patrol car struck his patrol car while he was on his way back to the station. The other officer was on his way to assist on a domestic violence call. He was with the Police Department for eleven years. Anthony leaves behind his wife and two young daughters.



Seneca Darden  
Norfolk, Virginia  
May 21, 2006  
Age 25

Seneca was shot several times and killed by a fellow officer that did not recognize him while he was holding his gun and taking a person into custody. Seneca was with the Police Department for four years. He leaves behind his wife and a five year old daughter.



High School Sweethearts



Wedding Day

Jason Makowski  
Dearborn Heights, Michigan  
May 25, 2006  
Age 31

Jason was shot in the face and killed by a man who was arguing with garbage collectors. He was a Corporal with the Police Department for eleven years. Jason leaves behind a son.

Jerry Beckmeyer Jr.  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida  
May 26, 2006  
Age 33

Jerry was killed while driving his personal motorcycle and crashed into a two-car accident on the road ahead of him. He was with the Police Department for eight years. Jerry leaves behind his wife who is expecting and a five year old son.



James Archuleta  
Española, New Mexico  
June 4, 2006  
Age 27

James was killed when he was headed to a hospital to investigate a shooting and hit a cow with his car. The car overturned and he was ejected. James was with the State Police for two years. He leaves behind his daughter, son and fiancée.



Dale Geddie  
Smith County, Texas  
June 7, 2006  
Age 45

Dale was shot and killed during a domestic disturbance. Dale was a Constable for eighteen months and a Deputy for eleven years. He leaves behind his wife and two sons.

Brian Gibbons  
Calhoun County, Illinois  
June 11, 2006  
Age 33

Brian was killed when he was hit head-on by a drunk driver. He was a Chief Deputy for four years and was in the running for election of Sheriff. Brian leaves behind his teenage son and a six year old daughter.



Paul F. Barry  
Wrentham, Massachusetts  
June 15, 2006  
Age 39

Paul was killed when his patrol car drifted into another lane and hit a parked dump truck. He was with the State Police for six years. Paul leaves behind his wife and seven children.

Octavio Gonzalez  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
June 16, 2006  
Age 40

Octavio was shot in the head and killed when a suspect that had been pulled over by a fellow officer shot the officer in the leg and took the patrol car. When Octavio caught up to him is when he was shot. Octavio was Captain of the department for thirteen years and Commander of the Narcotics Division. Octavio leaves behind his wife and two sons.

William (Buddy) Sentner  
U.S. Dept. of Justice  
June 21, 2006  
Age 44

Buddy was shot and killed while serving several warrants on federal corrections officers that were being charged with smuggling goods for money to the inmates and having sexual contact with female inmates. One corrections officer, who brought his own personal weapon into the facility, shot at Buddy. Buddy was a Special Agent with the U.S. D.O.J. for sixteen years. He was formerly with the Secret Service. Buddy leaves behind his wife.

Krista Michelle Davis  
Gwinett County, Georgia  
June 22, 2006  
Age 37

Kristin died of an unexpected brain aneurism while on duty. She was a Police Officer with the Department for sixteen years. Kristin leaves behind her husband of seventeen years and her fourteen year old son.

Dennis Carmen Stepnowski  
DeKalb County, Georgia  
June 29, 2006  
Age 33

Dennis was shot and killed while pursuing a suspect in a foot chase. He managed to return fire killing the suspect. Dennis was a Detective with the Police Department for twelve years and a member of S.W.A.T. Dennis leaves behind his wife.

James Lee Sunderland  
Val Verde County, Texas  
June 30, 2006  
Age 46

James was a passenger in a car driven by his son who is also with the agency, when a truck struck their car causing it to go into incoming traffic and hit by another vehicle. James was an Lieutenant with the Sheriffs Department, his son a Deputy survived the accident.

Scott Hanson  
Covina, California  
July 3, 2006  
Age 45

Scott died after being in the hospital for three years with brain injuries he suffered from a car accident. He was a Sergeant and with the agency for 22 years. Scott leaves behind his wife, son and daughter.

