



NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

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MONTHLY UPDATE:

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

The National Fraternal Order of Police reports that as of midnight on 31 December, there were **346** officers shot in the line of duty in 2021. Of those officers shot, **63** of them were killed by gunfire.

There were **103** ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers this year (**+115%** from 2020 YTD). These ambush-style attacks have resulted in **130** officers shot, **30** of whom were killed by gunfire.

The number of ambush-style attacks listed does not include the numerous incidents where an officer was shot at but not struck by gunfire during an ambush-style attack.

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IN **103** SEPARATE AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS**AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
THIS YEAR ARE UP **115%** FROM THIS TIME IN 2020**

2021 FULL YEARSHOT **346**KILLED **63****2020** FULL YEARSHOT **312**KILLED **47****2019** FULL YEARSHOT **293**KILLED **50**

OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 2021 STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN

ALABAMA	17	MAINE	0	OREGON	3
ALASKA	1	MARYLAND	8	PENNSYLVANIA	10
ARIZONA	6	MASSACHUSETTS	6	PUERTO RICO	3
ARKANSAS	4	MICHIGAN	6	RHODE ISLAND	0
CALIFORNIA	23	MINNESOTA	1	SOUTH CAROLINA	4
COLORADO	10	MISSISSIPPI	3	SOUTH DAKOTA	0
CONNECTICUT	0	MISSOURI	10	TENNESSEE	8
DELAWARE	3	MONTANA	1	TEXAS	43
FLORIDA	17	NEBRASKA	2	UTAH	7
GEORGIA	19	NEVADA	1	VERMONT	0
HAWAII	0	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	VIRGINIA	7
IDAHO	3	NEW JERSEY	6	WASHINGTON	3
ILLINOIS	29	NEW MEXICO	6	WASHINGTON, D.C.	0
INDIANA	5	NEW YORK	10	WEST VIRGINIA	1
IOWA	3	NORTH CAROLINA	14	WISCONSIN	8
KANSAS	6	NORTH DAKOTA	0	WYOMING	0
KENTUCKY	5	OHIO	12	AM. SAMOA	0
LOUISIANA	6	OKLAHOMA	6	GUAM	0

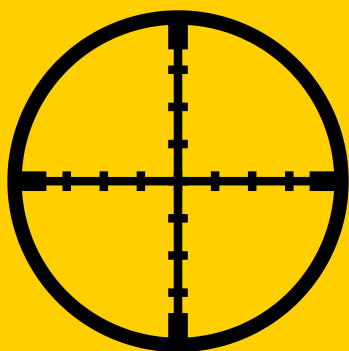
NATURE OF THE ATTACKS

Every felonious attack on a law enforcement officer, especially by gunfire, is disturbing regardless of the circumstances. Officers are always susceptible to life-threatening attacks and therefore must always be vigilant and maintain the highest level of situational awareness.

In most cases, officers are able to quickly assess situations, recognize threats, and take adequate defensive actions. Tragically, not every threat can be seen or mitigated. Perhaps most troubling and worrisome are ambush-style and other calculated attacks on law enforcement.

Premeditated ambush-style attacks are particularly disturbing and pernicious. These types of attacks are carried out with an element of surprise and intended to deprive officers of their ability to defend against the attack. Premeditated attacks contribute to a worrisome desensitization to evil acts that were once largely considered taboo except by the most depraved.

In 2020, 49 percent of shooting incidents involved a discernible element of premeditation, which is a 7 percent increase over 2019.



AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACK

An "ambush-style attack" is defined as when an officer is struck by gunfire without any warning or opportunity to defend themselves.

THE GROWING CONCERN

- ▶ In October 2015, the U.S. Department of Justice released a report entitled: [**Ambushes of Police**](#). The report detailed the number of ambush attacks on law enforcement officers from 1990-2013. In 2013 alone, there were between 200 and 300 ambush attacks reported. The Executive Summary states:

"...the proportion of fatal attacks on officers attributable to ambushes [is] increasing. Concerns about targeted violence against police are on the rise, while officers must not only be guardians of the public but also be prepared to respond to violence targeting them."

