

JUNE 2019

LINE OF DUTY DEATH REPORT

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14 LODDs

THIS MONTH

61 LODDs

YEAR-TO-DATE

34%
DECREASE*

*Jan-June 2019 vs Jan-June 2018

CAUSES OF DEATH THIS MONTH

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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.

GUNFIRE

Officer John David Hetland (Racine Police Department, Wisconsin) was **shot and killed** off duty while intervening in an armed robbery. Officer Hetland noticed a robbery occurring outside of a bar, when the subject opened fire, fatally wounding him.

Officer Tara O'Sullivan (Sacramento Police Department, California) was **shot and killed** at the scene of a domestic disturbance. She was assisting a woman with retrieving her belongings from a home, when a male subject inside opened fire, striking Officer Sullivan. She was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

Corporal Jose Luis "Speedy" Espericueta, Jr. (Mission Police Department, Texas) was **shot and killed** as he and other officers attempted to apprehend a subject. Corporal Espericueta and officers responded to the scene and located the subject, who then fled on foot. During the chase, the subject turned and began opening fire, striking Corporal Espericueta and fatally wounding him.

Officer Michael V. Langsdorf (North County Police Cooperative, Missouri) was **shot and killed** while responding to a call involving a subject attempting to cash a fraudulent check.

Deputy Sheriff Trop P. Chisum (Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Illinois) was **shot and killed** while responding to a disturbance call.

VEHICULAR ASSAULT

Officer Albert R. Castaneda, Jr. (Grand Prairie Police Department, Texas) was struck and killed by a vehicle while running radar. A driver lost control of their vehicle and struck Officer Castaneda, throwing him off the elevated roadway. He was transported to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Trooper William Moden (Colorado State Patrol) was struck and killed by a vehicle while assisting at the scene of a crash. He was flown to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Officer Esmeralda P. Ramirez (Los Angeles Police Department, California) succumbed to injuries sustained in a **vehicle crash** in 2015.

Deputy Sheriff Julius Jamal "Jay" Dailey (Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Alabama) was killed in a **vehicle crash** while responding to a burglary. His patrol car left the roadway, causing him to suffer fatal injuries.

Trooper Jerry L. Smith, Jr. (Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska) was killed in a **vehicle crash** when his patrol car was struck head-on by another vehicle.

HEART ATTACK

Sergeant David J. Fitzpatrick (The Colony Police Department, Texas) suffered a fatal **heart attack** after participating in the department's medical activity. He was transported to a local hospital where he later passed away.

Officer Steven J. Brown (Port St. Lucie Police Department, Florida) suffered a fatal **heart attack** after participating in a local police camp.

DUTY RELATED ILLNESS

Officer William J. Leahy (Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department, New York) died as a result of cancer that developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center during the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks.

Detective Luis Alvarez (New York City Police Department, New York) died as a result of cancer he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks.