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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





POLICE OFFICER ARÉANAH M. PRESTON

Chicago Police Department, Illinois
End of Watch Saturday, May 6, 2023

Police Officer Aréannah Preston was shot and killed during an attempted robbery at 8157 South Blackstone Avenue in Chicago at about 1:40 am. She had finished her shift and was returning home when armed subjects confronted her, attempting to rob her. She was able to draw her weapon and exchanged shots with multiple subjects before being mortally wounded. The subjects stole her gun and fled the scene.

An officer who was responding to a nearby crash discovered Officer Preston on the ground. The officer rendered aid and transported her to a local hospital in a patrol car. Five suspects, including one juvenile, were arrested the following day. Four of the subjects were charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery, arson, burglary, and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Officer Preston had served with the Chicago Police Department for 2-1/2 years and was assigned to the Fifth District. She is survived by her mother, father, and twin sibling.



DEPUTY SHERIFF KAITIE LEISING

St. Croix County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin
End of Watch Saturday, May 6, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Kaitie Leising was shot and killed while investigating a single-vehicle crash involving a drunk driver near the intersection of Route 128 and County Road G, south of Glenwood City.

She had been speaking with the driver for approximately eight minutes and requested that he consent to field sobriety tests. The man suddenly produced a handgun and opened fire on Deputy Leising. Despite being mortally wounded, she returned fire but did not strike the subject.

The man ran into nearby woods, where he committed suicide approximately one hour later after other deputies spotted him. Deputy Leising had served with the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office for one year and previously served with the Pennington County Sheriff's Office (South Dakota) for two years. She is survived by her wife, son, parents, sister, and grandmother.



POLICE OFFICER ROBERT SHISLER

Deptford Township Police Department, New Jersey
End of Watch Sunday, May 7, 2023

Police Officer Bobby Shisler succumbed to complications of a gunshot wound sustained on March 10th, 2023, while struggling with a suspect following a foot pursuit.

He had conducted a subject stop on the man on Delsea Drive. The man fled on foot during the encounter, and Officer Shisler chased him to Doman Avenue, where a struggle ensued between the two. The man produced a handgun and shot Officer Shisler in the leg. Despite being wounded, Officer Shisler returned fire and killed the subject.

Officer Shisler was taken to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital where he underwent multiple surgeries. He succumbed to complications of the gunshot wound on May 7th, 2023, without having ever been released from the hospital.

Officer Shisler had served with the Deptford Township Police Department for four years. His father and brother also serve in law enforcement.



DETECTIVE JACOB ARTHUR BEU

Rutherford County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee
End of Watch Sunday, May 7, 2023

Detective Jake Beu was killed in a vehicle crash on Armstrong Valley Road in Murfreesboro.

Detective Beu was a United States Marine Corps veteran and served with Rutherford County Sheriff's Office for six years, assigned to the Narcotics Division for one year. He is survived by his mother, father, two brothers, and girlfriend.



PORT POLICE OFFICER KIMBERLY SICKAFOOSE

Alabama Port Authority Police, Alabama
End of Watch Thursday, May 11, 2023

Port Police Officer Kimberly Sickafoose drowned after her patrol truck drove into the Mobile River in the area of 900 Alabama State Docks Boulevard while she was on patrol at about 2:40 am.

The truck sank into approximately 40 feet of water. Officer Sickafoose's body was recovered at about 8:00 am.

Officer Sickafoose had served with the Alabama Port Authority Police Department for seven years and had previously served as the police chief of the Silverhill Police Department. She is survived by her daughter and sister.



SERGEANT JOSHUA LEE CLOUSE

Cameron Police Department, Texas
End of Watch Thursday, May 11, 2023

Sergeant Josh Clouse was shot and killed by a subject in the 500 block of E 7th Street as he and other officers executed a search warrant.

The subject inside of the home was wanted for shooting his wife during a domestic violence incident earlier in the night. The wounded woman was able to walk to a neighbor's home and call the police. Responding officers secured the subject's residence and obtained a search warrant to take him into custody.

As officers with the Cameron Police Department and several neighboring agencies attempted to execute the warrant, the man opened fire, fatally wounding Sergeant Clouse. Other officers returned fire and killed the subject.

Sergeant Clouse was a U.S. Army veteran and previously served with the Milam County Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife and two children.

HOUSTON POLICE MEMORIAL

Take a respite from the bustle at the impressive Houston Police Officers Memorial overlooking Downtown snuggled in between Buffalo Bayou and Memorial Drive.

Designed by the late, acclaimed artist and sculptor Jesús Bautista Moroles – a native of Corpus Christi and Rockport, Texas – the granite monument sits serenely in an open grassy field, in a quieter corner of Buffalo Bayou Park.

Originally installed in 1990, Moroles' work commemorates Houston's police force and the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Reflecting Pool at the top of Houston Police Officers' Memorial | Photo: meltedplastic

The Houston Police Officers Memorial

At first the memorial appears to be a 12.5-foot tall, stepped pyramid. Technically, it's a ziggurat, with multiple blocky square layers built upon each other.

But as you approach, you'll also find an inverted ziggurat on each of the four sides of the central structure. Each of these "reverse pyramids" extend 12 feet into the ground and are lined with granite walls and grassy levels.



Reflecting Pool at the top of Houston Police Officers' Memorial | Photo: meltedplastic

From above the memorial appears like a Greek cross, with each of the five pyramids sitting at 40 feet by 40 feet.

At the top of the central monument lies a small, square reflecting pool. Engraved on the granite surface surrounding it are the names of 40 Houston police officers who sacrificed their lives in service to Houston.

For those who are unable to climb to the top of the Houston Police Officers' Memorial, there is a smaller granite tribute a few steps from the parking lot.

Its surface features the same names displayed on the monument's peak.

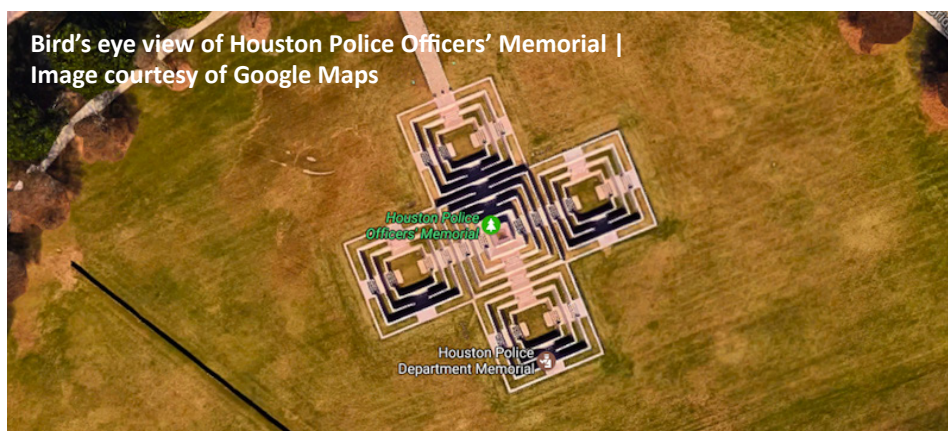
Picnics, Gathering Spots, Running Trails & Buffalo Bayou Park

Moroles envisioned the memorial site as a place that people would visit and explore with family and loved ones. Visitors are encouraged to bring picnics and Buffalo Bayou Park occasionally hosts public events in the space.

