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**Law enforcement officers accidentally killed**

By circumstances at scene of incident, United States, 1980-2012

|       | Circumstances at scene of incident |                      |                      |                    |                                  |  |  |                   |   |   |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|---|---|
|       | Total                              | Automobile accidents | Motorcycle accidents | Aircraft accidents | Struck by vehicles               |  | Accidental shootings                             |                   |   | Other (falls, drownings, etc.) <sup>b</sup> |
|       |                                    |                      |                      |                    | Traffic stops, road blocks, etc. | Directing traffic, assisting motorists, etc. | Crossfires, mistaken identities, firearm mishaps | Training sessions | Self-inflicted, cleaning mishaps <sup>a</sup> |   |
| Total | 2,238                              | 1,165                | 183                  | 189                | 177                              | 234  | 88   | 22                | 18  | 162   |
| 1980  | 61                                 | 35                   | 2                    | 6                  | 6                                | 6  | 4  | 0                 | 1   | 1   |
| 1981  | 66                                 | 21                   | 3                    | 11                 | 12                               | 11   | 3  | 0                 | 3   | 2   |
| 1982  | 72                                 | 22                   | 6                    | 11                 | 12                               | 11   | 3  | 1                 | 1   | 5   |
| 1983  | 72                                 | 28                   | 8                    | 10                 | 10                               | 8  | 1  | 3                 | 1   | 3   |
| 1984  | 75                                 | 34                   | 6                    | 11                 | 6                                | 6  | 5  | 1                 | 1   | 5   |
| 1985  | 70                                 | 32                   | 3                    | 8                  | 9                                | 10   | 3  | 1                 | 1   | 3   |
| 1986  | 67                                 | 24                   | 5                    | 12                 | 2                                | 10   | 8  | 2                 | 0   | 4   |
| 1987  | 74                                 | 36                   | 5                    | 5                  | 7                                | 11   | 4  | 1                 | 0   | 5   |
| 1988  | 77                                 | 35                   | 6                    | 7                  | 7                                | 9  | 6  | 0                 | 1   | 6   |
| 1989  | 79                                 | 43                   | 5                    | 10                 | 8                                | 4  | 4  | 0                 | 0   | 5   |
| 1990  | 67                                 | 27                   | 10                   | 7                  | 6                                | 9  | 4  | 1                 | 0   | 3   |
| 1991  | 53                                 | 24                   | 6                    | 7                  | 5                                | 3  | 1  | 0                 | 0   | 7   |
| 1992  | 66                                 | 34                   | 5                    | 5                  | 6                                | 5  | 3  | 0                 | 0   | 8   |
| 1993  | 59                                 | 38                   | 1                    | 9                  | 1                                | 3  | 2  | 3                 | 0   | 2   |
| 1994  | 62                                 | 32                   | 8                    | 10                 | 3                                | 4  | 1  | 1                 | 0   | 3   |
| 1995  | 59                                 | 33                   | 3                    | 8                  | 3                                | 7  | 2  | 0                 | 0   | 3   |
| 1996  | 52                                 | 33                   | 4                    | 1                  | 5                                | 2  | 1  | 1                 | 0   | 5   |
| 1997  | 63                                 | 33                   | 4                    | 4                  | 3                                | 12   | 1  | 0                 | 0   | 6   |
| 1998  | 81                                 | 48                   | 3                    | 4                  | 4                                | 10   | 3  | 0                 | 0   | 9   |
| 1999  | 65                                 | 41                   | 6                    | 4                  | 3                                | 6  | 2  | 1                 | 0   | 2   |
| 2000  | 83                                 | 42                   | 6                    | 7                  | 7                                | 7  | 1  | 1                 | 1   | 11  |
| 2001  | 76                                 | 36                   | 7                    | 5                  | 7                                | 12   | 2  | 2                 | 1   | 4   |
| 2002  | 75                                 | 40                   | 7                    | 6                  | 4                                | 8  | 2  | 0                 | 1   | 7   |
| 2003  | 81                                 | 50                   | 10                   | 1                  | 6                                | 4  | 1  | 0                 | 1   | 8   |
| 2004  | 82                                 | 48                   | 10                   | 3                  | 3                                | 7  | 2  | 1                 | 1   | 7   |
| 2005  | 67                                 | 39                   | 4                    | 2                  | 5                                | 6  | 2  | 1                 | 1   | 7   |
| 2006  | 66                                 | 38                   | 8                    | 3                  | 4                                | 9  | 3  | 0                 | 1   | 0   |
| 2007  | 83                                 | 49                   | 6                    | 3                  | 7                                | 5  | 4  | 0                 | 0   | 9   |
| 2008  | 68                                 | 39                   | 6                    | 2                  | 1                                | 12   | 2  | 0                 | 0   | 6   |
| 2009  | 47                                 | 34                   | 3                    | 1                  | 3                                | 3  | 2  | 0                 | 0   | 1   |
| 2010  | 72                                 | 45                   | 7                    | 2                  | 4                                | 7  | 1  | 1                 | 1   | 4   |
| 2011  | 53                                 | 30                   | 4                    | 1                  | 3                                | 2  | 3  | 0                 | 1   | 9   |
| 2012  | 45                                 | 22                   | 6                    | 3                  | 5 <sup>c</sup>                   | 5 <sup>c</sup>                               | 2  | NA                | NA  | 2   |

Note: These data are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Federal, State, city, university and college, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies participating in the UCR Program submit data on any sworn officer killed feloniously or accidentally in the line of duty within their jurisdictions. FBI field divisions and legal attaché offices also report such incidents occurring in the United States and its territories, as well as those in which a United States law enforcement officer dies while assigned to duties in another country (Source: **2011**. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/2011/officers-feloniously-killed/methodology-law-enforcement-officers-killed>). Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes apparent or confirmed suicides.

<sup>b</sup>Also includes electrocutions and explosions.

<sup>c</sup>Estimated.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1989**, p. 47; **1999**, p. 63; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); **2009**, Table 61 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/data/table\\_61.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/data/table_61.html) [Jan. 24, 2011]; **2010**, Table 61 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/tables/table61-leok-accidentally-circumstance-01-10.xls> [Oct. 30, 2011]; **2011**, Table 61. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/2011/tables/table-61> [May 29, 2013]; **2012 Preliminary Statistics for Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty**. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2012-preliminary-statistics-for-law-enforcement-officers-killed-in-the-line-of-duty>. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.