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A Hero's Welcome

By Robert Longley

Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do

Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear

You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call

So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore





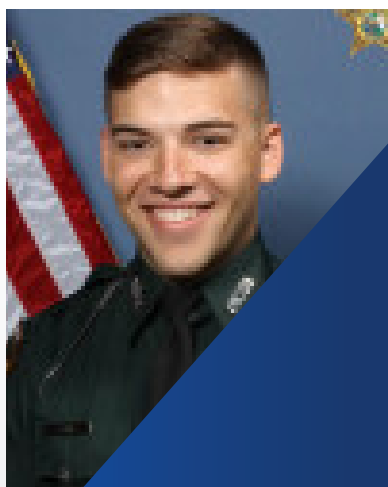
MAJOR TERRY RANDALL “TURTLE” ARNOLD

Cook County Sheriff’s Office, Georgia
End of Watch Monday, October 3, 2022

Major Terry Arnold suffered a fatal heart attack after responding to a fight between two students at Cook County High School in Adel.

While taking one of the juveniles into custody, Major Arnold collapsed. Medical personnel rendered aid, and he was transported to South Georgia Medical Center, where he was unable to be revived.

Major Arnold had served with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office for 28 years and previously served with the Remerton Police Department for two years and the Adel Police Department for five years. He is survived by four daughters, a son, ten grandchildren, four siblings, a longtime companion, and her son and daughter. Major Arnold was posthumously promoted to Major.



DEPUTY SHERIFF BLANE LANE

Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Florida
End of Watch Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Blane Lane was shot and killed while serving a felony arrest warrant in Polk City at about 3:00 am.

He and three other deputies were invited into the subject’s trailer to serve the failure to appear warrant for a previous narcotics charge.

While Deputy Lane and three other deputies checked the mobile home the wanted subject walked into the room and pointed a gun at them. The deputies immediately fired at the subject but one of their rounds went through a wall and struck Deputy Lane in the shoulder.

He was transported to Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center where he succumbed to his wound. The subject, a convicted felon, was shot twice and is expected to survive. She has been charged with second-degree murder.

Deputy Sheriff Lane had served with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office for one year. He is survived by his 3-year-old child.



DEPUTY SHERIFF SIDNEE CARTER

Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Kansas

End of Watch Friday, October 7, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Sidnee Carter was killed in an automobile crash while responding to a disturbance call at about 9:30 pm.

Another vehicle ran a stop sign and struck her patrol car at the intersection of 135th Street West and 29th Street North near Maize.

Deputy Carter had served with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office for two years. She had initially served as a jail deputy for 18 months and had finished field training as a patrol deputy one week before the crash. She is survived by her parents and siblings.



INVESTIGATOR MYIESHA BREANNA STEWART

Greenville Police Department, Mississippi

End of Watch Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Investigator Myiesha Stewart was shot and killed near the intersection of Reed Road and Rebecca Street during a vehicle pursuit at about 7:30 pm.

Greenville officers and deputies with the Washington County Sheriff's Office were pursuing a subject who had fled after shooting his girlfriend.

The subject was taken into custody following the pursuit.

Investigator Stewart is survived by her three-year-old son and parents



LIEUTENANT DUSTIN DEMONTE

Bristol Police Department, Connecticut
End of Watch Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Lieutenant Dustin Demonte and Sergeant Alex Hamzy were shot and killed in an ambush in front of a home on Redstone Hill Road, near Birch Street, at about 11:00 pm.

Officers had responded to a business earlier in the evening in response to complaints about a disorderly patron. Officers who responded to the call issued the man an infraction and released him. The man then went home, armed himself with an AR-15 rifle, and made a fake 911 call reporting a disturbance at his home. As officers arrived at the scene, the man opened fire on them from the front yard.

Lieutenant Demonte and Sergeant Hamzy were both fatally wounded, while a third officer suffered non-life-threatening wounds. The subject was shot and killed by the third officer. Lieutenant Demonte had served with the Bristol Police Department for 10 years. He is survived by his expectant wife and two children. Lieutenant Demonte was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant.



SERGEANT ALEX HAMZY

Bristol Police Department, Connecticut
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Sergeant Hamzy and Lieutenant Demonte were both fatally wounded, while a third officer suffered non-life-threatening wounds. The subject was shot and killed by the third officer.

Sergeant Hamzy had served with the Bristol Police Department for eight years. He is survived by his wife, parents, and two sisters. Sergeant Hamzy was posthumously promoted to Sergeant.



POLICE OFFICER TRUONG THAI

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada
End of Watch Thursday, October 13, 2022

Police Officer Truong Thai was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call in the 800 block of East Flamingo Road at about 1:00 am.

The subject opened fire from inside his vehicle as Officer Thai and his partner attempted to make contact with him at the intersection of East Flamingo Road and South University Center Drive. Officer Thai and a civilian were both struck by the subject's shots. Officer Thai succumbed to his wounds while being transported to a local hospital.

The man fled the scene but was apprehended by a police canine approximately three miles away after refusing to exit his vehicle.

Officer Thai had served with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for 23 years and was assigned to the South Central Area Command. He is survived by his daughter.



POLICE OFFICER STEVEN R. NOTHEM, II

Carrollton Police Department, Texas
End of Watch Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Police Officer Steve Nothem was killed when his patrol car was struck by a vehicle while he was assisting another officer conducting a DUI investigation in the westbound lanes of President George Bush Turnpike, near Josey Lane, at about 10:25 pm.

The driver of the vehicle that struck him was killed instantly in the crash. Officer Nothem was transported to the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano where he succumbed to his injuries.

Officer Nothem was a United States Marine Corps veteran. He had served with the Carrollton Police Department for two years and previously served with Grand Chute Police Department in Wisconsin for four years. He is survived by his wife and four children.



OFFICER JORGE ARIAS

United States Department of Homeland Security -
Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field
Operations, U.S. Government
End of Watch Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Officer Jorge Arias was inadvertently shot and killed while training at the Trail Glades Range at 17601 SW 8th Street just after 10 am.

Officer Arias was a United States Coast Guard Reserve veteran and served with the United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations. He was a Firearms Training Instructor and was assigned to the Miami International Airport. He is survived by his wife and two children.



POLICE OFFICER LOGAN K. MEDLOCK

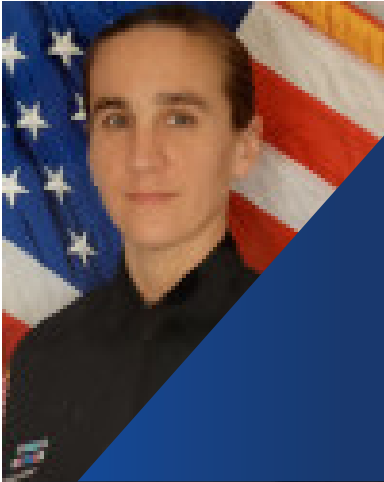
London Police Department, Kentucky
End of Watch Sunday, October 30, 2022

Police Officer Logan Medlock was killed when his patrol car was struck by a drunk driver at the intersection of KY 229 and South Main Street at 12:50 am.

Officer Medlock was driving in southbound on South Main Street when the pickup truck ran a stop light and struck the patrol car, pushing it into the adjacent cemetery. Officer Medlock succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The driver was arrested and charged with the murder of a police officer and driving under the influence.

Officer Medlock had served with the London Police Department for three years and had previously served with the Laurel County Correctional Center for one year. He is survived by his wife and son.



LIEUTENANT KRISTINA ZELL

Niagara Falls Police Department, New York

End of Watch Monday, November 7, 2022

Lieutenant Kristina Zell died from complications as a result of contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty.

