February 5, 2009

Dear Law Enforcement Officers,

The following document is the 2009 update of the Police Training Fatality Report, with information through 2008. The first section lists the officers who died during training exercises in 2008. The remainder of the report is arranged into six sections, each listing officer deaths chronologically by type of incident.

It should be noted although there were several near-tragedies reported this past year no police officer was killed in 2008 by the accidental discharge of a weapon in a training exercise. The total number of training deaths in 2008 was three. This number is down from 2007 training deaths when six officers lost their lives due to weapon discharges, heart attacks, an airplane crash and a rappelling mishap. The total was even higher in 2006 when seven officers died while training, six from heart attacks and one from gunshot.

The information in the report was compiled in the same manner as the previous versions. Most of the information was found on the internet by searching individual agency and association memorial pages, online newspaper articles and “The Officer Down Memorial Pages”. When more than one source was found, information was compared for consistency and where possible, combined to form a more complete description of events. In some cases, detailed information could not be located.

Please note that some information contained in this report was contributed by readers of the previous reports. Through their kindness, a more detailed and accurate report has been made possible. Anyone wishing to provide additional information or alert me to any inaccuracies can contact me at resourcelibrary@ntoa.org. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Please use this report as an awareness and prevention tool and to justify increasing the safety measures in your agency’s training program. Awareness does make a difference in saving lives.

Be safe.

Respectfully,
Elaine Crunkleton
NTOA Library Specialist
2008
Police Training Fatalities

January 17, 2008
Ventura County Police and Sheriff’s Reserve Officer Academy, Camarillo, California
Reserve Officer Trainee Gregory Chastang
Gregory Chastang, age 43, had attended approximately one week of the academy’s five month program when he collapsed during a training run. Despite attempts to revive him on-scene, he was pronounced dead shortly after being rushed to St John’s Regional Medical Center in Oxnard. An autopsy revealed undiagnosed heart disease. Reserve Officer Trainee Chastang, who worked for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, was active all his life as a runner and coached a youth running club. He also enjoyed bike riding and bowling. Unlike cadets attending the regular law enforcement academy, reserve cadets are not required to undergo a medical examination prior to entering the academy. Reserve Officer Trainee Chastang was survived by his mother.

August 26, 2008
Columbus Division of Police, Ohio
Officer Timothy A. Haley
Officer Haley, age 42, was participating in a rigorous SWAT training exercise when he experienced a sudden, severe headache and soon fell unconscious. Officer Haley was rushed to the hospital where it was determined he had suffered a brain hemorrhage. Officer Haley was kept on life support for five days to enable his organs to be donated. A 21-year veteran of the agency, Officer Haley was active in his community as a soccer coach and also with the Boy Scouts. He was survived by his wife, three sons and his mother.

October 21, 2008
Fairfax County Police Department, Virginia
Second Lieutenant Frank J. Stecco
Lieutenant Stecco, age 42, drowned in Pohick Bay while participating in a helicopter water rescue training exercise. Although not a member of the dive team, he had volunteered to play the role of the victim. Lieutenant Stecco had been equipped with a dry suit, but according to a spokesperson, he was not wearing a flotation device or breathing apparatus. The exercise began at approximately 1:30 p.m. and the lieutenant was reported missing at 2:47 p.m. An exhaustive search of the murky bay was conducted. Due to the poor visibility in the water, his body was not located until four days later, about 100 feet from where he went missing. A 19-year member of the agency, Lieutenant Stecco was survived by his wife, three children and his mother.
Police Training Fatalities by Gunshot
Entries with asterisks (*) indicate added to updated report.

March 5, 1913
Spokane Police Department, Washington
Officer Frederick E. Goddard
Officer Goddard was accidentally shot during a training exercise and died. He was the first black member of his agency to die in the line of duty. Officer Goddard had served in law enforcement for five years and was survived by his wife, four children and his brother.

February 12, 1939
Spokane Police Department, Washington
Officer John H. Miller
Officer Miller was accidentally shot and killed while attending an FBI training school in Washington, DC. The accident occurred as a result of practicing “quick draws” with another attendee. The other officer forgot he had reloaded his weapon when Officer Miller requested to run through the exercise one last time before dinner. The shot struck him in the head.