Surrounded by the trails – including the striking Carruth Bridge that crosses the bayou directly north of the memorial – and the lush greenery of Buffalo Bayou Park, the location is certainly an inviting one. Runners, walkers, and cyclists keep the area active.

While celebration and relaxation is encouraged, visitors are also asked to maintain their decorum at the site.

Keep in mind that dogs are not permitted on or near the memorial and it's best not to flaunt this rule. After all, the memorial is under 24/7/365 police surveillance.



Bird's eye view of Houston Police Officers' Memorial | Image courtesy of Google Maps



HPD Outpost at Houston Police Officers Memorial, with the The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas – Houston Branch in the background (across Memorial Drive, Buffalo Bayou Park, and Allen Parkway) | Photo: 365 Houston

24-Hour Vigil

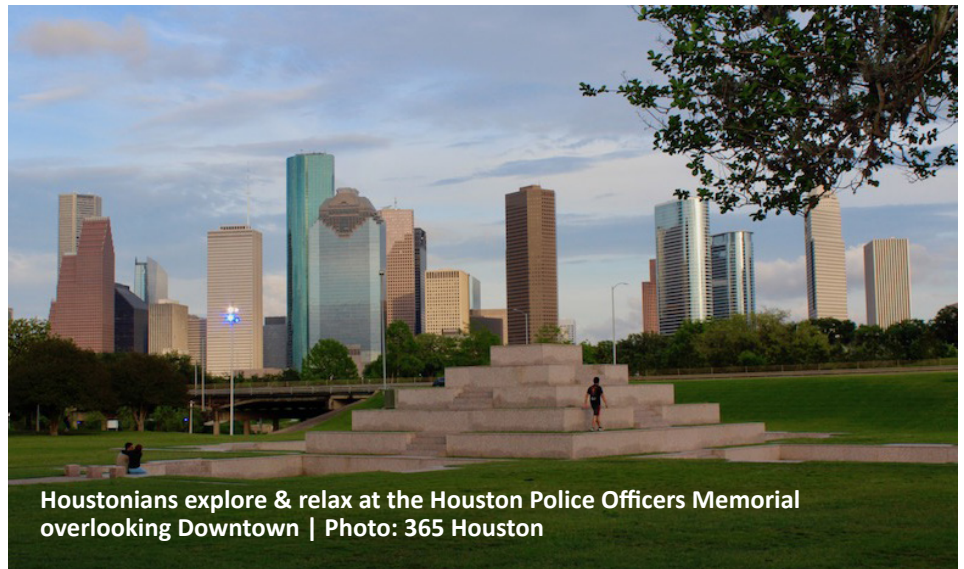
Houston Police Department (HPD) provides 24-hour supervision of the memorial. A single officer is on site at all times, based out of a small, but crisply designed, office southwest of the monument.

Selfie Spots & Social Media Shares

Whether you shoot with a high-end professional camera or your old smart phone, there are plenty of opportunities to snag share-worthy images at the Houston Police Officers Memorial.

It offers a striking vantage point on Downtown and is surrounded by the lush vegetation of Buffalo Bayou Park (and the large oaks of Glenwood Cemetery behind it).

There are multiple vantage points on and in the memorial to capture striking images of the park, the city, the sunset, sunrise, yourself, or your photogenic crush of the day.



Houstonians explore & relax at the Houston Police Officers Memorial overlooking Downtown | Photo: 365 Houston

Visiting The Police Officers Memorial by Car, Bike & Foot

The Memorial is located on the one bit of Buffalo Bayou Park that sits north of Memorial Drive, but south of the bayou itself.

Houston Police Officers Memorial

- **Location:** 1400 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77019
- **Hours:** Daily 6am to 11pm
- **Parking:** There are five parking spots, and two disable parking spots located in a small lot along Memorial Drive. At least one of the spots is occupied by a HPD vehicle at all times.
- **Admission:** Free to visit. Dogs are not permitted on or next to the monument.



Carruth Bridge crossing Buffalo Bayou north of Houston Police Officers Memorial | Photo: 365 Houston



DEPUTY SHERIFF BRETT HARRIS

Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California
End of Watch Saturday, May 13, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Brett Harris succumbed to injuries sustained in a vehicle accident at the intersection of West Esplanade Avenue and South State Street in San Jacinto at 2:15 am.

Deputy Harris was driving west on Esplanade Avenue, responding to a call for service, when his patrol SUV collided with another vehicle traveling north on South State Street. His vehicle was struck on the driver's side and then left the roadway and hit a light pole. Another deputy was injured while trying to help free Deputy Harris from the vehicle.

He was transported to a local hospital where he was kept on life support until his organs were donated. Deputy Harris was assigned to the Hemet Station. He is survived by his wife, parents, twin sister, and brother.



SERGEANT MICHAEL KUNOVICH

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, Florida
End of Watch Friday, May 19, 2023

Sergeant Michael Kunovich suffered a fatal heart attack following a violent struggle with a man in the 2500 block of State Road 16 in St. Augustine.

The man was sitting in the dark outside of a closed business when Sergeant Kunovich approached him at about 9:00 pm. When Sergeant Kunovich attempted to pat the man down for weapons, the subject attempted to flee. Sergeant Kunovich and other deputies struggled with the subject for over six minutes, during which the man attempted to disarm him of his taser. After the man was placed in handcuffs, he was able to access a pocket knife which had to be forcibly removed from his hands.

Sergeant Kunovich collapsed moments after the man was put in custody. The man was charged with resisting with violence and felony murder. Sergeant Kunovich had served with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for 25 years. He is survived by his two sons, mother, stepfather, two sisters, and a brother.



DEPUTY SHERIFF CALEB CONLEY

Scott County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky

End of Watch Monday, May 22, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Caleb Conley was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop near mile marker 127 on southbound I-75 in Georgetown at about 4:45 pm.

The subject's vehicle alerted a license plate reader showing a wanted person. As Deputy Conley approached the vehicle, he was shot. He was transported to the UK Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds an hour later.

The subject fled the scene but was arrested a short time later. He has been charged with the murder of a police officer, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, burglary, theft of an automobile, wanton endangerment, and fleeing/evading police.

Deputy Conley was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Scott County Sheriff's Office for four years. He is survived by his wife, two children, and parents.



DEPUTY SHERIFF MARCUS ZEIGLER

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Ohio

End of Watch Friday, May 26, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Marcus Zeigler passed away after suffering a medical emergency during participation in mandatory running activities at the Great Oaks Police Academy in Sharonville.

He was transported to a local hospital where he passed away two days later.