Lieutenant Zell had served with the Niagara Falls Police Department for over 22 years and was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. She had previously served with the U.S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force. She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

Lieutenant Zell was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR STEVEN A. CARNES

Tom Green County District Attorney's Office, Texas

End of Watch Sunday, November 13, 2022

Criminal Investigator Steven Carnes suffered a fatal heart attack while attempting to arrest a subject at 4611 S. Jackson in San Angelo at 1 am.

The subject was non-compliant, and a struggle ensued. Despite life-saving measures, Investigator Carnes was unable to be revived.

Investigator Carnes had served with the Tom Green County District Attorney's Office for two years and previously served with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for 18 years and the Bastrop Police Department for eight years. He is survived by his wife, son, and sister.



POLICE OFFICER BRANDON TSAI

Grand Prairie Police Department, Texas
End of Watch Monday, November 14, 2022

Police Officer Brandon Tsai was killed in a vehicle crash while pursuing a vehicle with a fraudulent temporary tag at about 10:45 pm.

The vehicle fled when Officer Tsai attempted to stop it at the intersection of SW 3rd Street and Pioneer Parkway. Officer Tsai and another officer pursued the vehicle for approximately five miles until it slowed suddenly to turn. Officer Tsai's patrol car made contact with the patrol car in front of him as they both attempted to slow down as well.

The impact caused Officer Tsai's patrol car to turn on its side and strike a utility pole.

Officer Tsai was transported to Methodist Dallas Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. The vehicle he was pursuing continued to flee but the driver was arrested two days later.

Officer Tsai had served with the Grand Prairie Police Department for 11 months and had previously served with the Los Angeles Police Department, California, for five years.



MARINE INTERDICTION AGENT MICHEL O. MACEDA

United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and
Border Protection - Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Government
End of Watch Thursday, November 17, 2022

Marine Interdiction Agent Michel Maceda was shot and killed during a maritime narcotics interdiction operation approximately 12 miles southwest of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. He and two other Marine Interdiction Agents intercepted a vessel they believed to be transporting narcotics. One of the occupants of the vessel opened fire on the agents as they began to board it. All three agents and both subjects were shot during the ensuing shootout.

The United States Coast Guard flew all three agents to a hospital in Puerto Rico where Agent Maceda later succumbed to his wounds. One of the two smugglers on the boat was also killed. Over 1,300 kilograms of cocaine were recovered from the boat the agents were attempting to board and a second boat that was interdicted nearby.

Agent Maceda had served with the United States Customs and Border Protection - Air and Marine Operations for seven years.



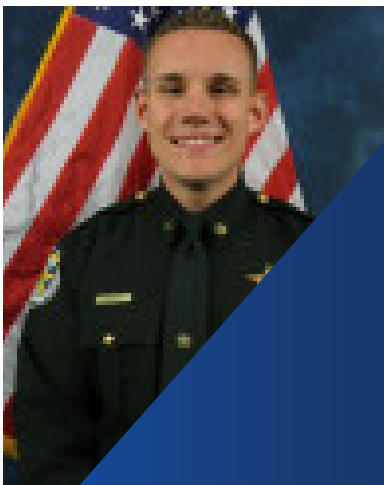
POLICE OFFICER JORDAN JACKSON

Bellevue Police Department, Washington
End of Watch Monday, November 21, 2022

Police Officer Jordan Jackson was killed in a motorcycle crash in the 500 block of Bellevue Way SE.

He was traveling northbound when a vehicle pulled out of a parking lot and into his path, causing a collision. He was transported to Harborview Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries several hours later.

Officer Jackson had served with the Bellevue Police Department for 4-1/2 years and was assigned to the Motor Unit. He had previously served as an EMT and as a volunteer with the King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit. He is survived by his wife and children.



DEPUTY SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Florida
End of Watch Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Christopher Taylor was struck and killed by a drunk driver while conducting a traffic stop on I-75, south of US-17, at about 8:45 pm.

He was standing on the shoulder of the highway with the person he had stopped when the driver of an approaching vehicle lost control of her car and struck Deputy Taylor's patrol car. The patrol car was pushed into Deputy Taylor and the person he had stopped.

Deputy Taylor was transported to ShorePoint Health where he succumbed to his injuries. The other person who was struck suffered minor injuries.

The woman who struck Deputy Taylor had just completed probation for a prior DUI charge. She was arrested and charged with DUI manslaughter.

Deputy Taylor had served with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office for 15 months. He is survived by his parents and fiancée.



DETECTIVE SERGEANT FRANK GUALDINO

Yonkers Police Department, New York
End of Watch Thursday, December 1, 2022

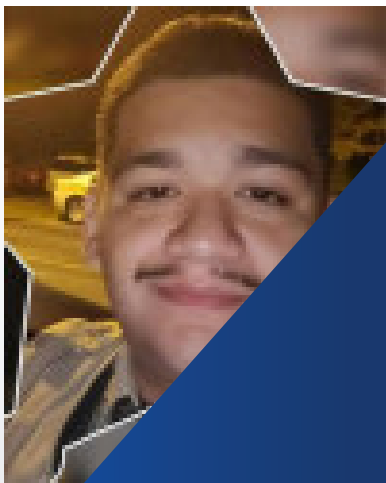
Detective Sergeant Frank Gualdino was killed in a vehicle crash on Tuckahoe Road at 3:30 pm.

He was driving westbound when an oncoming vehicle lost control and collided with his unmarked vehicle and a transit bus.

Detective Gualdino was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The bus driver and passengers were treated for minor injuries. The 16-year-old unlicensed driver who caused the crash was transported to a hospital in critical condition.

Detective Gualdino had served with the Yonkers Police Department for 24 years and was due to retire in August 2023. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and son.

Detective Sergeant Gualdino was posthumously promoted.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSÉ ANGEL DELEON

Warren County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina
End of Watch Sunday, December 4, 2022

Deputy Sheriff José DeLeon was killed in a vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 401, approximately one mile south of Warrenton, while responding to a domestic violence call involving a firearm at about 6:00 pm.

His patrol car left the roadway, struck a tree, and caught fire. Other deputies responding to the same call came across the crash and attempted to pull him from the wreckage. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Deputy DeLeon had served with the Warren County Sheriff's Office for two years. He is survived by his son, parents, sister, two brothers, niece, grandmother, and girlfriend.



BORDER PATROL AGENT RAUL HUMBERTO GONZALEZ, JR.

United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - United States Border Patrol, U.S. Government

End of Watch Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Border Patrol Agent Raul Gonzalez passed away from injuries sustained in an ATV accident while pursuing subjects illegally crossing the border near Mission at 1:00 am.

Agent Gonzalez was traveling at high speed when he crashed. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Agent Gonzalez had served with the United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - United States Border Patrol for over ten years and was assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Sector McAllen Station. He is survived by his son, daughter, father, brother, grandmother, girlfriend, aunts, and uncles.



RESERVE DEPUTY BRAD MILLER

Maury County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee
End of Watch Monday, December 12, 2022

Reserve Deputy Brad Miller was killed in a vehicle crash on Highway 43 near Williamsport Pike while working a traffic detail at a construction zone.

Another vehicle struck Deputy Miller's patrol car from behind, pushing it from the roadway.

Deputy Miller had served with the Maury County Sheriff's Office for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



COURT SERVICES OFFICER CURTIS MATTHEW WORLAND

Alaska State Troopers, Alaska
End of Watch Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Court Services Officer Curtis Worland died from injuries he received when a musk ox attacked him near Nome.