June 24, 1971
Wilmington Police Department, North Carolina
Officer C.A. Davis
Officer Davis was accidentally shot at the police station by another officer practicing his quick-draw.

June 18, 1973
Camden Police Department, Arkansas
Patrolman Grady Van Wilson
Patrolman Wilson was accidentally shot while attending a training course at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in East Camden. Following a day of training, he and his roommate returned to their dorm room. While practicing their techniques, the roommate pointed his revolver at Patrolman Wilson and thinking it was not loaded pulled the trigger, shooting him in the abdomen. Patrolman Wilson died at the hospital.
April 21, 1977
Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma

**Sergeant Terry Glen Lawson**

Sergeant Lawson, a 13-year veteran of the agency, was accidentally shot at point blank range with a blank cartridge during a training exercise. He and other veteran officers were training rookies in felony traffic stops. Sergeant Lawson died a short time after being admitted to the hospital.

August 9, 1977
Hickory Police Department, North Carolina

**Officer Jerald Wayne Maynor**

Officer Maynor was accidentally shot when another officer dropped her weapon during a weapon maintenance class. The other officer was in the process of reloading and securing the weapon when it fell. The round struck Officer Maynor in the heart, killing him instantly.

May 2, 1979
Arkansas Department of Corrections, Arkansas

**Correctional Officer Ronald Opie McPherson**

Accidentally shot and killed during a SWAT training exercise, Officer McPherson was the first known SWAT team officer to die in the line of duty.

August 17, 1979
Farmington Police Department, New Mexico

**Lt. Owen A. Landdeck**

Lt. Landdeck was accidentally shot and killed in an academy training exercise as he was playing the role of a deranged husband in a simulated domestic violence event. The scenario called for him to draw his weapon and point it at a cadet who had assumed the role of the officer. The cadet’s gun was loaded with live round instead of blanks. Lt. Landdeck had 20 years law enforcement experience and is survived by his wife, daughter and son.

July 5, 1981
Fredericton Police Department, New Brunswick, Canada

**Constable Perley S. Calhoun**

Constable Calhoun was accidentally shot while participating in a training exercise.

July 18, 1982
Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department, Lawrence County, TN

**Deputy Sheriff James A. Lovelace**

Deputy Sheriff Lovelace was accidentally shot in the chest and fatally wounded during a department training exercise. He and a fellow deputy were practicing a disarming technique when the weapon discharged.
September 16, 1983  
Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas  
**Captain Robert R. Jones**  
Captain Jones was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer who was demonstrating weapon-handling technique. The officer drew his fully-loaded Magnum .357 which discharged, hitting Captain Jones in the chest. Captain Jones had 34 years of law enforcement experience.

November 9, 1983  
Apache Junction, Arizona  
**Officer Russell Lowell Duncan**  
Officer Duncan was accidentally shot and killed during a felony stop and arrest training exercise. Officer Duncan was posing as the suspect. The ‘arresting’ officer was using his duty weapon which had not been properly cleared.

August 24, 1984  
U.S. Capitol Police, Washington, D.C.  
**Sergeant Christopher S. Eney**  
Sergeant Eney was accidentally shot and killed by another SWAT officer during a training exercise that was being conducted at a vacant building on Capitol Hill. After the actual training event was completed, the two chose to run through the exercise one additional time. A live round hit Sergeant Eney in the lower back and he died in the hospital approximately one hour later. He was survived by his wife and two young daughters.

August 16, 1985  
Aurora Police Department, Colorado  
**Officer Thomas J. Dietzman, Jr.**  
Officer Dietzman was accidentally shot and killed while qualifying for the SWAT team. Officer Dietzman had already taken the physical fitness test and was the first applicant to take the firearms proficiency test. During the scenario, he was accidentally shot in the back of the head with a Mac-10 submachine gun. Officer Dietzman had five years of law enforcement experience.