Deputy Zeigler had served with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for nine months as a corrections deputy and was assigned to the Patrol Academy. He is survived by his wife and five children.



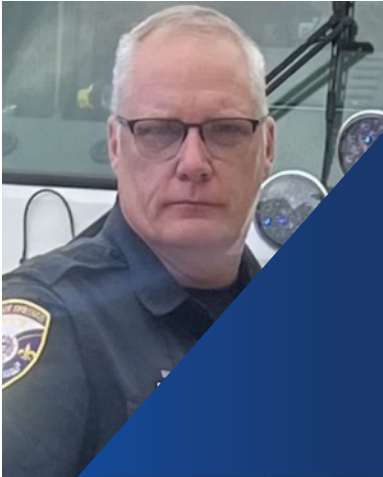
POLICE OFFICER HORREN RANDY TYLER

Madison Police Department, Mississippi
End of Watch Thursday, June 1, 2023

Police Officer Horren Tyler was shot and killed during a tactical operation at a home on Terrapin Hill Road North in Brandon, Mississippi.

A subject armed with a rifle and handgun and wearing a bulletproof vest had broken into the home at about 1:20 am and took two women hostage. As Brandon Police Department officers arrived at the scene, one of the women was able to escape, but the second remained a hostage. Negotiators were able to arrange for the release of the hostage, but the man remained in the home. At approximately 6:00, he opened fire on officers, critically wounding an officer with the Brandon Police Department.

The Madison Police Department's Special Response Team responded to the scene as part of a mutual aid request as negotiators continued to have the man surrender. The man opened fire on officers a second time at about 9:30 am, and Officer Tyler was mortally wounded. The subject was also killed in the exchange. Officer Tyler had served with the Madison Police Department for seven years and was the supervisor of the Narcotics Division. He had previously retired as the police chief of Ridgeland Police Department after serving 27 years. He was a graduate of the 228th Session of the FBI National Academy. He is survived by his wife, four children, two stepchildren, father, brother, and six grandchildren.



CORPORAL SHAWN KEVIN KELLY

Denham Springs Police Department, Louisiana

End of Watch Friday, June 2, 2023

Corporal Shawn Kelly succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained on May 11th, 2023, after responding to a disorderly subject call at the Spring Park Plaza in the 2300 block of South Range Road at about 4:30 pm.

A man had been involved in several road rage incidents in the area and was arguing with a woman he did not know in the parking lot of the shopping center. Corporal Kelly was working a traffic assignment but responded to the scene because patrol officers were on other calls. As he and another officer arrived at the scene, the man opened fire from his car, striking Corporal Kelly multiple times.

The man fled but was shot and killed by a Livingston Parish sheriff's deputy after he approached the deputy while holding a gun. Corporal Kelly was transported to a local hospital where he remained in critical condition until succumbing to his wounds 22 days later on June 2nd, 2023.

Corporal Kelly had served with the Denham Springs Police Department for four years. He had previously served with the Louisiana Department of Corrections and had a total of 29 years of law enforcement service. He is survived by his wife, four children, two daughters, a son, a niece, and four nephews.



SERGEANT CORY MAYNARD

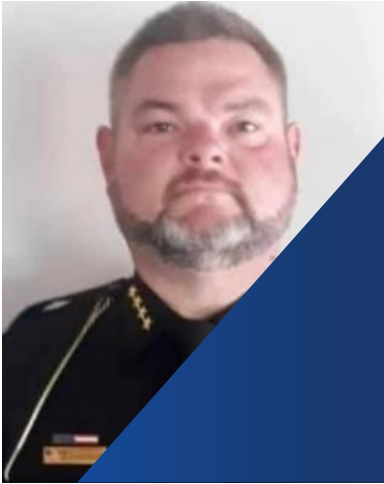
West Virginia State Police, West Virginia

End of Watch Friday, June 2, 2023

Sergeant Cory Maynard was shot and killed while responding to a shooting call in the Beech Creek area of Mingo County at about 3:30 pm.

The subject opened fire on responding officers, fatally wounding Sergeant Maynard. The man fled the scene but was captured approximately six hours later.

Sergeant Maynard had served with the West Virginia State Police for over 15 years. He is survived by his wife and two children.



CHIEF OF POLICE ANTHONY RICKERSON

Jasper Police Department, Florida
End of Watch Sunday, June 11, 2023

Chief of Police Tony Rickerson was killed in a vehicle crash on CR 143 and Southwest 28th Lane in Hamilton County at 10:25 pm. He was en route to backup officers who were responding to an unauthorized block party in Jasper when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. His patrol truck careened off the roadway, struck a large tree, and became engulfed in flames. Chief Rickerson had served with the Jasper Police Department for 13 years and was appointed as the Chief in September 2022. He had previously served with the Jennings Police Department and the Florida Department of Corrections. He is survived by his wife and three children.



CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER J. GARROW

New York State Police, New York
End of Watch Monday, June 12, 2023

Captain Chris Garrow 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. Captain Garrow was a United States Marine Corps veteran and served with the New York State Police for 23 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, father, mother, and brother.



POLICE OFFICER MARK CHRISTOPHER WAGNER, II

Wintergreen Police Department, Virginia
End of Watch Friday, June 16, 2023

Police Officer Chris Wagner was shot and killed after responding to a domestic disturbance call at a home on Arrowood Lane at about 10:00 pm. A man had assaulted two other men in the home and then left the residence. Officer Wagner located the subject in the wood line near the house after arriving at the scene. A struggle ensued, during which Officer Wagner was shot and killed with his own duty weapon.

The subject was also shot during the struggle. The subject was arrested by other Wintergreen police officers and deputies from the Nelson County Sheriff's Office. He was charged with capital murder, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, and two counts of malicious wounding.

Officer Wagner had served with the Wintergreen Police Department for three years and had previously served as a police officer with the Massanutten Police Department for one year. He is survived by his mother, father, stepfather, stepmother, three brothers, and a sister.



LIEUTENANT RICHARD WEBER

Newark Police Division, New Jersey
End of Watch Monday, May 1, 2023

Lieutenant Richard Weber died as a result of contracting COVID-19 while assigned to the Liaison Unit. Lieutenant Weber had served with the Newark Police Department for 23 years.

He is survived by his wife and two children.



TROOPER JACQUES F. ROUGEAU, JR.

Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania
End of Watch Saturday, June 17, 2023

Trooper Jay Rougeau was shot and killed by a wanted man near the intersection of Swamp Road and Baumgardner Drive in Walker Township shortly after 3:00 pm. At about 11:00 am, the subject had entered the parking lot of the Pennsylvania State Police's Troop G, Lewistown Station, and shot several patrol cars using a large caliber hunting rifle. The man fled the scene and called 911 several times as they searched for him.

The man then shot and critically wounded a Pennsylvania State Police lieutenant in Mifflintown Borough at about 12:45 pm before fleeing again. Shortly before 3:00 pm, the man was located in a shopping center in Walker Township and then fled into a nearby wooded area where he and Trooper Rougeau were both killed during a shootout. Trooper Rougeau had served with the Pennsylvania State Police for almost three years. He is survived by his wife, mother, sister, brother, niece, and two nephews.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. GAWRON, SR.