Officer Worland was using his snowmobile to scare the musk oxen away from his dog mushing team while on a paid work break. A musk ox charged him, and the horn punctured his leg, striking his femoral artery. Officer Worland drove away from the musk ox but was found unresponsive near his snowmobile at 1:30 pm.

Officer Worland had served with the Alaska State Troopers for 13 years. He is survived by his wife, parents, and siblings.



SENIOR CORRECTIONS OFFICER SCOTT OZBURN RINER

Gwinnett County Department of Corrections, Georgia
End of Watch Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Senior Corrections Officer Scott Riner was shot and killed in the parking lot of the Gwinnett County Correctional Center as he arrived to work at 6:30 am.

He encountered a subject in the facility's parking lot who attacked him. During the ensuing struggle, Officer Riner was fatally shot. He was located by other officers at the facility.

The subject fled the scene but was arrested three days later and charged with felony murder and aggravated assault. The investigation revealed that the subject had been in the area for an extended period of time before attacking Officer Riner.

Officer Riner had served with the Gwinnett County Department of Corrections for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, grandchildren, and two siblings.



POLICE OFFICER BRANDEN PAUL ESTORFFE

Bay St. Louis Police Department, Mississippi
End of Watch Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Police Officer Branden Estorffe and Sergeant Steven Robin were shot and killed at about 4:30 am while conducting a welfare check on a woman and child sitting in a vehicle parked at the Motel 6 at 1003 U.S. 90.

They had been speaking to the woman for approximately 30 minutes before making a request for child protective services. Moments later, the woman opened fire, fatally wounding Officer Estorffe and Sergeant Robin. Despite being wounded, Officer Estorffe was able to return fire and killed the subject.

Officer Estorffe had served with the Bay St. Louis Police Department for two years. He is survived by his mother, father, four sisters, brother, and grandparents. His father is also a law enforcement officer.



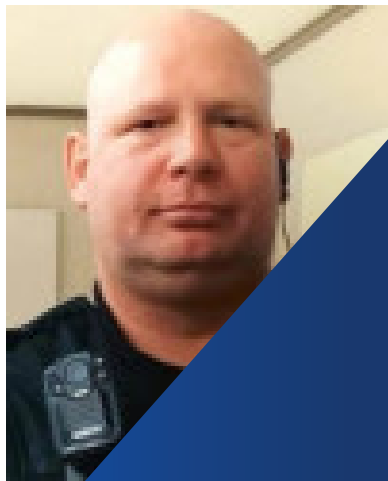
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Sergeant Robin had served with the Bay St. Louis Police Department for three years and previously served with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren.



SERGEANT DONALD SCOBY

Stuttgart Police Department, Arkansas

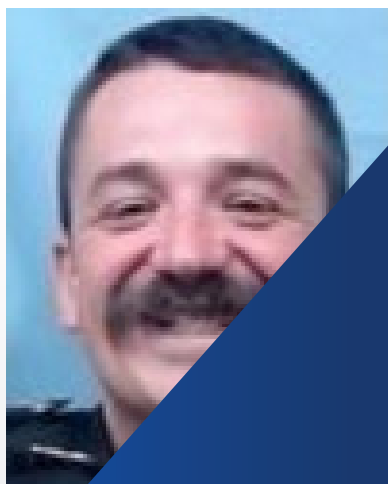
End of Watch Thursday, December 15, 2022

Sergeant Donald Scoby was shot and killed while pursuing a subject who fled from a traffic stop.

Sergeant Scoby attempted to stop the subject's vehicle at about 11:00 pm, but the man fled, and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The man abandoned his vehicle in the area of Reiger Road and S Yoder Road and fled on foot, with Sergeant Scoby chasing him. He shot Sergeant Scoby during the foot pursuit.

The subject barricaded himself in a home. He was killed during an exchange of gunfire with responding SWAT officers. Another officer was wounded during the shootout.

Sergeant Scoby had served with the Stuttgart Police Department for four years.



DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL J. KIN

Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, Ohio

End of Watch Thursday, December 15, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin was killed in a vehicle crash at the intersection of State Route 56 and State Route 104 in Pickaway County at about 11:00 am.

He was transporting a prisoner when a pickup truck struck the transport van on the driver's door. Deputy Kin was flown to Grant Medical Center in Columbus, where he succumbed to his injuries. The prisoner suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Deputy Kin had served with the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office for one year and had previously served with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office for three years. He is survived by his wife, two young children, his father, and six sisters.



DEPUTY SHERIFF OSCAR YOVANI BOLANOS-ANAVISCA, JR.

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina
End of Watch Friday, December 16, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Oscar Bolanos-Anavisca was struck and killed by a vehicle while investigating a robbery at 2:45 am at 2990 Gillespie Street in Fayetteville.

Deputies had completed a canine track, and Deputy Bolanos-Anavisca was walking along the roadway when a passing vehicle struck him. The driver fled the scene and was located a mile and a half from the scene. The subject was found to be intoxicated and taken into custody.

Deputy Bolanos-Anavisca was transported by ambulance to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Deputy Bolanos-Anavisca had served with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office for two years. He is survived by his mother, father, siblings, and fiancé.



CHIEF OF POLICE JOE CAREY

Brodnax Police Department, Virginia
End of Watch Friday, December 16, 2022

Chief of Police Joe Carey was struck and killed by a vehicle in the 200 block of Route 58 in Brodnax.

He had activated his emergency lights and was removing a dead dog from the roadway when he was struck by an oncoming pickup truck. He was transported to Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill where he succumbed to his injuries.

Chief Carey had served in law enforcement for over 40 years and had previously retired from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office after serving there for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, four sons, daughter, and grandchildren.



DETECTIVE PAUL DANIEL NEWELL

Benton County Sheriff's Office, Arkansas
End of Watch Saturday, December 17, 2022

Detective Paul Newell was killed in a motorcycle crash at 6:30 am at the intersection of Southeast Walton Boulevard and Southeast Metro Parkway while escorting vehicles delivering wreaths to veteran gravesites as part of Wreaths Across America.

His police motorcycle struck a curb, lost control, and then collided with a tractor trailer that was being escorted. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Detective Newell was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Benton County Sheriff's Office for 24 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, mother, father, two brothers, and a sister.



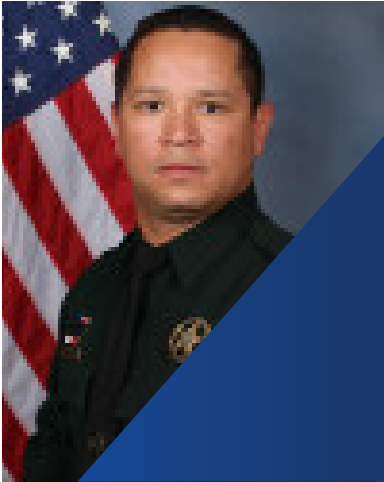
DEPUTY SHERIFF COREY D. MCELROY

Garrett County Sheriff's Office, Maryland
End of Watch Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Corey McElroy was killed in a vehicle crash at the interchange of I-68 and Route 36 in Frostburg, Maryland, at about 7:25 pm on December 20th, 2022.

His department SUV struck the back of a tractor-trailer before being struck by another vehicle. He was flown to Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia, where he succumbed to his injuries early the following morning.

Deputy McElroy was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He is survived by two young children.



CORPORAL RAY CHARLES HAMILTON

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Florida
End of Watch Saturday, December 24, 2022

Corporal Ray Hamilton was shot and killed during a barricade at the 710 block of North Park Boulevard in Wright.