February 23, 1986  
West Jordan Police Department, Utah  
**Officer Thomas M. Rees**  
Officer Rees was accidentally shot and killed with his own service weapon during training exercises. While participating in an exercise that demonstrated techniques for preventing suspects from taking officers’ weapons, Officer Rees was shot in the chest when his weapon discharged. He died at a hospital approximately two hours later.
July 9, 1986
Clayton County Sheriff’s Department, Georgia
**Lieutenant Robert Gerald Bridges**
During a SWAT training exercise, Lieutenant Bridges was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer with a .38 caliber revolver. Live ammunition had been unintentionally mixed into the training rounds.

December 10, 1987
Fort Wayne Police Department, Indiana
**Officer Omega Graham**
Officer Graham, age 25, was accidentally shot and killed while participating in training exercises at the police academy. Officer Graham and several other officers were role-playing in a landlord-tenant dispute when he was shot in the chest with a .38 caliber handgun that was supposed to have been emptied prior to the training. Officer Graham leaves a daughter, mother, three sisters and four brothers.

*December 15, 1987
Florida Department of Corrections
**Correctional Officer Hoyt L. Ergle**
On July 19, 1958 Officer Ergle was accidentally shot while on the Avon Park Correctional Institution’s firing range. The bullet struck him in the neck and severed his spinal cord, leaving him a paraplegic for life. He died 29 years later as a result of the wound. He was survived by his wife, four children and eight grandchildren.

April 11, 1990
Cedar Hill Police Department, Texas
**Patrolman Grady Morris Lamb**
Officer Lamb, age 24, was accidentally shot in the chest by a fellow officer during a tactical training exercise. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital but died a short time later. Officer Lamb, who had been with the agency for two years, had a wife and one son.

August 12, 1991
United States Air Force Security Police, Fort Dix, NJ
**Security Policeman Sean Elms**
Airman Sean Elms was shot with an M-16 rifle on a live firing range during combat training exercises for air base ground defense. Smoke grenades were implemented in the exercise and one member of the fire team unknowingly fell behind the others due to lack of visibility. There was no one monitoring the fire team to make sure the group remained in formation. As a result of the investigation following the fatality, several serious violations of safety procedures were cited and the sergeant found responsible for the negligence was court-martialed.
October 12, 1992  
North Charleston Police Department, South Carolina  
**Officer James Simmons**  
Officer Simmons, with the agency for only six months, was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer at a seminar they were attending in Louisville, Kentucky. He was 29 years old and was survived by his sons.

February 6, 1993  
Niagara Regional Police, Ontario, Canada  
**Constable Jeffrey Paolozzi**  
An advocate of officer street survival, Constable Paolozzi surprised another officer with a baseball bat at a scheduled training event in an attempt to evaluate the officer’s defensive response. The startled officer accidentally shot and killed him. Constable Paolozzi was a member of the Emergency Task Unit.

March 30, 1993  
Brookfield Police Department, Wisconsin  
**Corporal Jeffrey Gusinda**  
Corporal Gusinda, age 32, was accidentally shot and killed by a rookie officer during handgun training. He was survived by his parents and a sister.

October 20, 1993  
Rock Island Police Department, Illinois  
**Auxiliary Officer Todd Johnson**  
Auxiliary Officer Johnson, age 24, was accidentally shot during the demonstration of a disarming technique. The officer who disarmed him was unaware Officer Johnson had reloaded his weapon when he thought the training exercises had concluded. The other officer took the weapon from him, pointed it and fired, killing Officer Johnson instantly. He was survived by his parents and a brother.

October 24, 1993 (four days later)  
Same department as above  
**Auxiliary Captain Richard Shurtz**  
Auxiliary Captain Shurtz accidentally shot himself in the abdomen while showing another officer how Auxiliary Officer Johnson was shot and killed three days earlier. Captain Shurtz had removed the magazine from his weapon but forgot to remove the chambered round. Captain Shurtz died the following day.
December 25, 1993
Orange County Sheriff’s Department, California

Deputy Darryn L. Robins
Deputy Robins, age 30, was accidentally shot and killed on Christmas Day by a fellow deputy during an impromptu re-enactment of an earlier traffic stop. Deputy Robins was playing the part of the suspect while the other deputy was posing as the arresting officer. The other deputy, a training officer, had neglected to completely empty his weapon prior to the exercise. Deputy Robins was shot in the face. He was survived by his wife and one year-old daughter.

