

JANUARY 2019

# 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](http://WWW.ODMP.ORG).

**10** LODDs

THIS MONTH

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YEAR-TO-DATE

**11%**  
**INCREASE\***

*\*as compared to last year*

CAUSES OF DEATH YEAR-TO-DATE

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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 <https://www.theiacp.org/topics/officer-safety-wellness>.



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](http://www.ODMP.org).

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## GUNFIRE

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**Master Officer Joseph W. Shinners** (Provo Police Department, Utah) was **shot and killed** during an attempt to arrest a fugitive. During the arrest the subject opened fired, fatally wounding Officer Shinners.

**Officer Natalie B. Corona** (Davis Police Department, California) was **shot and killed** while responding to a report of a three-car vehicle crash. While investigating the scene, a subject—not involved in the crash—approached her and opened fired. Officer Corona was transported to a local medical center, where she succumbed to her wounds.

**Sergeant WyTasha Carter** (Birmingham Police Department, Alabama) was **shot and killed** during an attempt to arrest two subjects who were breaking into vehicles at a local bar. Another officer spotted the two subjects pulling door handles on various cars and called Sergeant Carter. While the officer and Sergeant Carter searched the two subjects, one of the subjects produced a firearm and fatally wounded Sergeant Carter.

**Officer Sean P. Tudor** (Mobile Police Department, Alabama) was **shot and killed** while serving an arrest warrant at an apartment complex.

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## AUTOMOBILE CRASH

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**Deputy Sheriff Joshua B. “LJ” Ryer, Jr.** (Glascocock County Sheriff’s Office, Georgia) was killed in a **vehicle crash** while in route to the Regional Youth Detention Center in Washington, Georgia to pick up an inmate.

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## VEHICULAR ASSAULT

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**Officer Dale J. Woods** (Colerain Township Police Department, Ohio) was **struck and killed** by a vehicle while moving traffic control devices at a scene of a previous crash. He was transported to a local medical center where he succumbed to injuries three days after the incident occurred.

**Officer Clayton Townsend** (Salt River Police Department, Arizona) was **struck and killed** by a vehicle while conducting a traffic stop. When approaching the stopped vehicle, another vehicle struck him and the stopped vehicle. Officer Townsend was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**Trooper Christopher Lambert** (Illinois State Police, Illinois) was **struck and killed** by a vehicle, while investigating the scene of a crash. Trooper Lambert was standing outside of his patrol car when he was struck by another vehicle. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

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## HEART ATTACK

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**Deputy Marshal Norman D. Merkel** (United States Department of Justice—United States Marshals Service, U.S. Government) suffered a **fatal heart attack** while participating in his agency’s wellness program.

**Deputy Ray E. Horn, III** (Comal County Sheriff’s Office, Texas) suffered a **fatal heart attack** after participating in his agency’s mandatory physical fitness test.