Deputies had responded to the apartment at about 9:00 am to investigate a domestic assault that had occurred the previous night. The suspect refused to exit the home, and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team responded to the scene. The man fired out of a window at about 12:40 pm, striking Corporal Hamilton.

Corporal Hamilton was transported to Fort Walton Beach - Destin Hospital, where he succumbed to his wounds several hours later. The subject was charged with premeditated first-degree murder.

Corporal Hamilton had served with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for five years. He is survived by his wife, brother, and two sisters.



DEPUTY SHERIFF ISAIAH CORDERO

Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California
End of Watch Thursday, December 29, 2022

Deputy Sheriff Isaiah Cordero was shot and killed while making a traffic stop in the 3900 block of Golden West Avenue in the Jurupa Valley area.

Deputy Cordero was approaching the vehicle he had stopped when the driver pulled out a gun and opened fire on him, fatally wounding him. A citizen who witnessed the shooting called 911 and rendered aid until other deputies arrived.

The subject fled the scene and then led officers on a vehicle pursuit that spanned multiple counties.

The subject's vehicle became disabled, and he was then shot and killed after he opened fire on officers. The man had an extensive criminal history and had stabbed a California Highway Patrol canine in 2021. At the time of Deputy Cordero's murder, the man was out on bail even after having been arrested for failing to appear while awaiting a mandatory 25-years to life sentence for the incident in which he stabbed the canine.

Deputy Cordero had served with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for 8-1/2 years and was assigned to the Motor Unit. He is survived by his parents and stepbrother.



CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN MCINTIRE

Brackenridge Borough Police Department, Pennsylvania

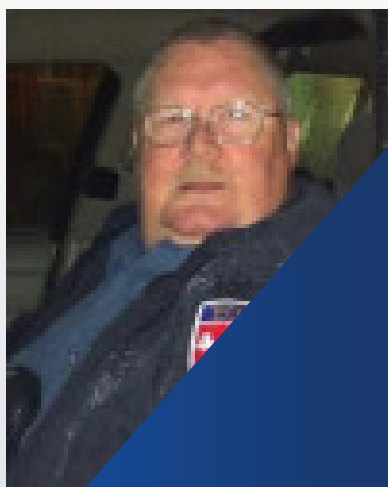
End of Watch Monday, January 2, 2023

Chief of Police Justin McIntire was shot and killed near the intersection of Brackenridge Avenue and Morgan Street during a foot pursuit of a wanted subject.

The man was wanted for a probation violation involving weapons and had fled from the Pennsylvania State Police during a traffic stop the previous night. He then fled on foot from Harrison Township the following morning during a traffic stop. At about 2:00 pm he was located near the border of Brackenridge Borough and Tarentum Borough and led officers on a foot pursuit for over two hours. He opened fire on officers in the 900 block of Brackenridge Avenue and again in the 800 block of 3rd Avenue in which Chief McIntire was killed and a Tarentum Borough officer was wounded.

After shooting both officers the man carjacked a vehicle and fled into the city of Pittsburgh. He fled into a wooded area following a vehicle pursuit and then opened fire on officers. He was shot and killed by return fire.

Chief McIntire served with the Brackenridge Borough Police Department for 22 years. He had been sworn in as police chief of the Brackenridge Borough Police Department exactly four years earlier.



POLICE OFFICER CARL DOUGLAS KIMBALL

St. Francisville Police Department, Louisiana

End of Watch Thursday, January 12, 2023

Police Officer Carl Kimball died from complications as the result of contracting COVID-19 while assigned to the West Feliciana Parish Hospital at 5266 Commerce Street in Saint Francisville.

Officer Kimball had served with the St. Francisville Police Department for ten years and retired from the Louisiana Department of Corrections. He is survived by three sisters, someone who was like a son to him, his grandson, and his goddaughter.



DEPUTY SHERIFF DARNELL CALHOUN

Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California
End of Watch Friday, January 13, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Darnell Calhoun was shot and killed while responding to a domestic violence call in the 18500 block of Hilldale Lane in Lake Elsinore.

A call-taker heard the sounds of a struggle after an occupant of the home had called to report a child custody issue at the residence. Deputy Calhoun was the first deputy to arrive on the scene and was shot.

Deputy Calhoun's backup arrived and discovered him wounded in the street. The second deputy became engaged in a shootout with the subject and wounded the man.

Deputy Calhoun was transported to Valley Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds.

Deputy Calhoun had served with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for 11 months and had previously served with the San Diego Police Department for two years. He is survived by his expectant wife and two sons.



SUPERVISORY OFFICER JACQUELINE MONTANARO

United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and
Border Protection - Office of Field Operations, U.S. Government
End of Watch Saturday, January 14, 2023

Supervisory Officer Jackie Montanaro died from injuries she sustained while trying to rescue her daughter from a fire in Hazlet, New Jersey.

When a fire broke out around midnight, Officer Montanaro evacuated from her burning home with her husband and eight-year-old daughter.

She re-entered the home in an attempt to rescue their six-year-old daughter who was still inside. Officer Montanaro was found unconscious, trapped inside with trauma to her arms and hands. She was transported to Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries at 1:40 am. Her six-year-old daughter did not survive the fire.

Officer Montanaro had served with the United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - Office of Field Operations for 16 years and was assigned to the Newark Liberty International Airport. She is survived by her husband, daughter, parents, grandmother, sister, and two brothers.



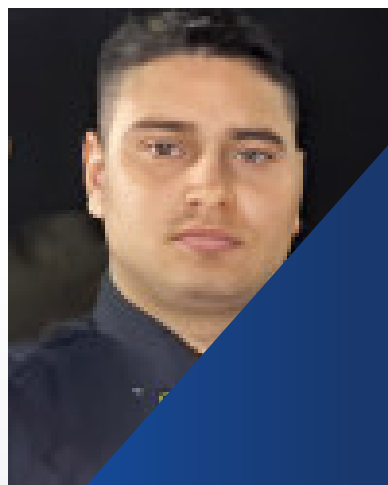
MASTER PATROL OFFICER CLARENCE L. "CJ" WILLIAMS

Cairo Police Department, Georgia
End of Watch Saturday, January 28, 2023

Master Patrol Officer CJ Williams passed away after suffering a medical emergency during a foot pursuit.

Officer Williams was assisting a Grady County sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop in the area of 10th Street and Robinson Avenue. The subject fled the vehicle, and the officers pursued him. During the chase, Officer Williams collapsed and was unable to be revived.

Officer Williams had served with the Cairo Police Department for two years.



POLICE OFFICER GONZALO CARRASCO, JR.

Selma Police Department, California
End of Watch Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Police Officer Gonzalo Carrasco was shot and killed at 11:45 am at the 2600 Block of Pine Street in Selma.

While on patrol, Officer Carrasco was stopped by a homeowner who stated that a man was on her property. When Officer Carrasco investigated, the subject fired several shots, striking Officer Carrasco. The subject fled the scene.

Officer Carrasco was transported to the Community Regional Medical Center, where he succumbed to his wounds.

The subject, a felon on probation, was arrested a short time later and charged with murder, being a felon in possession of a gun and ammunition, and probation violation.

Officer Carrasco had served with the Selma Police Department for two years and was part of the Explorer Program at the Reedley Police Department. He is survived by his parents, brother, sisters, and girlfriend, who is expecting his first child.



POLICE OFFICER SEAN L. SLUGANSKI

McKeesport Police Department, Pennsylvania

End of Watch Monday, February 6, 2023

Police Officer Sean Sluganski was shot and killed while responding to a domestic situation at the 1300 block of Grandview Avenue in McKeesport.