Sayreville Police Department, New Jersey
End of Watch Thursday, May 4, 2023

Captain William Gawron 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.

Captain Gawron had served with the Sayreville Police Department for 30 years. After retirement, he served with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is survived by his wife, son, stepson, five brothers, and two granddaughters.



TROOPER AARON N. SMITH

Indiana State Police, Indiana

End of Watch Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Trooper Aaron Smith was struck and killed by a stolen vehicle at about 8:30 pm while deploying spike strips to terminate a vehicle pursuit on Ronald Reagan Parkway, north of I-70, in Plainfield.

Other troopers initiated a pursuit when the vehicle fled as they attempted to stop it at about 8:40 pm. Trooper Smith was deploying spike strips when he was hit by the fleeing vehicle. The car crashed after hitting Trooper Smith. The driver and vehicle passengers, including a juvenile, were taken to local hospitals. The driver was charged with murder, and one of the passengers was charged with auto theft. Another passenger was reported as a missing juvenile from Missouri and will not be charged.

Trooper Smith was a United States Army National Guard veteran and served with the Indiana State Police for five years, receiving two Lifesaving Awards. He is survived by his wife, mother, father, three brothers, and a sister.



POLICE OFFICER CARLOS TAYLOR

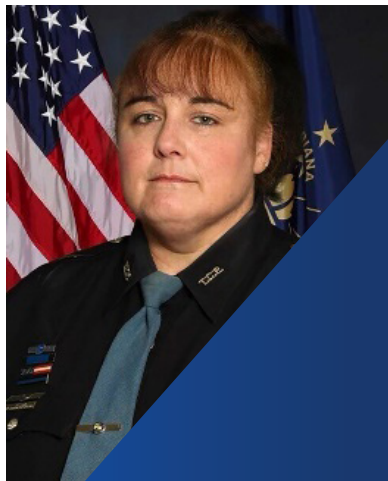
Montgomery Police Department, Alabama

End of Watch Friday, June 30, 2023

Police Officer Carlos Taylor succumbed to complications of injuries sustained in a vehicle crash on February 17th, 2017, at the intersection of Spring Valley Road and Woodley Road.

He was responding to a needs assistance call of officers pursuing two men with a gun. He was traveling south on Woodley Road in an unmarked patrol car when he attempted to avoid hitting another vehicle. His patrol car crossed into another lane and collided with another vehicle.

He suffered a traumatic injury to his brain stem that resulted in him being a quadriplegic and unable to verbally communicate. He remained under constant care until succumbing to his injuries on June 30th, 2023. Officer Taylor had served with the Montgomery Police Department for two years.



SERGEANT HEATHER GLENN

Tell City Police Department, Indiana
End of Watch Monday, July 3, 2023

Sergeant Heather Glenn was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a subject at Perry County Memorial Hospital at 8885 IN-237 in Tell City at 12:50 am.

Sergeant Glenn was investigating a domestic violence incident involving an injured woman who was being treated at the hospital. When the woman notified authorities that the subject was arriving at the hospital, Sergeant Glenn and officers from Tell City Police Department, Perry County Sheriff's Office, and Cannelton Police Department responded. The subject resisted arrest, and despite using an electronic control weapon, Sergeant Glenn could not subdue the man. The subject pulled out a gun and fatally shot Sergeant Glenn. Other officers returned fire and killed the subject.

Sergeant Glenn had served with the Tell City Police Department for 20 years. She is survived by her parents, brother and nephew. Her father had also served with the Tell City Police Department.



DETECTIVE DELBERTH PHIPPS, JR.

Virgin Islands Police Department, Virgin Islands
End of Watch Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Detective Delberth Phipps was shot and killed when he and several other officers responded to reports of an armed subject in the Jah Yard area of Hospital Ground shortly before 8:00 am.

As the officers arrived they encountered a subject wearing a ballistic vest and armed with a semi-automatic rifle. The man opened fire on officers and shot Detective Phipps during the ensuing shootout. The subject was also wounded and taken into custody.

Detective Phipps was transported to Schneider Regional Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds. The man had been arrested for an unrelated murder several months earlier and was out on bond at the time he murdered Detective Phipps.

Detective Phipps had served with the Virgin Islands Police Department for seven years.



DEPUTY SHERIFF TYEE MICHAEL BROWNE

Crisp County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Tyee Browne was shot and killed at about 3:40 am after stopping a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of Highway 280 in Cordele.

The subject shot Deputy Browne during the traffic stop and then stole his patrol car. Other deputies pursued the vehicle through multiple counties before the man was taken into custody.

Deputy Browne was transported to Crisp Regional Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

The subject was charged with malice murder, felony murder, two counts of aggravated assault, theft by receiving stolen property, carjacking, three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, three counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime and two counts of theft by taking. He pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Deputy Browne was an Army National Guard veteran and had served with the Crisp County Sheriff's Office for over one year. He was a Detention Officer before moving to the Uniform Patrol Division ten months earlier. He is survived by his mother, stepfather, two brothers, stepbrothers, and grandparents.



POLICE OFFICER JESSICA EBBIGHAUSEN

Rutland Police Department, Vermont
End of Watch Friday, July 7, 2023

Police Officer Jessica Ebbighausen was killed when her patrol car was struck head-on by a suspect vehicle being pursued by other officers at about 3:00 pm.

Officers responding to a burglary in progress on East Washington Street began pursuing the suspect who was driving a pickup truck. Officer Ebbighausen, along with her training officer, was responding from the opposite direction. As the pursuit entered the intersection of Stratton Road and Woodstock Avenue, the suspect vehicle crossed the center line and collided with Officer Ebbighausen's patrol car head-on. The truck then collided with a second patrol car.

Officer Ebbighausen succumbed to her injuries at the scene. Two other officers and the suspect were injured in the collision. The man was taken into custody.

The subject was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle and attempting to elude police, both with death resulting.

Officer Ebbighausen was a part-time officer in field training in preparation for attending the Vermont Police Academy to become a full-time officer the following month. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, maternal grandmother, paternal grandparents, and boyfriend.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JOHN DURM

Marion County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch Monday, July 10, 2023

Deputy Sheriff John Durm succumbed to injuries he sustained at about 11:30 am when he was attacked by a prisoner attempting to escape from the Community Justice Campus at 675 Justice Way in Indianapolis.

He was returning the murder suspect from the hospital when the man violently assaulted him in the detention center's sallyport. The prisoner wrapped the handcuff chain linking around Deputy Sheriff's neck, with both of them falling to the ground during the struggle. As soon as Deputy Durm stopped moving, the prisoner unlocked his handcuffs, then stole one of the sheriff's vans but crashed outside the complex during his escape attempt. The prisoner was taken to the hospital with minor injuries and is facing murder charges.