David Stan Piquette  
Los Angeles County, California  
July 7, 2006  
Age 34

David was killed when he was trying to avoid hitting a stove that had fallen off a truck in the middle of the interstate. His car ended up crushed between a semi carrying two loads of cement. He was a Deputy with the Sheriff Department for ten years. David leaves behind his wife and three year old twins.

Charles A. Fisher  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
July 8, 2006  
Age 52

Charles was killed in a motorcycle accident while on the way to assist in a funeral procession. He was a Deputy for four months and was previously an auxiliary deputy for nine years. Charles leaves behind his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

Donald Keith West  
Benson, North Carolina  
July 30, 1966  
July 18, 2006  
Age 39

Keith was shot in the head and killed by his girlfriend as he slept. He was president and chief executive of West-Tek Inc., a private police company based in Smithfield. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, a former guard at Central Prison in Raleigh and a former Smithfield police officer. Keith leaves behind his six month old daughter Lily, mother, father, step parents, two sisters, a brother, two step sisters and two step brothers. God Speed Keith.



Nick Tomasito Birco  
San Francisco, California  
July 26, 2006  
Age 39

Nick was killed when his patrol car was hit by a van carrying four robbery suspects that were attempting to get away from the police. His car was spun all the way around and hit the curb and a light pole before landing on its side. He was with the Police Department for five years. People who know Nick called him "St. Nick" because of his kindness and generosity. Nick leaves behind his mother, father and two sisters.



Phoenix Braithwaite  
Haines City, Florida  
August 2, 2006  
Age 24

Phoenix was killed in a hit and run on his way to work. He was riding his motorcycle when he was hit by a van then a semitruck ran over him. Phoenix leaves behind his wife and two year old daughter.

Michael Callin  
Orange County, Florida  
August 2, 2006  
Age 26

Michael died from injuries when a speeding driver intentionally struck him while he was operating radar on an overpass. Michael was a Deputy Sheriff with the agency for four years. He leaves behind his wife, parents and sister. His father is also with the agency and his sister is in the academy.

Peter William Faatz  
Atlanta, Georgia  
August 3, 2006  
Age 29

Peter was killed when he was involved in an accident with an ambulance as both were responding to a shooting call. Peter was a Police Officer with the department for sixteen months.

Scott A. Wertz  
Reading, Pennsylvania  
August 6, 2006  
Age 40

Scott was shot twice in the chest and killed when he was responding to a call of a fight at a convenience store. He chased the suspect as he fled the scene and as Scott caught him the suspect turned around and shot him. Scott was a Police Officer with the department for nine years. He was previously a prison guard and worked with Sinking Spring and South Heidelberg Township. Scott leaves behind his wife and two sons.

Brent Clearman  
California Highway Patrol  
August 6, 2006  
Age 33

Brent died from injuries he received when he was hit by a driver while investigating an accident on the interstate. He served with the Marines as a sniper in the war on terrorism. Brent was with the CHP for sixteen months. Brent leaves behind his wife, parents and four sisters.



Kieran T. Shields  
Orange, New Jersey  
August 7, 2006  
Age 32

Kieran was shot and killed when he was responding to a gun shooting in a neighborhood. He was attempting to arrest the suspect after chasing him down when he was shot. He was a Detective with the agency for five years. Kieran leaves behind his wife and three children.

Joselito Barber  
Seattle, Washington  
August 13, 2006  
Age 26

Joselito was killed when a driver of another car ran a red light at 80 mph on a city street, hitting Joselito's car. He had graduated from the Academy only five months prior.

Christopher Metternich  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
August 14, 2006  
Age 31

Christopher was killed in a motorcycle accident. He had just finished an investigation of an accident when he hit a car that had turned in front of him. Christopher was a Corporal with the Police Department for seven years. He leaves behind his wife, nine year old step son and baby daughter.

Micah Burks  
Autauga County, Alabama  
August 16, 2006  
Age 57

Micah died from injuries he received four days earlier when a vehicle made a left hand turn in front of him, causing all of them to be ejected from their cars. Micah was a Sergeant with the agency for fifteen years. He leaves behind a son and a daughter.