The subject's mother called 911 reporting that her son was having a PTSD episode and was being aggressive. Officer Sluganski and another officer arrived on the scene and attempted to contact the man as he walked away. The subject produced a handgun and opened fire, wounding both officers. The subject was shot in the leg by return gunfire and then fled to a nearby convenience store where he exchanged shots with a third officer before being taken into custody.

Officer Sluganski was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. The other officer was critically wounded and flown to a trauma center. The subject was charged with criminal homicide, aggravated assault, assaulting a law enforcement officer, and criminal attempted murder of a law enforcement officer. Officer Sluganski had served with the McKeesport Police Department for three years and previously served with the Charleroi Regional Police Department. He is survived by his fiancée and infant daughter.



POLICE OFFICER PETER E. C. JERVING

Milwaukee Police Department, Wisconsin

End of Watch Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Police Officer Peter Jerving was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a robbery suspect at 1:16 am near the 2700 block of South 14th Street.

Officers were looking for a suspect who had just committed a robbery at a nearby apartment building. The suspect fled on foot as officers approached him. One officer caught the subject and a struggle ensued.

The subject fired his handgun and it struck Officer Jerving who was running to the scene to assist. Despite being wounded, Officer Jerving was able to return fire and killed the subject.

Officer Jerving was transported to Froedtert Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. The subject had been sentenced to probation for two hit-and-run crashes the day before. Officer Jerving has served with the Milwaukee Police Department for four years and was assigned to Police District 4. He is survived by his parents, six siblings, and a long-time girlfriend.



POLICE OFFICER CHARLES HERRING

Pembroke Pines Police Department, Florida
End of Watch Thursday, February 9, 2023

Police Officer Charlie Herring was killed in a motorcycle crash near the intersection of 184th Avenue and Sheridan Street.

He was on routine patrol when a falling piece of a tree fell and struck him. The impact caused him to fall from his motorcycle. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Officer Herring was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Pembroke Pines Police Department for 21 years. He had previously served with the Starke Police Department for three years. He is survived by his four children.



POLICE OFFICER JULIAN BECERRA

Fountain Police Department, Colorado
End of Watch Saturday, February 11, 2023

Police Officer Julian Becerra succumbed to injuries sustained nine days earlier when he fell from an overpass in Colorado Springs during a vehicle pursuit of carjacking suspects.

The suspects had been pursued by multiple agencies over the course of several hours. At about 7:15 pm they attempted to carjack a second vehicle at the Love's Travel Plaza in Fountain and led officers on another pursuit toward Colorado Springs. The vehicle was partially disabled after stop sticks were deployed as it exited I-25 to South Academy Boulevard. The vehicle was stopped just east of Hartford Street and all three occupants fled on foot with officers in pursuit.

Officer Becerra was chasing one of the suspects when he fell from an overpass to the pavement approximately 40 feet below. He was transported to a local hospital where he remained until succumbing to his injuries on February 11th, 2023.

All three suspects were apprehended.

Officer Becerra was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He had served with the Fountain Police Department for 4-1/2 years and was assigned to the Canine Unit. He is survived by his wife and two children.



CORRECTIONAL OFFICER JAY MILLER

Washington State Department of Corrections, Washington
End of Watch Saturday, February 11, 2023

Correctional Officer Jay Miller died from complications as the result of contracting COVID-19 while assigned to the Washington Corrections Center for Women at 9601 Bujacich Road in Gig Harbor.

Officer Miller was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Washington State Department of Corrections for 31 years. He is survived by his three sons.



POLICE OFFICER JAMES MUHLBAUER

Kansas City Police Department, Missouri
End of Watch Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Police Officer Jim Muhlbauer and K9 Champ were killed in a vehicle crash at 10:15 pm at the intersection of East Truman Road and Benton Boulevard in Kansas City.

A vehicle was traveling at 89 miles per hour, ran a red light and crashed into Officer Muhlbauer and K9 Champ while in their patrol vehicle. The impact caused the squad car to roll over. A pedestrian was also hit. K9 Champ and the pedestrian died at the scene. Officer Muhlbauer was taken to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The 18-year-old driver that hit the police car was also injured and was taken into police custody pending investigation. He was charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter.

Officer Muhlbauer had served with the Kansas City Police Department for 20 years. He is survived by his wife and child.



SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER D. FITZGERALD

Temple University Police Department, Pennsylvania
End of Watch Saturday, February 18, 2023

Police Officer Chris Fitzgerald was shot and killed while struggling with a suspect near 1700 W Montgomery Street in Philadelphia at about 7:30 pm.

Officer Fitzgerald was patrolling the area when he saw three masked individuals in dark clothing standing in an area where several robberies had recently occurred. As he exited his patrol car to speak to them all three fled on foot. He pursued one of the subjects and began to struggle with him in the 1700 block of W Montgomery Street. The man produced a handgun and shot Officer Fitzgerald multiple times.

The subject then attempted to steal Officer Fitzgerald's duty weapon, belongings, and patrol car before carjacking a citizen several blocks away. Officer Fitzgerald was transported to Temple University Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

The man who shot him was arrested at his home in Bucks County early the next morning. He was charged with the murder of a law enforcement officer, robbery, carjacking, and several other offenses.

Officer Fitzgerald had served with the Temple University Police Department for 16 months and previously served with the Philadelphia County Sheriff's Office for two and a half years. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is survived by his wife and four children. His father served with the Philadelphia Police Department and currently serves as the police chief of the Regional Transportation District Police Department in Denver, Colorado.



POLICE OFFICER GEOFFREY REDD

Memphis Police Department, Tennessee
End of Watch Saturday, February 18, 2023

Police Officer Geoffrey Redd succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained two weeks earlier while responding to a suspicious person call at the Poplar-White Station Library at 5094 Poplar Avenue.

Officers, including Officer Redd, had responded to a nearby business regarding a trespasser. Approximately 30 minutes later the subject became engaged in an altercation with a citizen inside of the Poplar-White Station Library. As Officer Redd and another officer attempted to contact the subject outside of the library the man produced a handgun and opened fire on them.

Officer Redd was shot and critically wounded before the other officer returned fire and killed the subject. Officer Redd was transported to Regional One Hospital and remained in critical condition until succumbing to his wounds on February 18th, 2023. Several years prior to being shot, Officer Redd had been critically injured when he was struck by a vehicle while on duty. He returned to duty following an extensive recovery period.

Officer Redd was a United States Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Memphis Police Department for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and four grandchildren.



DETENTION OFFICER KENNETH FOWLER

Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma
End of Watch Sunday, February 19, 2023

Detention Officer Kenneth Fowler succumbed to injuries sustained on January 31st, 2023, when he slipped on ice in the parking lot of the Pontotoc County Justice Center.

The area was experiencing an ice storm when he fell. He was transported to a hospital in Oklahoma City suffering from head injuries and hypothermia. He remained in a medically induced coma until succumbing to his injuries on February 19th, 2023.

Officer Fowler had served with the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office for five years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, mother, brother, sister, and two grandchildren.



POLICE OFFICER ANDRES M. VASQUEZ LASSO

Chicago Police Department, Illinois
End of Watch Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Police Officer Andres Vasquez Lasso was shot and killed while responding to a domestic incident at 4:45 pm in the 5200 block of South Spaulding Avenue in the Gage Park neighborhood.

Officers were responding to a call about a man chasing a woman down the street with a gun. One group of officers went to the residence while other officers located the subject on foot. They were able to engage with the subject, but he fled from the officers. Shots were exchanged as Officer Vasquez Lasso pursued the subject, and both were wounded.