Deputy Durm was transported to Eskenazi Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Deputy Durm had served with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for 38 years. He is survived by his wife, four children, and parents. His wife and son also serve with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.



POLICE OFFICER JAKE WALLIN

Fargo Police Department, North Dakota

End of Watch Friday, July 14, 2023

Police Officer Jake Wallin was shot and killed while he and other officers investigated a traffic crash at the intersection of 25th Street South and 9th Avenue South at about 2:45 pm.

While officers were on scene, a male subject opened fire on officers, firefighters, and bystanders without warning. Officer Wallin was killed, two other officers were critically wounded, and a bystander was wounded. Officer Wallin's field training officer was able to return fire and killed the subject.

Officer Wallin was a Minnesota Army National Guard Operation Enduring Freedom veteran. He had served with the Fargo Police Department for only three months and was completing field training at the time of the shooting. He is survived by his mother, father, brother, grandparents, and fiancée.



POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY FERGUSON

Alamogordo Police Department, New Mexico
End of Watch Sunday, July 16, 2023

Police Officer Anthony Ferguson succumbed to a gunshot wound he received during a foot pursuit of a subject who had fled the scene of a vehicle accident at 2:18 am.

Officers attempted a traffic stop when they noticed a subject driving a vehicle without headlights or taillights. When the vehicle sped away, officers did not initiate a pursuit. About a mile away, the vehicle crashed into a pole at First Street and Delaware Avenue. After the subject fled on foot, Officer Ferguson pursued the man. The subject pulled out a shotgun and fired, hitting Officer Ferguson in the face. Another officer returned fire and struck the subject in the leg.

Officer Ferguson was flown to UMC-El Paso where he succumbed to his wounds the next day. The subject was treated at the hospital and has been charged with Attempt to Commit 1st Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery on a Police Officer with a Deadly Weapon, Tampering with Evidence, Aggravated Fleeing of a Police Officer, Resisting and Evading a Police Officer, Criminal Trespass, Lights Required on Vehicle, Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle, and Reckless Driving. The subject had fired at officers in January 2023.

Officer Ferguson had served with the Alamogordo Police Department for 11 years. He is survived by his daughter, son, mother, father, and four brothers.



SERGEANT EDWIN MALDONADO-GARCÍA

Puerto Rico Police Department, Puerto Rico
End of Watch Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Sergeant Edwin Maldonado-García was struck and killed by a vehicle on the Baldorioty de Castro Expressway near Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, at about 8:15 pm.

He was in uniform and driving to work when he observed several citizens attempting to rescue a kitten from the middle of the highway. He stopped his vehicle to assist but was struck by an oncoming car as he tried to grab the kitten.

Sergeant Maldonado-García had served with the Puerto Rico Police Department for 37 years and was assigned to the Internal Security Division at police headquarters. He is survived by his wife and child.



DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID BOSECKER

Eastland County Sheriff's Office, Texas
End of Watch Friday, July 21, 2023

Deputy Sheriff David Bosecker was shot and killed while responding to a domestic violence call along Highway 183 between Cisco and Rising Star.

As he arrived on the scene at 9 pm, a male subject opened fire on him, fatally wounding him. Other responding officers took the subject into custody. The man was charged with capital murder.

Deputy Bosecker was a United States Marine Corps veteran who had served with the Eastland County Sheriff's Office for two years and had served in law enforcement for 21 years. He had previously served with the Wise County Sheriff's Office, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Comanche Police Department. He also worked as a part-time marine enforcement officer for the Cisco Police Department. He is survived by his wife, stepson, father, mother, brother, four grandchildren, nephews, and niece.



SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT C. CASTIONI, JR.

United States Department of Homeland Security -
Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security
Investigations, U.S. Government
End of Watch Monday, July 24, 2023

Special Agent Bob Castioni 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.

Special Agent Castioni had served with the United States Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations for 33 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, three brothers, a sister, and three grandchildren.



LIEUTENANT MICHAEL WOOD

Newberry Police Department, South Carolina
End of Watch Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Lieutenant Mike Wood was killed in a vehicle crash at the intersection of Nance Street and Dixie Drive while responding to a call.

His patrol car collided with a tractor-trailer in the intersection. Lieutenant Wood had served with the Newberry Police Department for 20 years. He is survived by his wife and two children.



DEPUTY SHERIFF ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California
End of Watch Friday, July 28, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Alejandro Martinez succumbed to injuries sustained on November 16th, 2022, as he and other recruits from Academy Class 464 ran in formation as part of their morning physical fitness routine.

The academy class of 75 recruits was running in formation when an oncoming vehicle veered over the center line and struck the group near the intersection of Mills Avenue and Telegraph Road in Whittier. A total of 25 recruits were struck by the vehicle before it came to a stop. Twelve of the recruits suffered critical injuries that ended their careers.

Deputy Martinez was sworn in as a sheriff's deputy two weeks after the incident. He remained hospitalized in critical condition until succumbing to his injuries eight months later. The driver who struck the group was charged with two counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and nine counts of reckless driving on a highway. Deputy Martinez was a U.S. Army National Guard soldier and had served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for only eight weeks at the time he was injured. He is survived by his father and sister.



SERGEANT WILLIAM CHERRY

Macon County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee
End of Watch Saturday, July 29, 2023

Sergeant William Cherry was killed in a vehicle crash on Highway 10, near Long Creek Road, at about 12:30 am.

He was traveling southbound when an oncoming vehicle crossed the center line and struck his patrol car head-on, causing him to suffer fatal injuries. The other driver suffered severe injuries. Neither Sergeant Cherry nor the other driver were wearing their seatbelts.

Sergeant Cherry had served with the Macon County Sheriff's Office for five years and had served in law enforcement for more than 10 years. He had previously served with the Red Boiling Springs Police Department, Clay County Sheriff's Office, and Celina County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and parents.



DEPUTY MARSHAL BARRY GIGLIO

Ville Platte Marshal's Office, Louisiana
End of Watch Monday, July 31, 2023

Deputy Marshal Barry Giglio was shot and killed at about 8:30 pm while assisting the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office in serving a warrant in the 100 block of West Beauregard Street.

A subject at the residence opened fire on the officers, killing Deputy Marshal Giglio and critically wounding a sheriff's deputy. A civilian was also shot and killed. The subject was taken into custody and charged with first-degree murder.

Deputy Marshal Giglio had served with the Ville Platte Marshal's Office for 10 years and previously served with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office for 15 years. He is survived by his son and two granddaughters.



SERGEANT PEDRO TORRES-SANTOS

Trujillo Alto Municipal Police Department, Puerto Rico
End of Watch Monday, July 31, 2023

Sergeant Pedro Torres-Santos was shot and killed in a targeted drive-by shooting as he stood in front of a store with other officers while working a secondary employment job.

He and two other officers were standing in front of the store, at the intersection of Highway 181 and Highway 851 in Trujillo Alto, when a vehicle drove by and an occupant inside opened fire on them. All three officers were struck by the gunfire. Sergeant Torres-Santos succumbed to his wounds and the other two officers were seriously wounded.