Michael (Mikey) O'Loughlin  
Bergen, New Jersey  
August 21, 2006  
Age 39

Michael died surrendering to cancer after a courageous fight. Mikey was one of the co-Founder of the Bergen County Police and Drum Bagpipes. He started the Motor-Cycle Patrol in his town and was an instructor who trained many who were interested. He served for 18 1/2 years with the Cresskil P.D. in Bergen County, New Jersey. Upon retiring due to the cancer, he could not work in a duly sworn law enforcement capacity but he worked for some time at the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office assisting the Detectives in a variety of things. Michael leaves behind his wife, two sons, friends and extended family.



Eric E. Sutphin  
Montgomery County, Virginia  
August 21, 2006  
Age 40

Eric was shot and killed by an escape prisoner who had been taken to the hospital for a leg injury, the prisoner shot and killed a security guard at the hospital in his escape. Eric encountered the prisoner in a field when he was killed. Note: Eric received the Commonwealth of Virginia's Medal of Valor in 2003 for shooting a suspect that killed an officer. He was a Corporal with the agency for thirteen years. Eric leaves behind his wife and twin daughters.

Gary Dudley  
Indiana State Police  
August 22, 2006  
Age 51

Gary was killed when a tractor trailer hit the support vehicle of a charity event during a charitable fund bicycle ride for Indiana's "Concerns of Police Survivors". The support vehicle was forced into the lane where the bicyclists were riding. Gary was a Lieutenant with the agency for twenty five years. He leaves behind his wife.

Gary Martin  
Lake County, Indiana  
August 22, 2006  
Age 63

Gary was killed when a tractor trailer hit the support vehicle of a charity event during a charitable fund bicycle ride for Indiana's "Concerns of Police Survivors". The support vehicle was forced into the lane where the bicyclists were riding. Gary was the retired Chief of Police of Lake County Sheriff Office.

Dennis Shuck  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
August 23, 2006  
Age 54

Dennis died from injuries he received two days earlier when his motorcycle was hit while he was attempting to pass a truck to stop a traffic violator and the driver of the truck turned into his path. He was a Police Officer with the department for twelve years. Dennis leaves behind his fiancé, son, daughter and six grandchildren.

Charles (Chucky) Smith  
Beckley, West Virginia  
August 29, 2006  
Age 29

Chucky was shot and killed while he and another officer were attempting to buy drugs while working undercover. He was a Detective Corporal with the agency for five and a half years. Chucky leaves behind his wife and a two year old daughter.

Michael Douglas Young  
Brunswick, Georgia  
August 29, 2006  
Age 47

Michael died from injuries he received while he was trying to assist a trooper in a chase. His car crossed the median and was hit by another car. Michael was a Corporal with the State Patrol for twenty one years. He leaves behind his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

Johnathan A.J. Schroeder  
Cleveland, Ohio  
August 30, 2006

Johnathan was attempting to serve a warrant on a suspect of burglary and rape charges with several fellow officers when the suspect slammed the door of the residence and proceeded to shoot through it. He hit Johnathan in the side of his chest, he was wearing his vest. Johnathan was a Vice Officer with the agency for ten years. He is originally from Pittsburgh. He leaves behind his wife and infant son.

Robert T. Krauss  
Baltimore City, Maryland  
September 1, 2006  
Age 39

Robert died from injuries sustained eight month earlier in a motorcycle accident when he was struck by a car while working on a funeral procession detail. He was a Corporal with Transportation Authority Police for eighteen years. Robert leaves behind his wife, his mother and father and his brother.

Joseph A. Longabardo  
New York  
September 3, 2006  
Age 32

Joseph died in the hospital a few days after he was shot in the leg while staking out the house of a former girlfriend of an escaped convict. His leg was amputated in an attempt to save his life. He was a State Trooper for eight years. Joseph leaves behind his wife and one year old son.

Tony Hayes  
Memphis, Tennessee  
September 3, 2006  
Age 32

Tony was shot and killed by his girlfriend, then put in the trunk of a car. His body was found six days later. He leaves behind his wife and young child.

Raul Canales-Mundo  
Carolina, Puerto Rico  
September 4, 2006  
Age 52

Raul was shot and killed when he identified himself to three men attempting to rob a store. He was with the Police Department for twenty four years. Raul leaves behind his seven children and parents.

Edwanton A. (Eddie) Thomas  
Brier, Washington  
September 12, 2006  
Age 28

Eddie died of a possible heart attack while struggling helping paramedics with a patient. He was with the Police Department for nine months and in law enforcement for six years.