May 15, 1994
Palo Alto Police Department, California

Reserve Officer Theodore Herman Brassinga
Reserve Officer Brassinga, age 33, was accidentally shot and killed on an Amtrak train during a multi-jurisdictional training session in preparation for the 1994 World Cup Soccer Tournament. The training exercise, held at the Gilroy train station, was based on a scenario of a terrorist hostage-taking event, and Brassinger played the role of a terrorist. He was shot in the side of the abdomen by an officer whose handgun contained at least one live bullet despite safety checks. The existing safety procedures called for two range masters to inspect all weapons prior to starting each session. During the weapons check, one range master’s gun was found to contain live rounds, leading to a discussion that diverted the officers’ attention from carefully checking the 9mm automatic handgun belonging to the second range master. It was the second range master who fired the fatal shot. Officer Brassinger was survived by his wife and their 14-month old son.

August 26, 1996
Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Probation Officer David Glen Seymour
Probation Officer Seymour was accidentally shot and killed during training at the state police academy. The training exercise, a simulation of a high-risk traffic stop, was interrupted by rain and resumed about an hour later. There were 36 officers from various agencies participating in the exercise. One, a state trooper who was an instructor at the state police training facility, fired his .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun and hit Officer Seymour in the upper left chest. Probation Officer Seymour, age 28, died a short time later at the hospital, leaving behind his wife and their 5-year old son.

March 4, 1999
Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska

Trooper Mark Paul Wagner
State Trooper Wagner was shot and killed by a fellow officer during a defensive tactics training exercise at the State Patrol Headquarters in North Platte. A Glock .45-caliber handgun discharged and struck him in the chest. It was later found that the weapon had been reloaded during a break because the other officer was unaware it would be used later. Trooper Wagner, age 37 and an 11 year veteran, was survived by his wife and three daughter.
**September 12, 2000**  
Sarasota County Fire Department, Florida  

**Firefighter Paramedic Michael Yahraus**  
On September 11, Firefighter Paramedic Michael Yahraus was attending the Sarasota County Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy in preparation for becoming a law enforcement officer and medic with the Sarasota PD SWAT team. Firefighter Paramedic Yahraus was the driver of one of the vehicles used in a simulated high-risk traffic stop exercise. He was standing on the driver's side of his vehicle after the stop had been performed when another officer, playing the suspect, exited his vehicle, turned and fired a single shot at the “arresting” officers. The weapon used was a .38-caliber pistol loaded with blanks. The firing of the blank dislodged a lead plug that was installed in the barrel of the training weapon. The lead plug broke the windshield, ricocheted off the window post and struck the firefighter paramedic in the left eye area. Despite all efforts, he died the following day. An investigation revealed that blank cartridges should not have been used in the training weapon. Gas expelled by the blank when fired and debris such as the wadding which is in the blank can create enough pressure to force the lead plug out of the gun. It was determined that the proper cartridge for use in the training weapon would have been a primer round. Firefighter Paramedic Yahraus, age 32, leaves his wife and three children, ages 6, 2, and 5 months.

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**September 12, 2000**  
Clackamas County Sheriff’s Department, Oregon  

**Deputy Sheriff William Douglas Bowman**  
While training with his fellow SWAT team members at Camp Rilea, Deputy Bowman was accidentally shot in the head and killed. He and ten other officers were practicing entry techniques in a mock building when a live round discharged from a teammate’s weapon. It was later determined that prior to the accident, the marksman who fired the shot had been in the SWAT transport van with his teammates reloading their weapons after a lunch break. The marksman was having difficulties loading a magazine into his rifle and grabbed another magazine from a drawer in the van. This drawer however, was always stocked with live ammunition for SWAT callouts. No safety check was done before training resumed. Deputy Sheriff Bowman, age 36, leaves behind two children.

