

SEPTEMBER 2018

LINE OF DUTY DEATH REPORT

FULL BIOGRAPHIES, INCIDENT DETAILS, AND TRIBUTES FOR EACH OF THESE FALLEN HEROES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE AT WWW.ODMP.ORG.

13 LODDs

THIS MONTH

112 LODDs

YEAR-TO-DATE

2%
INCREASE*

**as compared to last year*

CAUSES OF DEATH YEAR-TO-DATE

 GUN

 AUTO

 HEART

 OTHER

43

35

15

19



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REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

The monthly United States Line-of-Duty Deaths Report is a joint publication of the **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** and the **Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP)**. IACP and ODMP are committed to honoring fallen law enforcement officers while also raising awareness about line-of-duty deaths, including related trends and causal factors.



The IACP is the world's largest professional organization for police leaders. The IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness offers a host of resources related to officer health, mental and physical wellness, tactical safety, and more. Learn more at www.theIACP.org/cosw.



ODMP is dedicated to honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Through its online memorial and reflection pages, ODMP pays lasting tribute to the more than 20,000 officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Learn more at www.ODMP.org.

GUNFIRE

Corporal Garrett Willis Hull (Fort Worth Police Department, Texas) was wounded while **assisting members of the Criminal Intelligence Unit** to apprehend three robbery suspects. The suspects tried to flee the scene on foot in a surrounding neighborhood. During the pursuit, one of the men opened fire, striking Corporal Hull in the head. He was transported to a local hospital, where the following day he was pronounced deceased.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Kenneth Kunze, III. (Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Kansas) was shot and killed while **investigating a suspicious person call** in a rural area. He arrived at the scene and made contact with a male subject in a stolen vehicle. During the encounter Sheriff Kunze was fatally shot. Deputy Kunze's backup officer arrived at the scene and located Deputy Kunze suffering from a gunshot wound.

Deputy Sheriff Mark Stasyuk (Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, California) was shot and killed while **responding to a disturbance call**. A male subject opened fire when Deputy Stasyuk and other officers arrived to the scene. Deputy Stasyuk was fatally wounded during the gunfight.

Patrolman James White (Brookhaven Police Department, Mississippi) was shot and killed while **responding to a call** involving a subject opening fire in front a home. Patrolman White was transported to a local medical center, where he was pronounced deceased.

Corporal Zach Moak (Brookhaven Police Department, Mississippi) was shot and killed while **responding to a call** involving a subject opening fire in front a home. Corporal Moak was transported to a local medical center, where he was pronounced deceased.

AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Assistant Chief of Police Kirt Roy Ricks, III (Montgomery Police Department, Louisiana) was killed in a **vehicle crash**. He overcorrected, causing the patrol car to enter the opposing travel lane and collide with an oncoming vehicle head-on.

Deputy Sheriff Aaron Paul Roberts (Greene County Sheriff's Office, Missouri) was killed when his **patrol car swept into the Pomme de Terre River**, where he drowned. Deputy Roberts had responded to a 911 hang-up call in the area and was returning into service, when he made an emergency radio broadcast stating that his vehicle had been swept off of the road in floodwaters.

ASSAULT

Correction Officer Armando Gallegos, Jr. (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) succumbed injuries, where he and another officer were **attacked by multiple inmates**. Gallegos and the other officer were attempting to search an inmate in the dayroom of the prison's Minimum-Support Facility. The inmate attacked Officer Gallegos and was then joined by 11 other inmates who continued to severely beat him and the other officer. He was transported to a local hospital where he suffered a broken nose, a head injury, and a fracture vertebrae. A few months after his release from the hospital, he suffered complications with his injuries from incident and returned to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

VEHICULAR ASSAULT

Chief Frank A. McClelland, Jr. (Ludowici Police Department, Georgia) was struck and killed **by a fleeing vehicle during a pursuit**. Chief McClelland was attempting to stop traffic during the pursuit at an intersection, when the vehicle struck and killed him.

HEART ATTACK

Officer David Alexander Tinsley (Fort Wayne Police Department, Indiana) died after suffering a heart attack **while searching for a suspect following a vehicle pursuit**. Officer Tinsley assisted with a canine track of the suspect until the man was taken into custody. He was returning to his patrol car where he collapsed. He was transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after midnight.

Officer Oscar Adrian Reyes (Costa Mesa Police Department, California) suffered a fatal heart attack after **participating in the Orange County Traffic Officers Association Motor Rodeo** at Huntington State Beach. When returning home from the event he later collapsed, where he was transported to a local hospital and was pronounced dead.

Corrections Officer Joseph Parise (Minnesota Department of Corrections) suffered a fatal heart attack after **responding to an incident in which an inmate assaulted another officer**. When returning to his post, he collapsed a short time after and was transported to a local hospital where he passed away.

Deputy Sheriff Mark A. Cox (Real County Sheriff's Office, Texas) suffered a fatal heart attack while **conducting a canine training**.