- ▶ In May 2017, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released a report entitled: [**The Assailant Study: Mindset and Behavior**](#). The report identified a disturbing and growing trend of attackers who are motivated by a desire to kill a law enforcement officer. This motivation, the report concludes, is from a "singular narrative that portrays the officer as guilty in traditional and social media and the subject as the victim."
- ▶ A December 2017 study by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services entitled [**Making It Safer**](#), examined law enforcement officer fatalities from 2010-2016, including ambush attacks. The study found that 20% of ambushed officers were seated in their patrol cars and that:

"56 percent were not on a call or engaged in any enforcement activity. Many of these officers were simply eating, sitting on post, or in five cases, targeted and killed while at their home or on their way home."

THE GROWING CONCERN (CONTINUED)

- ▶ In 2018, the Criminal Justice Information Services Division within the FBI released a report entitled [*Ambushes and Unprovoked Attacks: Assaults on Our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers*](#). This comprehensive report concluded:

"While the overall number of officers who were feloniously killed was declining, the percentage of officers feloniously killed during surprise attacks was increasing."

BACKGROUND

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) within the U.S. Department of Justice recently published the [*2020 Year-End Summary on Law Enforcement Officers Shot in the Line of Duty*](#), which contains research conducted by staff with the National FOP's Government and Media Affairs Center (GMAC).

In October of 2019, the National Fraternal Order of Police partnered with the National Blue Alert Network to collect and analyze data on reported shootings of law enforcement officers nationwide. Using media monitoring software and general research, staff with the National FOP's GMAC has tracked, collected, and analyzed publicly available information to produce the *2020 Year-End Summary* on officers shot and killed in the line of duty. The report contains data on law enforcement officers shot in the line of duty, both fatally and non-fatally, for the expressed purpose of better understanding the nature and frequency of incidents that could give rise to the issuance of a [*Blue Alert*](#).

The information in this monthly update reflects preliminary numbers and are subject to change. The 2021 Year-End Summary will be published in early 2022.

VIEW THE 2020 YEAR-END SUMMARY

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



AGENT LUIS X. SALAMÁN-CONDE

Carolina Municipal Police Department, Puerto Rico

End of Watch: Monday, January 11, 2021



AGENT LUIS A. MARRERO-DÍAZ

Puerto Rico Police Department, Puerto Rico

End of Watch: Monday, January 11, 2021



POLICE OFFICER BRANDON M. STALKER

Toledo Police Department, Ohio

End of Watch: Monday, January 18, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF ADAM GIBSON

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, California

End of Watch: Monday, January 18, 2021



LIEUTENANT MICHAEL BOUTTE

Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi

End of Watch: Monday, February 1, 2021



SPECIAL AGENT DANIEL ALFIN

Federal Bureau of Investigation

End of Watch: Tuesday, February 2, 2021



SPECIAL AGENT LAURA ANN SCHWARTZENBERGER

Federal Bureau of Investigation

End of Watch: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



PATROLMAN DARIAN JARROTT
New Mexico State Police, New Mexico
End of Watch: Thursday, February 4, 2021



POLICE OFFICER DOMINIC JARED WINUM
Stanley Police Department, Virginia
End of Watch: Friday, February 26, 2021



RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE MARTINUS MITCHUM
Second City Court of New Orleans Constable's Office, Louisiana
End of Watch: Friday, February 26, 2021



CAPTAIN JUSTIN WILLIAMS BEDWELL
Decatur County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch: Monday, March 1, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF STANLEY "ALLEN" BURDIC
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Oregon
End of Watch: Thursday, March 11, 2021



POLICE OFFICER KEVIN VALENCIA
Orlando Police Department, Florida
End of Watch: Monday, March 15, 2021



POLICE OFFICER ERIC HUSTON TALLEY
Boulder Police Department, Colorado
End of Watch: Monday, March 22, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