The subjects in the car fled and remain at large.

Sergeant Torres-Santos had served with the Trujillo Alto Municipal Police Department for 27 years and was one of its first officers when the agency was formed. He is survived by his wife and children.



DEPUTY SHERIFF TIMOTHY J. GUYER

Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Tim Guyer suffered a heart attack after completing mandatory physical training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at 5402 Sugar Grove Road in Plainfield.

Deputy Guyer returned to his dormitory room to clean up after physical training. At 7:30 am, he was found unresponsive in his room when he did not report for breakfast. Despite life-saving measures, he was unable to be revived. Deputy Guyer had served with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for eight months. He is survived by his wife and four children.



POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW HARE

Easley Police Department, South Carolina

End of Watch Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Police Officer Matthew Hare was struck and killed by an Amtrak train near the 2000 block of East Main Street while attempting to pull a suicidal subject from the railroad tracks.

The subject had called 911 at about 5:00 am while suffering a mental crisis. Officer Hare and another officer located the subject on the tracks at about 6:00 am as the oncoming train approached. The officers were removing the subject from the tracks when Officer Hare was fatally struck. Neither the other officer nor the subject was injured.

Officer Hare had graduated from the police academy only five months earlier. He is survived by his mother, brother, aunt, grandparents, cousin, and stepsister.



ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JOHN “JACK” HESS

United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Government
End of Watch Friday, August 4, 2023

Associate Director Jack Hess died as the result of cancer he developed from being exposed to hazardous materials during recovery efforts at the Pentagon following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks.

Director Hess had served with the United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation for 21 years. Before retiring, he was the Associate Director of National Intelligence. He is survived by his wife, who also serves with the FBI, three sons, a daughter, two sisters, nieces, and nephews. His father had also served in law enforcement.



POLICE OFFICER JONAH OSWALD

Fairway Police Department, Kansas
End of Watch Monday, August 7, 2023

Police Officer Jonah Oswald succumbed to gunshot wounds he received when he attempted to arrest two subjects who fled from officers in a stolen vehicle.

At 7:30 am, Lenexa Police responded to reports of a stolen vehicle in Mission. As they attempted to apprehend the subjects, the male and female fled, hitting one of the Lenexa Patrol vehicles. Officers from neighboring agencies, including the Fairway Police Department, assisted in the pursuit on Interstate 35 until the subjects crashed their vehicle and ran into the QuikTrip at 4700 Lamar Avenue in Mission. Officer Oswald and other officers entered the store, and when officers attempted to arrest the subjects, gunfire broke out. Officer Oswald was critically injured and transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his wounds the next day. The male subject was shot and killed. The female subject is in custody and charged with first-degree.

Officer Oswald was a United States Army Reserve veteran who had served with the Fairway Police Department for four years and previously served with the Buckner Police Department. He is survived by his wife and two children.



OFFICER BILL SAPOLU

Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii
End of Watch Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Officer Bill Sapolu succumbed to injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash on Farrington Highway, east of Fort Barrette Road in Kapolei, on July 11th, 2023.

He was responding to backup another officer on a weapons violation call at about 9:00 pm when his motorcycle struck a concrete median. He was thrown from the motorcycle and sustained serious injuries. He remained in critical condition until his organs could be donated.

Officer Sapolu was a U.S. Army National Guard veteran and had served with the Honolulu Police Department for 21 years. He is survived by his wife and children.



PATROLMAN JAMES M. SIDES

Alamogordo Police Department, New Mexico
End of Watch Monday, August 14, 2023

Patrolman Jim Sides succumbed to gunshot wounds he received on April 3, 1984. At 9:45 a.m., Patrolman Sides and two other officers responded to a trespassing call at 2216 Pecan Drive in Alamogordo.

When officers arrived, the subject exited the house and fired at the officers. Patrolman Sides was struck in the head and broke his leg while falling. Another officer sustained two bullet wounds to his cheek. The subject fled the house and barricaded himself in the backyard of another residence. When he fired at responding officers, they returned fire, killing the subject.

The subject was a parolee who had been convicted of aggravated battery of a police officer. Patrolman Sides was transported to Las Cruces Memorial Hospital where he underwent a seven-hour surgery to remove a bullet from his temple. Due to his injuries, he retired in October 1984. His death on August 14, 2023, was attributed to the brain injury he received when he was shot.

Patrolman Sides had served with the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, now named the Alamogordo Police Department, for three years and previously served with the New Mexico State Police for five years and the Hildago County Sheriff's Office for one year. He is survived by his wife and two children.



SPECIAL AGENT PATRICK BAUER

United States Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, U.S. Government
End of Watch Thursday, August 17, 2023

Special Agent Patrick Bauer was inadvertently shot and killed while participating in departmental firearms training in Phoenix, Arizona.

Members of IRS Criminal Investigation and other federal agencies were using the shooting range at Federal Correctional Institute Phoenix when Special Bauer was inadvertently shot by another agent.

He was transported to HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds.

Special Agent Bauer was a veteran of the Arizona Air National Guard. He is survived by his wife and four children.



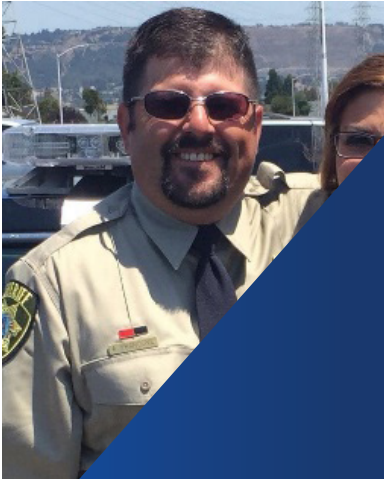
OFFICER BRYAN HOLLEY

Hudson Independent School District Police Department,
Texas
End of Watch Friday, August 18, 2023

Officer Bryan Holley suffered a fatal medical emergency shortly after performing afternoon traffic control at Bonner Elementary School in Lufkin, Texas.

He collapsed at about 4:10 pm after completing the traffic control assignment.

Officer Holley had served with the Hudson Independent School District Police Department for 10 years and had served in law enforcement for 31 years. He had previously served with the Angelina County Sheriff's Office for 17 years and the Angelina County Constable's Office - Precinct 1 for four years. He is survived by his wife, four children, and three grandchildren.



POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY FRANCONE

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department, Tribal Police
End of Watch Friday, August 25, 2023

Police Officer Anthony Francone was struck and killed by a vehicle that was being pursued south of Nixon, Nevada.

The pursuit went to the area of Route 446 and Route 447, where he was struck while deploying spike strips.

The subject was shot and killed after he struck Officer Francone.

Officer Francone had served in Law Enforcement for 25 years. He had previously served with the Eureka County Sheriff's Office and Storey County Sheriff's Office, where he retired. After retirement, he served with the Fallon Paiute Tribal Police Department, the Washoe Tribal Police Department, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department. Officer Francone is survived by his two sons, daughter, father, stepmother, and sister.