Michael Joseph Watts  
U.S. Air Force Security Forces  
September 16, 2006  
Age 25

Michael was killed in a car accident when another driver lost control of her vehicle hitting the car Michael was in. Although he was wearing a seatbelt the impact ejected him from the car, he died of his injuries two days later. At the time of the accident, Michael's wife was in labor with their second child. Michael was a Staff Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force Security Police for five years. He leaves behind his wife, two children, and parents.

Daryl Wetherbee  
New Gloucester, Maine  
September 17, 2006  
Age 46

Daryl was shot and killed by sniper fire in Iraq. He was previously with the Freeport Police Department for eight years and had been in Iraq as an international police officer with DynCorp Incorporation since June 1.

Robert E. (Robbie) Green  
Powhatan County, Virginia  
September 20, 2006  
Age 33

Robbie was killed in a car accident while helping in a pursuit. His car was ran off the road and struck several trees. He was with the agency for seven years. Robbie leaves behind his wife and three year old son.

Michael D. Thomas  
Aurora, Colorado  
September 20, 2006  
Age 52

Michael was shot while sitting in his personal car at a stop light. He was on his way to a training center after leaving a previous training session. Thomas worked in the K-9 and narcotics divisions with the Aurora Police Department before becoming a detective in 2005. He was with the agency for 24 years. He was given more than a dozen awards by the department and was given the department's Medal of Honor in 1992. Michael leaves behind a daughter.

Rodney Johnson  
Houston, Texas  
September 21, 2006  
Age 40

Rodney had stopped his vehicle in traffic and had a male subject in custody in the rear of his unit. The subject he had in custody was able to reach a weapon in his waistband and fired through the cage hitting Rodney four times in the head while he was sitting in the front seat. Rodney hit an emergency button on his radio and additional officers responded to the scene. When they arrived, they found Rodney shot in the head and the suspect still in the back seat. He was with the agency for twelve years. Rodney leaves behind his wife who works with the Houston Police Department and their two sons and three daughters.

Marlene Rivera  
Jamaica, New York  
September 22, 2006  
Age 24

Marlene was killed when a fellow female officer and her had gone out partying and the other officer crashed the car into a sign post. Marlene was on the job at the 103rd Precinct for one year.

Elmer Kiser  
Carter County, Kentucky  
September 27, 2006  
Age 63

Elmer was killed during an assault by a driver he had been following. He had called for backup but minutes later a citizen called into the police station reporting him lying on the ground bleeding of a head injury. Elmer was a Constable for twelve years. He leaves behind his daughter and girlfriend.

Thomas A. Cook  
Gallia, Ohio  
September 27, 2006  
Age 43

Thomas was shot and killed while he was doing surveillance at Metra Electric Line station. He was in his patrol car at the time watching the station because of recent armed robberies. Thomas was with the Metra Transit for three years and previously with Riverdale Police Department for seven years. He leaves behind his wife, son, and daughter. Thomas also leaves behind his brother who is a Deputy Sheriff and his father a retired Police Chief.

Joshua P. Risner  
Gallia, Ohio  
September 28, 2006  
Age 29

Joshua was killed in a car accident at the end of his shift when his vehicle was hit by another vehicle. He was a Trooper with the Highway Patrol for seven years. Joshua leaves behind his wife and two children.

Dale R. Holcomb  
Gallia, Ohio  
September 28, 2006  
Age 29

Dale was killed in a car accident at the beginning of his shift when his vehicle was hit by another vehicle. He was a Sergeant with the Highway Patrol for twenty one years. Dale leaves behind his wife and three children.

Vernon Matthew (Matt) Williams  
Polk County, Florida  
September 28, 2006  
Age 39

Matt was shot and killed when a man shot him and his K9 partner, Diogi while they were trying to apprehend him for a traffic stop. Matt was shot 8 times, Diogi was shot once in the chest. Matt was killed on the same day as his wife's birthday. He was a Deputy Sheriff with the agency for twelve years. Matt leaves behind his wife, daughter and two sons.