Officer Vasquez Lasso was transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

The subject was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Officer Vasquez Lasso had served with the Chicago Police Department for five years and was assigned to the Eighth District. He is survived by his wife, mother, and sister.



DEPUTY SHERIFF ASSON HACKER

Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, Indiana
End of Watch Thursday, March 2, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Asson Hacker died as the result of exertional sickling and sickle cell trait while participating in defensive tactics training at the Southwestern Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Evansville.

He began to feel ill while undergoing the training and was transported to a local hospital where he passed away.

Deputy Hacker had only served with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office for several months. He is survived by his wife, four sons, parents, three brothers, and two sisters.



MASTER TROOPER JAMES R. BAILEY

Indiana State Police, Indiana
End of Watch Friday, March 3, 2023

Master Trooper James Bailey was struck and killed by a fleeing vehicle on I-69, south of Auburn, while attempting to deploy spike strips at about 4:30 pm.

Trooper Bailey was performing traffic control duties as the result of several crashes on the interstate when he was notified of a vehicle pursuit involving the Fort Wayne Police Department. The pursuit entered on I-69 toward Trooper Bailey's location.

The fleeing vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and struck Trooper Bailey as he attempted to deploy spike strips near mile marker 326. He was transported to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver who struck him was arrested and charged with murder, felony resisting law enforcement, felony operating with a controlled substance resulting in death, and misdemeanor resisting law enforcement. Trooper Bailey had served with the Indiana State Police for 15-1/2 years. He is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MASON GRIFFITH

Hermann Police Department, Missouri
End of Watch Sunday, March 12, 2023

Detective Sergeant Mason Griffith was shot and killed at Casey's Convenience Store at 115 Highway 19 in Hermann around 9:30 pm.

Sergeant Griffith and another officer were responding to a disturbance at a convenience store. When the officers arrived, a shootout occurred. Both officers were shot. One officer is in serious but stable condition. Sergeant Griffith succumbed to his injuries at Hermann Area District Hospital.

The subject shot both officers and fled the scene. He has a long history of criminal charges, with multiple outstanding felony warrants. Additionally, there is a warrant for his arrest for not showing up to court in 2022. He barricaded himself in a home near the shooting and was taken into custody the next day at 2 pm by the Missouri Highway Patrol SWAT team. He has been charged with Murder 1st degree, Assault 1st Degree/serious physical injury or special victim, two counts of Armed Criminal Action, and one count of Unlawful Possession of a firearm.

Sergeant Mason had served with the Hermann Police Department for over 12 years and was the part-time Chief of Police of the Rosebud Police Department and Reserve Deputy Sheriff of the Gasconade County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife, two sons, mother, and father.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JEREMY MCCAIN

Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma
End of Watch Monday, March 20, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Jeremy McCain succumbed to injuries received when his patrol car struck a gate at the Oklahoma Christian School at 4680 E 2nd Street in Edmund at 6:50 pm.

He was leaving the school campus when his patrol vehicle struck a partially opened gate while driving less than 10 miles per hour. The gate crashed through his front windshield and pinned him in the vehicle. He was transported to OU Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries 10 days later.

Deputy McCain had served with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office for 11 years. He is survived by his son.



PATROLMAN JOSEPH BARLOW

McAlester Police Department, Oklahoma
End of Watch Monday, March 20, 2023

Patrolman Joseph Barlow succumbed to injuries received on March 17th, 2023, when he was struck head-on while escorting a funeral procession for a member of his department who had passed away.

The procession was traveling on Highway 75, near 151st Street S in Glenpool, when the pickup truck crossed the center line and struck his patrol car head-on. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries three days later.

The driver of the truck was arrested and charged with causing an accident without carrying a driver's license, reckless driving, and causing great bodily injury. First-degree manslaughter was charged after Patrolman Barlow passed away.

Patrolman Barlow was United States Army veteran and served with the McAlester Police Department for over one year. He is survived by his wife, toddler son, and mother.



SERGEANT DAVID POIRRIER

Baton Rouge Police Department, Louisiana

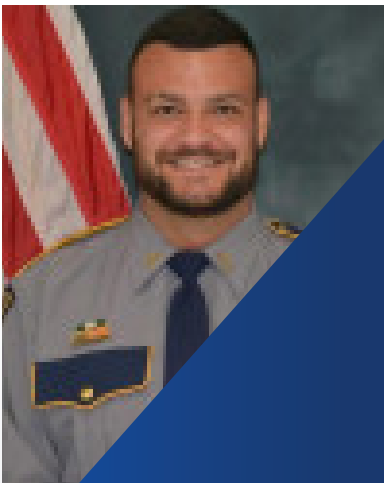
End of Watch Sunday, March 26, 2023

Sergeant David Poirrier and Corporal Scotty Canezaro were killed in a helicopter crash in a field off North Winterville Road, near U.S. 190 at Erwinville, at about 2:26 am.

The crew of the Robinson R-44 helicopter was sent to assist in the pursuit of a fleeing vehicle around 2 am.

The subject was arrested and charged with manslaughter.

Sergeant Poirrier had served with the Baton Rouge Police Department for 17 years and was assigned to the Air Support Unit. He is survived by his wife and daughter.



CORPORAL SCOTTY CANEZARO

Baton Rouge Police Department, Louisiana

End of Watch Sunday, March 26, 2023

Corporal Scotty Canezaro and Sergeant David Poirrier were killed in a helicopter crash in a field off North Winterville Road, near U.S. 190 at Erwinville, at about 2:26 am.

The crew of the Robinson R-44 helicopter was sent to assist in the pursuit of a fleeing vehicle around 2 am.

The suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of manslaughter.

Corporal Canezaro had served with the Baton Rouge Police Department for 16 years and was assigned to the Air Support Unit. He is survived by his wife, son, mother, and nieces.



POLICE OFFICER GARRETT CRUMBY

Huntsville Police Department, Alabama

End of Watch Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Police Officer Garrett Crumby was shot and killed while responding to a shots fired call at the 4600 block of Governors House Drive at 4:45 pm.

A female called 911 and reported that she had been shot. When Officer Crumby and another officer responded, they were ambushed by the subject.

Both officers were transported to Huntsville Hospital where Officer Crumby succumbed to his wounds. The other officer remains in critical condition.

The subject was taken into custody and charged with capital murder of a law enforcement officer.

Officer Crumby had served with the Huntsville Police Department for three years and previously served with the Tuscaloosa Police Department for eight years. He is survived by his wife, mother, father, and three sisters.



POLICE OFFICER TIMOTHY JAMES UNWIN, III

Springfield Township Police Department, Ohio

End of Watch Friday, March 31, 2023

Police Officer Tim Unwin was killed in a vehicle crash at the intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Centerridge Avenue in North College Hill.

He was responding to an “officer needs assistance” call when his patrol car collided with another vehicle shortly after midnight.

Officers from multiple jurisdictions were responding to the call when the crash occurred. The driver of the other vehicle was also killed in the crash.

Officer Unwin had served with the Springfield Township Police Department for two years. He had previously served with the Hamilton Police Department for two years and the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office for five years. He is survived by his parents and grandparents.



DETECTIVE SERGEANT NICHOLAS PEPPER

Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana
End of Watch Sunday, April 2, 2023

Detective Sergeant Nick Pepper was killed when his vehicle was intentionally rammed by a suspect during a vehicle pursuit on Louisiana Highway 1, near Kleinpeter Road, in Thibodaux at about 4:00 am.