SHERIFF ROBERT DANIEL RODGERS

Wilcox County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Sheriff Robert Rodgers was killed in a vehicle crash while responding to a domestic call at 4:09 p.m.

He was traveling on Highway 233 when his patrol vehicle left the roadway near Matthews Road. He struck a tree, and the impact overturned his vehicle on the driver's side. Sheriff Rodgers died at the scene.

Sheriff Rodgers was elected Sheriff in 2016 and was serving his second term with the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office. He had previously served with the Crips County Sheriff's Department for four years and the Twiggs County Sheriff's Department for 11 years. He is survived by his wife, son, four brothers, and a granddaughter.



DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW PIERSON

Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Texas
End of Watch Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Matthew Pierson was killed in a vehicle crash at the Texas State Highway 147 and Texas State Highway 103 intersection at 7:30 a.m.

He was driving his patrol vehicle east on Texas Highway 103 and collided with a tractor-trailer while attempting to turn north on Texas State Highway 147. Deputy Pierson had served with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for five days. He is survived by his grandfather, two uncles, and a sister.



CHIEF OF POLICE FRANK HAYES, JR.

Goodland Police Department, Kansas
End of Watch Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Chief of Police Frankie Hayes passed away from complications of a heart attack after a standoff.

On August 16, 2023, Chief Hayes arrived at the location of a barricaded subject shooting at neighbors, officers, and inside his home. After two hours of negotiations, the subject surrendered. Chief Hayes left the scene and went to the emergency room, where he suffered a double heart attack. Despite surgery, he died two weeks later.

Chief Hayes had served with the Goodland Police Department for nine years and was Chief of Police for almost three years. He is survived by his wife, four children, two brothers, two sisters, and five grandchildren.



GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS LIAISON MICHAEL ELAINE GRIFFIN

Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Mississippi
End of Watch Monday, September 4, 2023

Governmental Affairs Liaison Mike Griffin was killed at the scene of a crash on Highway 6 near Batesville at about 11:00 am.

He was en route to Jackson when he encountered the crash involving a partially overturned vehicle. As he was checking on the entrapped driver the vehicle shifted and fell on top of Governmental Affairs Liaison Griffin, causing him to suffer fatal injuries.

Governmental Affairs Liaison was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He had served in his current position as a sworn law enforcement officer with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for two years after having retired from the Mississippi Highway Patrol with 34 years of service. He is survived by his wife and daughter.



DETECTIVE ROBERT GARTEN

Hartford Police Department, Connecticut
End of Watch Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Detective Bobby Garten was killed when his patrol car was struck by a fleeing vehicle at the intersection of Asylum Avenue and Broad Street at about 10:30 p.m. Officers initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle with canceled registration tags. As they approached the vehicle, it sped north on Broad Street; however, officers did not pursue it.

Detective Garten was in the passenger seat of a patrol car traveling east on Asylum Avenue with emergency equipment activated en route to another incident. The fleeing car sped through the Farmington Avenue red traffic signal, and as it was speeding through the red traffic signal at Asylum Avenue, it struck the passenger side of the cruiser. Detective Garten and the officer driving the cruiser were transported to St. Francis Hospital where Officer Garten succumbed to his injuries. The other officer was admitted in stable condition.

The subject is in custody and charged with failure to obey a traffic control signal, failure to renew registration, misuse of plates, and interfering with a police officer. His charges were upgraded to first-degree manslaughter and first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, disobeying the direction of an officer, reckless driving, DUI, and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. Detective Garten had served with the Hartford Police Department for eight years. He was a second-generation police officer. He is survived by his parents, brother, nephews, and grandmother. Detective Garten was posthumously promoted to detective.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JACOB ERIC SALRIN

Richland County Sheriff's Department, South Carolina
End of Watch Friday, September 29, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Jacob Salrin was killed in a vehicle crash at the intersection of Bluff Road and Windy Drive.

His patrol car collided with a tractor-trailer that was attempting to make a left turn onto Windy Drive. Deputy Salrin had served with the Richland County Sheriff's Department for one year and graduated from the police academy in January 2023.



DEPUTY SHERIFF II AUSTON SMITH REUDELHUBER

Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina
End of Watch Saturday, September 9, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Auston Reudelhuber was killed in a vehicle crash on North Carolina 150 at 5:15 a.m. A box truck driving south on NC 150 crossed the center line and struck Deputy Reudelhuber's patrol car traveling northbound. Both vehicles came to a stop on the southbound shoulder.

Deputy Reudelhuber was transported to Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver was not injured. He has been charged with misdemeanor death by motor vehicle, reckless driving, and driving left of center.

Deputy Reudelhuber was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Forsyth Sheriff's Office for over two years and previously served with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office for three years. He is survived by his wife and two children.



POLICE OFFICER KEVIN M. CRAM

Algona Police Department, Iowa
End of Watch Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Police Officer Kevin Cram was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man with an active arrest warrant for harassment.

At 7:53 p.m., Officer Cram located the subject at the 1100 block of South Minnesota Street in Algona. When Officer Cram notified the man that he was being placed under arrest, the subject shot him and fled.

Officer Cram was transported to Kossuth Regional Health Center where he was pronounced dead. The subject was arrested in Minnesota and charged with first-degree murder.

Officer Cram had served with the Algona Police Department for eight years and previously served with the Nora Spring Police Department for two years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a stepson, father, mother, and two brothers.



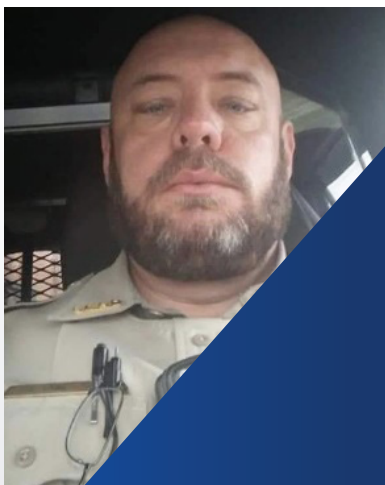
DEPUTY SHERIFF RYAN CLINKUNBROOMER

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California
End of Watch Saturday, September 16, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Ryan Clinkunbroomer was shot and killed in an unprovoked ambush at the intersection of Sierra Highway and Avenue Q just outside of the Palmdale Sheriff's Station at about 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Clinkunbroomer was stopped at a red light when another car pulled alongside his patrol and an occupant opened fire, striking him in the head. A passerby located Deputy Clinkunbroomer in the vehicle moments later and alerted authorities. Deputy Clinkunbroomer was transported to Antelope Valley Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds.

A suspect was arrested later after a several-hour stand-off. Deputy Clinkunbroomer had served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for eight years and was a third-generation member of the agency. He is survived by his fiancée, parents, and grandparents.



DEPUTY SHERIFF SHANNON ERIC "SHANE" LANG, SR.

Marion County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee
End of Watch Sunday, September 17, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Shane Lang suffered a fatal heart attack after removing heavy tree branches from Highway 156 in New Hope, Tennessee.