Kevin L. Weeks  
Tempe, Arizona  
September 28, 2006  
Age 28

Kevin was killed on his motorcycle when he hit some railroad ties that were left in the road in the early morning hours. His motorcycle flipped over in the accident. He was with the Police Department for seven years. Kevin leaves behind his parents, sister and his girlfriend.

Matt Barnes  
Jacksonville, Florida  
September 29, 2006  
Age 26

Matt accidentally shot himself in the face while celebrating his 26th birthday. He thought the gun was unloaded. Matt was a Deputy with the agency for two years.

Keith E. Houts  
Montgomery, Alabama  
September 30, 2006  
Age 30

Keith died from gunshot wounds he had gotten two days prior during a traffic stop. The suspect shot him in the head and a few times in the chest. He was with the Police Department for two years. Keith leaves behind his wife.

William L. McClendon  
Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
October 1, 2006  
Age 37

William was killed when his car hit a semitruck on the turnpike. The driver of the truck also died from his injuries.

Christopher C. Daniels Sr.  
Lake County, Florida  
October 14, 2006  
Age 47

Christopher was killed when he was driving a school bus in a charity race. He was struck by another bus and thrown from his bus, then struck by another bus. He was a Sheriff and in law enforcement for twenty years. Christopher leaves behind his newly wed wife and four children. Note: It was also Chris's birthday on the date of his death.

Michael Briggs  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
October 17, 2006  
Age 35

Michael died from injuries of a gunshot wound to the head when he was questioning a man on bike patrol. He was with the Police Department for five years and previously with the Epson Police Department for four years. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Lawrence Barnes Sr.  
Ross County, Ohio  
October 18, 2006  
Age 65

Lawrence was killed when he was hit by a car while directing traffic. He was a Deputy for thirty years. Lawrence leaves behind his wife.

Jeremy Victor Reynolds  
Fayette County, Tennessee  
October 20, 2006  
Age 32

Jeremy was killed when his car struck a tree as he was trying to avoid something in the road, while on route to assist on a call of a shooting. He was a Deputy with the agency for eight years. Jeremy leaves behind his wife and a son.

Brian Lee Schubert  
Fayetteville, West Virginia  
October 21, 2006  
Age 66

Brian died of injuries suffered when his parachute opened approximately 25 feet before hitting the water 876 feet below the New River Gorge Bridge during the annual Bridge Day festival. Brian resided in Alta Loma, California and was well known in the sport of BASE jumping since 1966, when he and a friend became the first people to jump from El Capitan, a nearly 3,000-foot-tall rock formation, in California's Yosemite National Park. Brian was a retired Lieutenant from the Pomona, California police department in 1989. When he retired, he started his own private investigation business.

Dan Picagli  
New Haven, Connecticut  
October 21, 2006  
Age 38

Dan died four days after being struck by a car while he was directing traffic. He was very involved in the community with organizing sport camps for children. Dan leaves behind his wife and three children.

Robert Langley  
Oxford, Mississippi  
October 21, 2006  
Age 30

Robert was killed when he was dragged with a moving vehicle when a student. he had pulled over at the college tried to get away. He was a Police Officer with the University of Mississippi for four years. He was also with the National Guard and fought in the war on Terrorism. Robert leaves behind his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Margena Silvia Nunez

Lee County, Florida

October 22, 2006

Age 44

Margena was struck and killed by a drunk driver while controlling traffic at a previous car accident. She was a Deputy Sheriff for seven years. Margena leaves behind her husband and two children.

Landon Dorris

Los Angeles, California

October 22, 2006

Age 31

Landon was struck and killed by a driver while controlling traffic at a previous car accident. He was with the Police Department for almost four years and worked for CHP for six years prior. Landon leaves behind his wife, two children, mother, and two sisters.

Patrick Roy Kramer

West Yellowstone, Montana

October 22, 2006

Age 29

Patrick was killed when he lost control of his vehicle on a patch of ice and it rolled while trying to pass other vehicles en-route to a traffic accident. He was a Police Officer with the department for two years. Patrick leaves behind his three year old daughter, parents, two sisters, and grandmother.



Mary Smith

Fairfield, Alabama

October 23, 2006

Age 48

Mary was shot and killed when she got out of her car to check on a suspicious car. She was with the Police Department for two months, previously serving with the Birmingham Police Department for twenty one years.