Deputies were assisting the Houma Police Department after officers attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation. Officers and deputies pursued the vehicle until it stopped near Lafourche Crossing. As officers issued commands to the subject, the man suddenly accelerated and intentionally drove into Sergeant Pepper's car. Sergeant Pepper was transported to Thibodaux Regional Health System where he succumbed to his injuries.

The subject was arrested and charged. Sergeant Pepper had served with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office for 15-1/2 years and had served in law enforcement for 24 years. He had previously served with the Houma Police Department and the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and son.



POLICE OFFICER EMILY ANN BREIDENBACH

Chetek Police Department, Wisconsin
End of Watch Saturday, April 8, 2023

Police Officer Emily Breidenbach and Police Officer Hunter Scheel of the Cameron Police Department were shot and killed during a traffic stop at Wisconsin Highway 55 and 13th Avenue in the Village of Cameron at 3:38 pm.

Officer Breidenbach and Officer Scheel pulled over a vehicle for a warrant and welfare check on the driver. The subject was armed, and gunfire was exchanged. Officer Breidenbach and Officer Scheel succumbed to their wounds at the scene. The subject was transported to the hospital where he died.

Officer Breidenbach had served with the Chetek Police Department for over four years and previously served with the Stoughton Police Department. She is survived by her parents, brother, her fiancé, and his four children. Her father was the Chief of Police for the Pardeeville Police Department.



POLICE OFFICER HUNTER TIMOTHY SCHEEL

Cameron Police Department, Wisconsin
End of Watch Saturday, April 8, 2023

Police Officer Hunter Scheel and Police Officer Emily Breidenbach of the Chetek Police Department were shot and killed during a traffic stop at Wisconsin Highway 55 and 13th Avenue in the Village of Cameron at 3:38 pm.

Officer Scheel and Officer Breidenbach pulled over a vehicle for a warrant and welfare check on the driver. The subject was armed, and gunfire was exchanged. Officer Scheel and Officer Breidenbach succumbed to their wounds at the scene. The subject was transported to the hospital where he died.

Officer Scheel was a United States Army National Guard veteran and served with the Cameron Police Department for one year. He is survived by his mother, stepfather, father, and three sisters.



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER TREVOR ABNEY

New Orleans Police Department, Louisiana
End of Watch Sunday, April 9, 2023

Senior Police Officer Trevor Abney succumbed to complications from a gunshot wound sustained on October 30th, 2020.

He and his partner were stopped at the intersection of St. Philip Street and Royal Street when a passenger in a passing pedicab opened fire on them without provocation. Officer Abney was struck in the left side of his face, and his partner suffered cuts to his arm from the shattered windshield. The subject was apprehended after a foot chase through the French Quarter. He was charged with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer following the initial shooting.

Officer Abney was transported to the University Medical Center New Orleans where life-saving measures were performed. Doctors were unable to remove the bullet, which remained lodged in his brain and blinded him in the left eye. He succumbed to complications of the wound on April 9th, 2023.

Officer Abney was a United States Army Iraq War veteran and had served with the New Orleans Police Department for seven years. He is survived by his wife and parents.



INVESTIGATOR PATRICK J. HOGAN

New York State Police, New York
End of Watch Thursday, April 13, 2023

Investigator Patrick Hogan died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks.

Investigator Hogan was a United States Marine Corps Persian Gulf War veteran and served with the New York State Police for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, three children, three brothers, and a sister.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSH OWEN

Pope County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota
End of Watch Saturday, April 15, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Josh Owen was shot and killed while he and another deputy attempted to arrest a man for domestic violence in the 400 block of Stromen Street in Cyrus at about 7:30 pm.

Deputies, as well as police officers from the Glenwood Police Department and Starbuck Police Department, had been dispatched to the house for reports of a domestic violence incident. The officers were attempting to place the man into custody when he opened fire on them. Deputy Owen and the subject were both fatally wounded. The other deputy and the Starbuck officer were injured.

The incident occurred on Deputy Owen's 44th birthday.

Deputy Owen was a Minnesota National Guard Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and had served with the Pope County Sheriff's Office for almost 12 years. He is survived by his wife, son, and parents. His father is a retired law enforcement officer.



RESERVE CORPORAL JOSEPH JOHNSON

Nyssa Police Department, Oregon
End of Watch Saturday, April 15, 2023

Reserve Corporal Joseph Johnson was shot and killed near the intersection of North Third Street and Locust Avenue while making a traffic stop at about 8:20 pm.

He was responding to reports of a violent man damaging property at a home and threatening its occupants. During the response, he encountered the suspect driving away and conducted a traffic stop. The subject immediately exited his car and opened fire, fatally wounding Reserve Corporal Johnson before he had a chance to return fire. The subject abandoned his vehicle, fled the scene, and was arrested two days later.

Reserve Corporal Johnson had served with the Nyssa Police Department for almost five years. He had also served as a corrections officer with the Oregon Department of Corrections for 15 years and currently worked as a civilian employee for the agency. He is survived by his wife and two children.



SENIOR INVESTIGATOR NICHOLAS GEORGEADIS

New York State Police, New York
End of Watch Friday, April 28, 2023

Senior Investigator Nick Georgeadis died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks.

Investigator Georgeadis was a United States Army National Guard veteran and had served with the New York State Police for 21 years, assigned to the Special Investigations Unit and New York State Homeland Security. He is survived by his wife, two sons, daughter, father, sister, nieces, and nephews.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY IN DOCUMENTING USE OF FORCE

One of the most important issues facing law enforcement officers today is the possibility of criminal charges or civil litigation from a use of force incident while on or off duty. Over the past three to four years, public perception has drastically changed regarding law enforcement. States, counties, and cities have attempted to either defund the police or remove qualified immunity thus further making this career more challenging.

As both an active and retired law enforcement officer, I have attended many trainings over the past 40 years on use of force, the laws associated with using force and how we are judged according to Supreme Court rulings. However, I have never been trained on how to document a use of force incident for my own defense.

During my 30-year career with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, I investigated numerous use of force cases and since retiring, I work with attorneys who represent officers in these cases. Use of force cases vary drastically from a homicide, robbery or child molestation case. In a use of force case, we know the “who”, the “what” the “when”, and the “where” but the most critical is the “why” which can only come from the officer. There may be video from a body worn camera, a vehicle camera, nearby business surveillance cameras and bystander’s cellphone cameras. While these may show some of the incident, none of this records the officer’s perception which can only come from the officer involved in the incident. So, how do we get that information?

While assisting in an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of a suspect in South Georgia, I was conducting a walk-through interview with the young officer asking him to explain his thoughts and perceptions of every aspect of the incident. I already knew of his statement to his attorney two days before I became involved. As he responded to one of my questions, I asked him why he had not informed his attorney of that information. He said, “I didn’t think it was that important.” After his third response of, “I didn’t think it was that important”, I realized at that moment, there must be a better way to get the critical, cognitive information and the officer’s perception to his/her attorney. The Thin Blue Defend app was born. To date, it is the only one of its kind and is considered groundbreaking technology.

Officers involved in a critical incident resulting in the death or serious injury of the suspect need to be aware of what is about to transpire. One of the first concerns for all at the scene is life saving

measures, if needed. After everyone has been attended to, questions will come from first responders asking, “What happened?”. If an officer answers this question and if either officer has a BWC, this first statement can be misinterpreted. Attorneys that represent officers know that an officer will answer certain “safety and security questions” such as, “Is anyone else hurt that we don’t know about?”, “Is there evidence we need to seize?”, “Is another suspect on the run?”, etc. But, attorneys want to know what their client said; those first statements are critical and may provide a narrative for the investigating agency. Those first utterances or statements are very incomplete and do not contain all the facts and perceptions of the officer. If an officer, through the advice of their attorney, does not provide a statement, the investigating agency possibly only has a body worn camera, a vehicle camera, citizen witnesses (who may be biased) and other information from business and/or residential cameras. This information is incomplete and they do not have the incident from “the officer’s perspective”.