After clearing the highway, he began to feel ill. The following morning, while on his way to a call, he felt worse and went to Parkridge West Hospital in Jasper, where he suffered a cardiac arrest and could not be revived.

Deputy Lang had served with the Marion County Sheriff's Department for nine years and previously served with the Sequatchie County Sheriff's Office and the Florida State Department of Corrections. He is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, two brothers, two sisters, and eight grandchildren.



DEPUTY SHERIFF MARYLIN ANJANETTE MAYO

St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana
End of Watch Thursday, September 21, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Mary Mayo succumbed to injuries sustained on June 13th, 2007, when a large tree fell on the patrol car she was riding in. The incident occurred as she and her fiancé, Sergeant Beau Raimer, were participating in a funeral procession for Deputy Hilery Mayo (no relation), who was killed in the line of duty four days earlier.

The procession was traveling along West 21st Avenue through Covington when a violent thunderstorm with devastating rain and winds developed. A large pine tree fell onto the patrol car as it passed South Johnson Street. The tree crushed the top of the patrol car and killed Sergeant Raimer instantly. Deputy Mayo suffered a severed spinal cord that caused her to become paralyzed from the chest down. She underwent years of rehabilitation and was able to return to the sheriff's office as a dispatcher for a short time; however, complications from her injuries caused her to become bedridden. She succumbed to her injuries 16 years later on September 21st, 2023. Deputy Mayo had served with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office for two years at the time of the crash. She is survived by her mother, brother, niece, godmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins.



POLICE OFFICER DARRIN MCMICHAEL

Arlington Police Department, Texas
End of Watch Thursday, September 21, 2023

Police Officer Darrin McMichael was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver on Interstate 20 near St. Augustine Drive at 6:10 a.m.

While driving his department motorcycle to work, Officer McMichael struck the back of an SUV when traffic suddenly stopped in front of him. The collision caused him to fall off his motorcycle. Before he could get up, another vehicle ran over him and drove away.

Officer McMichael was transported to Baylor Medical Center where he died from his injuries. The driver has not been apprehended. Officer McMichael had served with the Arlington Police Department for 24 years, assigned to the Motorcycle Unit for 13 years. His wife also serves with the agency.



CAPTAIN JOHN ROBERT RANDOLPH, III

Ringling Police Department, Oklahoma
End of Watch Monday, September 25, 2023

Captain John Randolph succumbed to injuries he received when he fell while working as a school resource officer at the Ringling High School football game.

He was escorting a teacher carrying the gate money at the school's varsity football game at about 8:00 pm. He tripped on wood debris and fell forward onto a wood pile. He was transported to a nearby hospital and ultimately airlifted to Medical City Hospital in Denton, Texas, where he died from internal injuries three days later.

Captain Randolph was a United States Army Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran. He had served with the Ringling Police Department for two years and previously served with the Heaton Police Department for two years, Carter County Sheriff's Office for two years, Lone Grove Police Department for one year, and the Ardmore Police Department for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, parents, and brother.



COMMUNITY PAROLE OFFICER CHRISTINE GUERIN-SANDOVAL

Colorado Department of Corrections, Colorado
End of Watch Thursday, September 28, 2023

Community Parole Officer Christine Guerin-Sandoval was struck and killed by a vehicle near the intersection of W Bijou Street and N Spruce Street while she and two other parole officers attempted to arrest a parolee.

They located the man inside a vehicle parked at a convenience store at the intersection at about 3:45 pm. As the officers approached the vehicle, the man intentionally reversed into them before fleeing the scene. Officer Guerin-Sandoval and one of the other officers were both struck. They were transported to UCHHealth Memorial Hospital Central where Officer Guerin-Sandoval succumbed to her injuries. The subject was arrested a short time later. Officer Guerin-Sandoval had served with the Colorado Department of Corrections for five years and had previously served with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office for 12 years.

“WE’RE NOT GOING AWAY”

BY CHARLES DAHLINGER

Certain factions who always complain and wish to defend the police, need to realize that police are not going anywhere at all. In difficult times the police are who society turns to for one true stable constant. The steadfast attitude of police is crucial. When something happens of tragedy, such a mass shooting, we will never ever see “left wing activists” run into danger. That kind of commitment is not their DNA.

It is imperative that police officers, of all ranks, size of departments etc. maintain a solid level of good morale during difficult times. It was once said there is a “silent majority of this country”, who while they do not speak up or protest, are there quietly in endless support of the everyday mission conducted by the men and women of the badge. Proper morale stimulates energy, persistence and initiative, all the while encouraging patience and will-power.

Law enforcement officers must keep positive reinforcement with each other, and ignore those nay-sayers in public. It is up to all of us to remind one another of the good fight that is waged against crime and ill-informed citizens. Smile, and realize those who maybe critical and judgmental, have no idea or understanding what is being accomplished daily by law enforcement. The level of stupidity at times against the police may seem continuous. However, the factual truth is known to those we serve and protect. Hearing individuals who verbally assault the system, one cannot help but feel pathetic for lack of

knowledge and understanding for the truth.

Society understands police are still trying to bring stability to a community. Not generally an easy aspect, given new laws such as “no bail” or liberal prosecuting attorneys who seem more afraid of vocal activists, as oppose to doing the right thing when it comes to charging criminals. The obstacles stacked against law enforcement seems unbearable and agonizing. After all, the men and women of police work are only human, they do what they can. Blame should not continuously be with those in the profession, as they attempt to do the very finest job they can. Praise and recognition must continue to be given to officers, not just from within the department, but from communities and society. This will continue to let law enforcement know they are truly appreciated, not just when an officer has fallen in the line of duty.

For crime to stop or at least slow, production by law enforcement must be increased. Communities must understand these two factors are hand in hand. People are tired of out of control of crime, so when police do the job, they must be supported by courts and prosecutors. It is the silent majority of our populist, which needs to speak out and let those elected bureaucrats and misinformed activist need to be told the concerns and anxieties of communities. Crime rates will resume across this country, unless there is a major wakeup. This is already being seen in large cities and states as businesses pull out, and populations flee to safer ground.

Addressing these concerns can be done, when police departments and other stakeholders communicate to the public. When hardened criminals are released on low or no bail, there should be immediate outcry from informed people. America is awaking to these troubles, they need to start acting, not putting the burden on law enforcement. Departments should also be asking “why” when these incidents of release occur. A fair media investigate who is responsible and accountable for these type of releases.

While we know law enforcement has been around for hundreds of years, it will continue to remain everywhere for hundreds of years in the future. Thus “we are not going away”. Police will strive to remain fair, neutral and enforce the laws given upon them. Police continue to sustain skills and knowledge to perform in this chosen career. Every day police rise and grind to make things even a little bit better than the day before. President Ronald Reagan once said “people claim there are no heroes, they just don’t know where to look”. No matter your position in society or life, still like “death and taxes”, the police are not going away! They will remain here for decades to come, and as they should.

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