Thomas Wood  
Maywood, Illinois  
October 23, 2006  
Age 37

Thomas was shot and killed while he sat in his patrol car at an intersection. It is unknown why this attack was made on Thomas. He was a K9 officer and his partner was not harmed. Thomas was with Police Department for seven years. He was previously with Schiller Park for four years and served as a part-time officer with Stone Park for two years. Thomas leaves behind his wife, five children, his brother, and grandfather.

James L. Johnson  
Sheridan County, Kansas  
October 26, 2006  
Age 54

James was shot and killed by a suspect that was in consideration of being committed. He was the Sheriff for eighteen years and previously served with Hoxie Police Department. James leaves behind his wife and five grown children.

Jeffrey V. Mitchell  
Sacramento County, California  
October 27, 2006  
Age 38

Jeffrey was shot in the head and killed while conducting a traffic stop. After not hearing back from him the dispatcher sent fellow deputies out to check on Jeffrey. He was a Deputy Sheriff with the agency for nine years. Jeffrey leaves behind his wife and six year old son.



David Whitson  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
October 31, 2006  
Age 34

David was shot and killed while answering a call to a man with two knives. Fellow officers tried to help and during the altercation David was accidentally shot. He was a Master Police Officer with the agency for eight years. David leaves behind his wife and two children.

David Norman Webb  
Pima County, Arizona  
November 3, 2006

Age 34

David was killed when his tire blew out and his car rolled after leaving the road on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation. He was a Senior Patrol Officer with the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Border Patrol for three years. David leaves behind his wife, two sons and his parents.

David Briese  
Yellowstone County, Montana  
November 3, 2006

Age 38

David was killed when his car left the road, rolled and hit a sign, while passing another vehicle. He was on his way to assist another officer with a drunk driver. He was a Deputy with the agency for five years. Previously serving with Big Horn County Sheriff Office and Yellowstone County Detention Center, a total of eleven years in law enforcement. David leaves behind his wife, two sons, daughter and his parents.

David Rancourt  
Androscoggin County, Maine  
November 4, 2006

Age 40

David died of a heart attack he had while was assisting in looking for evidence in a river. He was a Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Office for ten years and a member of the Dive Team. David leaves behind his wife who is with child and his son.

William Tiedeman  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
November 7, 2006

Age 40

William died when he had a heart attack while he was at training for his ASP recertification and defense tactics.

David Petzold  
Upper Saucon Township, Pennsylvania  
November 9, 2006

Age 32

David was killed when he was struck by a car while he was trying to remove a deer from the road. He was an Investigator with the Police Department for nine years and had one year in with the F.B.I. David leaves behind his wife and three children.

Brian Tephford  
Brower County, Florida  
November 12, 2006

Age 34

Brian was shot and killed while he was sitting in his car running a check on two suspects he had just pulled over. The suspects got out of their car to shoot him. Brian was a Deputy with Sheriff's Department for six years. He leaves behind three children.

Carmen M. Pezzuto  
Nazareth, Pennsylvania  
November 12, 2006  
Age 59

Carmen died at home. He was with the Easton Police Department for twenty six years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the bomb squad and SWAT team in Easton. Prior to serving in Easton, he worked on the Nazareth Police Force. After retiring, Carmen worked for Northampton County Sheriff Department and Northampton County Coroner. He currently worked for Lehigh County Sheriff Department. He served in the Marine Corps. He served two tours in Vietnam and received a Purple Heart medal. Carmen leaves behind his wife, two sons and two granddaughters.



William (Joe) Hudnall  
Kern County, California  
November 14, 2006  
Age 43

Joe was killed when his vehicle was hit head on by a drunk driver, forcing Joes car to fall one hundred feet into a canyon. Joe was a Deputy with the Sheriff's Department for nine years. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

Dennis C. Wright Sr.  
Effingham County, Georgia  
November 17, 2006  
Age 52

Dennis was killed when a driver made a turn in front of him. He was a Deputy with the Sheriff's Department for two years and previously with Thunderbolt and Pooler Police Departments for eight years. Dennis leaves behind his fiancé, a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren.