Next, the officer is most likely separated from everyone else; any weapon, body worn/vehicle camera, department cellphone used is seized by the department supervisors. If the officer used their personal cellphone, it may also be seized under “exigent circumstances” or probable cause. Now, while waiting for the investigating agency and/or their attorney, the officer is in a patrol vehicle outside the scene or taken back to the department. What does an officer tell their attorney? What is important to convey to an attorney that knows very little about the case other than their client called and provided a scene location and the suspect is either deceased or enroute to a hospital? Can the officer remember every detail about what just happened? Does the officer even know what details about the case would be important at a trial two to three years from now?

The attorney arrives and now begins to hear from the officer. Depending on the demeanor of that officer, it may be difficult for him/her to convey details about the incident that just occurred. The Thin Blue Defend app enables an officer to channel his/her thoughts to the incident details rather than the thoughts of “I just killed someone”. By using the provided categories on the app, the officer can describe his/her thought process for every action taken.

An officer will be judged according to the Supreme Court ruling of *Graham v Connor* in that: The Fourth Amendment “reasonableness” inquiry is whether the officers’ actions are “objectively reasonable” in light of the facts and circumstances

confronting them, without regard to their underlying intent or motivation. <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/490/386/>

Most departments compel an officer to complete a use of force report or face termination. An officer, through the advice of an attorney, may decide to make a formal statement to the investigating agency. These statements will now follow the officer over several years until the case is either dismissed through the criminal and/or civil court or at a trial in either or both courts. The prosecutors will lock the officer into this original statement and any deviation or additional information added may result in them attacking the officer on the stand claiming he/she has had several years to “get their story straight” or may accuse the officer of now providing a self-serving statement. This happened in the trial on the case mentioned above. Note: Fortunately, this officer was found ‘not guilty’ on manslaughter charges.

The Thin Blue Defend app is an innovative process using technology to provide a series of drop-down selections, audio recordings, text boxes, and cellphone camera access to document what an officer saw, heard, smelled and most importantly, perceived, during a critical incident. Categories include: the officer’s condition, suspect actions, suspect response to officer commands, weather conditions, riot situations, equipment utilized during the incident, any malfunction of equipment, vehicle pursuits, obstructions and hinderances, what an officer was advised prior to arriving, after incident investigation and what items were seized from the officer. The main theme of the entire process is “How did (the category, i.e. the suspect’s actions) effect your decision in using force? Again, this can only come from the officer and not from a scene sketch, scene photographs or physical evidence seized by the investigating agency.

Prior to documenting an incident, a user must first acknowledge advisements such as:

- The Threats Have Been Stopped/Contained
- Aid To Everyone Has Been Rendered
- Professional Emergency Medical Technicians Are Now On Scene And Have Taken Over Life Preserving Measures
- I Have Been Examined By EMT
- I Have Contacted My Attorney And Received Advisement And Am Documenting This Incident At The Direction Of My Attorney
- I Am Documenting This Incident Outside Of The Official Scene Area As Denoted By Crime Scene Markings and/or Barriers As Designated By The Law Enforcement Agency Having Authority.

CAUTION: Using Your Personal Cellphone At The Scene, In The Presence Of The Investigating Agency, Increases The Risk Of Your Cellphone Being Seized And Searched. You May Choose To Only Use The App In The Presence Of Your Attorney.

An incident document can now be created. The app features a one-touch GPS location, a one-touch current weather conditions and quick emergency contact information. The GPS button was designed based on an investigation I conducted of an incident that occurred in a creek bed half a mile from any roadway. The weather feature was included because of a case which occurred during a pouring rain which effected the officer's decision to pursue and use force.

The mobile app requires no typing of text because after a critical incident, it may be difficult to type any text. Therefore, the entire process utilizes prepared selections and access to audio recording and camera features of the cellphone. For example, as an officer describes the suspect with the audio button, prompts are provided such as hair color and length, clothing, physical build and other identifying descriptions. The officer can take any photos (outside of the designated scene) such as the officer's personal condition, any business cameras near the location and documents provided to him/her during the investigative process. The documentation of this is important information so that now an investigator for their attorney can go back to the area and obtain any business videos, interview any owners of homes near the incident location or obtain any evidence that may have been missed by the investigating agency.

Another important category that I developed was based on a past case. An officer's physical condition is sometimes overlooked by the investigating agency. This particular case involved an officer not being checked by emergency medical technicians that arrived on the scene. After fighting with the suspect, the EMTs asked the officer if he was okay and the officer responded he was fine. The officer began having serious headaches a couple of weeks later. He had sustained some head injuries during the fight that were not visible at the scene. We encourage the officers to be checked by EMTs and to advise them of any non-visible aches and pains however minor. When EMTs check an officer, a report is generated. Now we know blood pressure, temperature, heart rate and any complaints made by the officer.

Another case involved a fight with a suspect and not all the clothing was seized nor were enough photographs taken by the investigating agency. The clothing condition can provide a piece of physical evidence to be brought out in a trial. Just as the clothing was important in the Trevon Martin and George Zimmerman trial, it too can be just as important in any of these trials. If the clothing and officer condition is noted seven

days and weeks later, it can be attacked by the prosecutor as "How can we know this was the condition at the time of the incident?"

If an officer's case goes to trial, attorneys will usually have a use of force expert brought in to first, conduct a walk-through with the officer and have the officer explain in detail, the events as they occurred. The experts are looking for the thought process of the officer and why the officer did what he/she did because of all the factors they faced during the entire incident. To borrow the words from Illinois v. Gates, the "totality of the circumstances". These experts are asking the cognitive questions to find out the "why". In one OIS case, the attorney and I were standing off to the side while the expert conducted his walk through with the officer and he came to me after and asked, "How did he do it?" I asked, "What do you mean, how did he do it?" He stated when he conducts these walk throughs, he usually must ask many questions invoking the thought process of the officer and this one, he barely asked any of those questions. He continued by saying the officer was able to inform him of everything he was thinking as the incident unfolded. The expert stated this accomplished two things, one, he was able to obtain all the information he needed to decide if the shooting was justified and two, if he, the expert, testifies in a criminal proceeding for the officer, there is a lesser chance the prosecutor can attack him on leading the officer in the questioning. Thankfully the officer, prior to being interviewed by the expert, had used the Thin Blue Defend app to document the entire incident. I felt the combination of two great attorneys and utilization of the app played a major role in the officer being able to explain his actions from the beginning until the conclusion of the incident. Note: This officer testified before a grand jury and was "no billed".

The goal of Thin Blue Defend is to assist officers in their defense when facing criminal charges. It enables the officer to provide in great detail the thought process so the attorney can better defend their client. Armed with this information from the officer's perspective, the investigating agency may not even bring charges against the officer.

If we are to be judged according to Graham v. Connor, it is my hope that all agencies investigating these cases across the United States investigate according to Graham v. Connor.

To quote a use of force expert, The

Thin Blue Defend app is like a professor in a classroom saying, "Tomorrow, I am going to give you a test and here are the questions".

IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTE: Any inputted information while in the mobile app while connected to cellphone and internet services, is not stored on the cellphone. The information is stored in an encrypted cloud.

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HISTORY



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Deca-

des later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Sur-

vivors (C.O.P.S.)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others who work in law enforcement. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.