TROOPER CHAD WALKER

Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas

End of Watch: Sunday, March 28, 2021



SERGEANT JAMES K. SMITH

Iowa State Patrol, Iowa

End of Watch: Friday, April 9, 2021



POLICE OFFICER DAVID PARDE

Lexington Police Department, North Carolina

End of Watch: Sunday, April 18, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF LOGAN FOX

Watauga County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina

End of Watch: Wednesday, April 28, 2021



SERGEANT CHRIS WARD

Watauga County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina

End of Watch: Wednesday, April 28, 2021



SERGEANT STEPHEN JONES

Concho County Sheriff's Office, Texas

End of Watch: Monday, May 10, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF SAMUEL ALEXANDER LEONARD

Concho County Sheriff's Office, Texas

End of Watch: Monday, May 10, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



DETECTIVE LUCA BENEDETTI

San Luis Obispo Police Department, California

End of Watch: Monday, May 10, 2021



POLICE OFFICER JIMMY INN

Stockton Police Department, California

End of Watch: Tuesday, May 11, 2021



POLICE OFFICER CHRIS OBERHEIM

Champaign Police Department, Illinois

End of Watch: Wednesday, May 19, 2021



DETECTIVE STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD

Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana

End of Watch: Sunday, May 23, 2021



SERGEANT DOMINIC VACA

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, California

End of Watch: Monday, May 31, 2021



SERGEANT ERASMO GARCÍA-TORRES

Puerto Rico Police Department, Puerto Rico

End of Watch: Thursday, June 10, 2021



POLICE OFFICER GORDON BEESLEY

Arvada Police Department, Colorado

End of Watch: Monday, June 21, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



DETECTIVE GREG FERENCY

Terre Haute Police Department, Indiana

End of Watch: Wednesday, July 7, 2021



POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM EARL COLLINS, JR.

Doyline Police Department, Louisiana

End of Watch: Friday, July 9, 2021



SERGEANT JOSHUA BLAKE BARTLETT

Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, Texas

End of Watch: Thursday, July 15, 2021



DETECTIVE JEREMY BROWN

Clark County Sheriff's Office, Washington

End of Watch: Friday, July 23, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF PHILLIP CAMPAS

Kern County Sheriff's Office, California

End of Watch: Sunday, July 25, 2021



POLICE OFFICER MARQUIS MOORER

Selma Police Department, Alabama

End of Watch: Tuesday, July 27, 2021



POLICE OFFICER RYAN BIALKE

Red Lake Nation Police Department, Tribal Police

End of Watch: Tuesday, July 27, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



POLICE OFFICER GEORGE GONZALEZ

U.S. Department of Defense, Pentagon Force Protection Agency

End of Watch: Tuesday, August 3, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF BRANDON A. SHIRLEY

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky

End of Watch: Thursday, August 5, 2021



POLICE OFFICER ELLA GRACE FRENCH

Chicago Police Department, Illinois

End of Watch: Saturday, August 7, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF RYAN J. PROXMIRE

Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office, Michigan

End of Watch: Sunday, August 15, 2021



POLICE OFFICER JASON RAYNOR

Daytona Beach Police Department, Florida

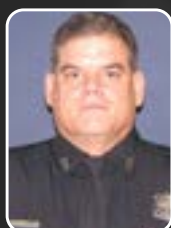
End of Watch: Tuesday, August 17, 2021



OFFICER BLAIZE MADRID-EVANS

Independence Police Department, Missouri

End of Watch: Wednesday, September 15, 2021



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM JEFFREY

Houston Police Department, Texas

End of Watch: Monday, September 20, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LOCKE

Hardin County Sheriff's Department, Tennessee

End of Watch: Saturday, September 25, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSHUA MOYERS

Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Florida

End of Watch: Sunday, September 26, 2021



SERGEANT NICK RISNER

Sheffield Police Department, Alabama

End of Watch: Saturday, October 2, 2021



GROUP SUPERVISOR MICHAEL G. GARBO

United States Drug Enforcement Administration

End of Watch: Monday, October 4, 2021



MASTER TROOPER ADAM GAUBERT

Louisiana State Police, Louisiana

End of Watch: Saturday, October 9, 2021



POLICE OFFICER DYLAN HARRISON

Alamo Police Department, Georgia

End of Watch: Saturday, October 9, 2021



CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IV TOAMALAMA SCANLAN

Fresno County Sheriff's Office, California

End of Watch: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



DEPUTY CONSTABLE KAREEM ATKINS

Harris County Constable's Office - Precinct 4, Texas

End of Watch: Saturday, October 16, 2021



POLICE OFFICER YANDY CHIRINO

Hollywood Police Department, Florida

End of Watch: Sunday, October 17, 2021



POLICE OFFICER TYLER TIMMINS

Pontoon Beach Police Department, Illinois

End of Watch: Tuesday, October 26, 2021



SENIOR PATROLMAN SHERMAN OTTO BENYS, JR.

Kingsville Police Department, Texas

End of Watch: Thursday, November 4, 2021



POLICE OFFICER PARAMHANS DESAI

Henry County Police Department, Georgia

End of Watch: Monday, November 8, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF LENA NICOLE MARSHALL

Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Georgia

End of Watch: Monday, November 8, 2021



POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL D. CHANDLER

Big Stone Gap Police Department, Virginia

End of Watch: Saturday, November 13, 2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021



CORRECTIONS OFFICER RHONDA JEAN RUSSELL

Blair County Prison, Pennsylvania

End of Watch: Wednesday, November 17, 2021



POLICE OFFICER HENRY LAXSON

Clayton County Police Department, Georgia

End of Watch: Tuesday, November 30, 2021



CONSTABLE MADISON "SKIP" NICHOLSON

Wilcox County Constable's Office, Alabama

End of Watch: Wednesday, December 1, 2021



POLICE OFFICER RICHARD HOUSTON, II

Mesquite Police Department, Texas

End of Watch: Friday, December 3, 2021



POLICE OFFICER KEONA HOLLEY

Baltimore City Police Department, Maryland

End of Watch: Thursday, December 23, 2021



DEPUTY SHERIFF SEAN RILEY

Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Illinois

End of Watch: Wednesday, December 29, 2021



SERGEANT MARLENE RITTMANIC

Bradley Police Department, Illinois

End of Watch: Thursday, December 30, 2021

CONTEXT NOTES

- ▶ On 11 March 2021, Deputy Sheriff Allen Burdic with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (OR) died as the result of complications of gunshot wounds sustained on 12 August 1980 while responding to a shooting in Myrtle Creek.
- ▶ On 15 March 2021, Police Officer Kevin Valencia with the Orlando Police Department (FL) succumbed to complications of gunshot wounds sustained on 11 June 2018 while responding to a domestic disturbance.
- ▶ On 23 May 2021, Detective Stephen Arnold with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (LA) succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained on 26 January 2016, while serving a search warrant and arrest warrant.
- ▶ On 3 August 2021, Police Officer George Gonzalez with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency was killed in an unprovoked attack at the Pentagon's Transit Center in Arlington, Virginia. Various media reports, including from ABC News and Washington Post, state that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) confirmed that the suspect not only stabbed Officer Gonzalez, but also shot him with his own service weapon.
- ▶ On 10 October 2021, officers gave chase after a wanted suspect fled when they attempted to place the suspect under arrest. When they apprehended the suspect and began to place the suspect under arrest, a round was fired and an officer was struck. It was determined to be an inadvertent friendly fire. The suspect was arrested and found to have a handgun.
- ▶ On 12 October 2021, Correctional Officer IV Toamalama Scanlan with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office (CA) died as the result of complications of gunshot wounds sustained on 3 September 2016 while attempting stop an armed suspect at the jail.



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

THE VOICE OF OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The National Fraternal Order of Police is the world's oldest and largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers. We proudly represent more than 364,000 members from more than 2,100 lodges.

We are the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities. We are committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement and employee representation. No one knows the dangers and the difficulties faced by today's police officers better than another officer, and no one knows police officers better than the FOP.

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