Kevin Orr  
Uintah County, Utah  
November 21, 2006

Kevin was killed when the helicopter he was flying in struck a power line and landed in a river. He was a Detective with the Sheriff Department for eleven years. Kevin leaves behind his wife and four children.

Robert A. Hill Sr.  
Southampton County, Virginia  
November 24, 2006  
Age 52

Robert was struck and killed by a vehicle while attending another vehicle he pulled over. He was a Senior Trooper with Virginia State Police for nineteen years. Robert leaves behind his wife, son and daughter.

Steve Favala  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
November 26, 2006  
Age 30

Steve died after suffering injuries when being struck while riding his motorcycle escorting President Bush's motorcade in a visit with the troops at Hickam Air Force Base.

William H. Beebe  
Harford County, Maryland  
November 28, 2006  
Age 28

William died of a heart attack when his car left the road, went down a hill and landed in a stream. He was on the way to assist in a suicide call. He was a Deputy First Class with the Sheriff Department for two years. William leaves behind his fiancé and one child.

Steve Cox  
King County, Washington  
December 2, 2006  
Age 45

Steve was shot in the head and killed when he was talking to a person at a party where a driver who hit another vehicle with his truck had been beaten and shot in the head nearby. Two other officers at the residence shot and killed the person that killed Steve. He was a Deputy with the Sheriff's Department for nine years. Steve leaves behind his wife and a child.

Robert Sanchez  
Fresno, California  
December 2, 2006  
Age 31

Robert was killed when he was speeding and lost control of his car slamming into a tree, he was off duty at the time and had been out drinking with fellow officers. He was with the department for six years. Robert leaves behind his wife and two baby daughters.

Ken Jordan  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
December 5, 2006  
Age 32

Ken was shot and killed when he approached a car while assisting another officer with a drunk driver. Ken was with the Police Department for six years. He leaves behind his parents and a sister.

Gregory J. Raho  
U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations  
December 6, 2006  
Age 38

Gregory was accidentally shot and killed during a live fire training exercise. He was with the FBI for nine years. Gregory had also been with Madison and Shorewood Wisconsin Police Departments. He leaves behind his fiancée, parents and a sister.

John W. McKinney  
Whitfield County, Georgia  
December 6, 2006  
Age 57

John died from a heart attack after participating in a tactical shooting exercise. He was a Lieutenant with the Sheriff's Office for twenty one years. John leaves behind his wife and two sons.

Juan José Burgos-Vélez  
Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico  
December 7, 2006  
Age 36

Juan was shot and killed while investigating a fight between two rival gangs in a neighborhood. Juan was struck in the stomach and did not have his vest on at the time, he had just gotten to work when they got the call and had no chance to get into his full uniform. Juan was an Agent with the Police Department for thirteen years. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

Jason L. Sheppard  
Aiken County, South Carolina  
December 7, 2006  
Age 29

Jason was killed when he was hit by a car while directing traffic. He was a Sergeant with the Sheriff's Office for two years. He leaves behind his wife.

Michael Larson  
Bryan County, Georgia  
December 10, 2006  
Age 43

Michael was killed by a drunk driver driving without his lights on trying to escape the scene of an accident. Michael was a Sergeant with the Sheriff's Office for seven years and in law enforcement for a total of ten years. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

Dwayne Freeto  
Fort Worth, Texas  
December 17, 2006  
Age 34

Dwayne was killed when his car was hit from behind and started on fire with him inside it while he was assisting a driver with a flat tire. He was with the Police Department for nine months. Dwayne leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Jonathan K. Leonard  
Pike County, Kentucky  
December 19, 2006  
Age 28

Jonathan was killed in a car accident enroute to a domestic violence call. He was a Trooper with the agency for three years.

Dan Bessant  
Oceanside, California  
December 20, 2006  
Age 25

Dan was shot and killed while trying to assist another officer in a traffic stop. He was shot by someone that was not involved in the traffic stop and was wearing his vest. Dan was a Police Officer with the department for three years. He leaves behind his wife and two month old child.



Bryan Tuvera  
San Francisco, California  
December 23, 2006  
Age 28

Bryan was shot and killed after chasing a suspect he recognized from wanted posters into a garage. He was with the Police Department for almost five years. Bryan leaves behind his wife who is also a Police Officer.