

JANUARY 2020

# 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).

**12** LODDs

THIS MONTH

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YEAR-TO-DATE

**8%**  
**DECREASE\***

\*Jan 2020 vs Jan 2019

## 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).

## GUNFIRE

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**Officer Jackson Winkeler** (Florence Regional Airport Department of Public Safety, South Carolina) was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop near the Florence Regional Airport terminal when the driver opened fire. The man then stole Officer Winkeler's service weapon and fled the scene, later being arrested. Officer Winkeler also served as a volunteer firefighter with a local fire department.

**Officer Tiffany-Victoria Enriquez** and **Officer Kaulike Kalama** (Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii) were shot and killed while responding to a stabbing call. An elderly woman had filed eviction paperwork against her tenant, who suffered from mental health issues and had been falsely calling 911 repeatedly in recent weeks. The landlord and tenant became engaged in an argument in which the man stabbed the woman. Officer Enriquez was one of the first officers who arrived at the scene and tended to the victim outside of the home. As she and other officers walked toward the house the man opened fire, killing her. Officer Kalama was shot moments later as he and other officers arrived on the scene. Both officers were shot in areas above their bulletproof vests. After shooting the officers, the man barricaded himself inside of his home and set it on fire. Officer Enriquez was a U.S. Air Force Reserves veteran.

**Deputy Sheriff Richard Whitten** (Liberty County Sheriff's Office, TX) succumbed to complications of a gunshot wound sustained on May 29th, 2019, while responding to a shots fired call. As he responded to the scene, he encountered the suspect fleeing in a vehicle. Deputy Whitten and a member of the Cleveland Independent School District Police Department pursued the subject, where the man immediately pulled into the parking lot of a veterinary office. As Deputy Whitten challenged the subject, the man produced a handgun and opened fire, striking him in the neck and paralyzing him. The other officer returned fire as the subject fled. Deputy Whitten was flown to Memorial Hermann Hospital, in Houston, in critical condition. On February 3rd, 2020, he suffered a complication while undergoing physical therapy and passed away.

## AUTO RELATED

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**Officer Paul Dunn** (Lakeland Police Department, Florida) was killed in an early morning motorcycle crash. He was en route to the police station on his department motorcycle when he struck the raised median of the roadway. He was thrown from the motorcycle and sustained fatal injuries.

**Officer Nicholas Reyna** (Lubbock Police Department, Texas) was struck and killed by a vehicle while at the scene of an earlier single-vehicle rollover crash on the interstate when a second vehicle also crossed the median. As officers dealt with the second crash, a third vehicle left the travel lanes and struck Officer Reyna and several other first responders on scene. Officer Reyna suffered fatal injuries.

**Detective Amber Leist** (Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California) was struck and killed by a vehicle while off-duty. She observed an elderly woman fall in the roadway while attempting to cross at the intersection. Detective Leist immediately stopped her vehicle and assisted the woman off of the roadway in order to prevent the citizen from being struck. As Detective Leist returned to her car she was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

**Deputy Sheriff Jarid Taylor** (Bryan County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma) was killed in an automobile crash while responding to an emergency call when his patrol car left the roadway and struck a tree.

**Deputy Sheriff Sheldon Whiteman** (Long County Sheriff's Office, Georgia) was killed in a crash while involved in a vehicle pursuit after officers attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation. Deputy

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Whiteman had just joined the pursuit when his vehicle left the roadway and struck several trees. He was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**Officer Katie Thyne** (Newport News Police Department, Virginia) died after being dragged by a vehicle while conducting an investigation for drug activity. When she and her partner approached a car, the driver sped away and dragged Officer Thyne for over a block. The vehicle struck a tree, and Officer Thyne was pinned between the tree and the vehicle door. Officer Thyne was taken to the hospital, where she died from her injuries. Officer Thyne had previously served with the United States Navy.

**Officer Alan McCollum** (Corpus Christi Police Department, Texas) was struck and killed by a drunk driver while conducting a traffic stop. He and two other officers were on the scene of the stop when another vehicle struck one of the patrol cars, then struck him and a second officer. Officer McCollum suffered fatal injuries and the other officer suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Officer McCollum was a U.S. Army veteran and recipient of the Bronze Star.

## MEDICAL RELATED

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**Investigator Ryan D. Fortini** (New York State Police) 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.

**Major Angelanette Moore** (Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail, Virginia) suffered a fatal heart attack following a shakedown in one of the housing units at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail. Several hours after the shakedown, she returned to the housing unit to provide disciplinary guidance to inmates. As she completed her discussion with the inmates, she collapsed. Other officers and medical staff immediately began CPR but were unable to resuscitate her.