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**June 7, 2001**  
Arlington Police Department, Texas  

**Corporal Joseph Cushman**  
Corporal Cushman, age 26, was accidentally shot and killed while conducting training exercises for response to active shooter situations at Ousley Junior High School. All the officers were wearing helmets and vests and all bullets used were supposed to be rubber. Corporal Cushman, the department's 1998 Rookie of the Year, and a second instructor were demonstrating a drill to the group of about 15 SWAT trainees when the other instructor’s 9mm Glock discharged striking Corporal Cushman in the head with a live round. He was pronounced dead at a Fort Worth hospital about three hours later.
October 17, 2001
Calgary Police Service, Alberta, Canada
**Constable Darren L. Beatty**
Constable Beatty was accidentally shot and killed during a training exercise when a live round discharged. The tragedy occurred when another constable returned from the parking lot without unloading his weapon prior to taking part in scenario training in which Beatty was the quarry.

December 27, 2001
East Providence Police Department, Rhode Island
**Major Alister C. McGregor**
Major McGregor, at the time a captain, was accidentally shot and killed during training exercises for school bus hostage rescues. The 12-man SWAT team was on a break in the training when the incident occurred. The team’s long rifle marksman was standing on the roof of a bus 75 feet away. He was looking through the scope of his rifle when the weapon suddenly discharged. The single live round hit the team commander in the head. The rifle, which was not used in the training exercises that day, was brought in during the break and had not been properly cleared for admittance into the training area. Captain McGregor, who was survived by his wife and five children, was promoted posthumously to Major.

January 14, 2004
Prattville Police Department, Alabama
**Officer Clinton Earl Walker**
Several law enforcement agencies were participating in training exercises which were being held at the old site of the Wetumpka Post Office. Officers had been supplied with mock weapons which were of the same weight and size of their own weapons. One participant, a shift supervisor of Officer Walker, resumed possession of his own service weapon at the end of the training session and forgetting which weapon he was carrying, accidentally shot Officer Walker in the abdomen. Officer Walker, age 26, was survived by his wife.

March 25, 2005
Easton Police Department, Pennsylvania
**Officer Jesse Sollman**
Officer Sollman was shot and killed at the conclusion of SWAT training exercises as he and two other officers cleaned weapons in a secondary gun cleaning room at police headquarters. One officer's weapon, an H & K 40 caliber semiautomatic pistol, discharged striking Officer Sollman in the back. He died at the scene. Officer Sollman was survived by his wife, daughter and son.
September 13, 2005  
Kennesaw Police Department, Georgia  
**Officer Tara Drummond**  
Officer Drummond, age 23 and a member of the Kennesaw Police Department for only four months, was accidentally shot while attending training exercises at the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy. She was shot during a firearms training session when the instructor’s firearm discharged as he was performing a demonstration. Officer Drummond was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to the wound.

November 22, 2005  
Mexia School District Police Department, Texas  
**Sergeant Scott Neal**  
Sergeant Neal, age 31, was accidentally shot in the head while he and six other officers participated in a SWAT training exercise. The incident occurred around noon in an abandoned fire department building. All the weapons used in the exercise were thought to have been checked and it was not known how a live round could have remained in the one weapon. Sergeant Neal, who had been on the force for three years, was survived by his wife and four-year-old daughter.

December 6, 2006  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bowling Green, Virginia  
**Supervisory Special Agent Gregory Rahoi**  
S.S.A. Gregory Rahoi, age 38, was shot in a live-fire training exercise conducted at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. At the time of the accident, he was wearing both ballistic body armor and a helmet. He was flown to Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia but the wound proved fatal. S.S.A. Rahoi had been with the agency for nine years and had been a member of the Hostage Rescue Team for the past six years. S.S.A. Rahoi was honored posthumously with two awards, the FBI Medal of Valor for his recent service in Iraq with the Hostage Rescue Team, and the FBI Memorial Star Medal. The medals were presented to his parents and fiancée at his memorial service.

September 29, 2007  
Gary Police Department, Indiana  
**Auxiliary Officer Kevin Weaver**  
Officer Weaver, age 49, was training with several other Gary reserve police officers when he was accidentally shot. Officer Weaver, who was already qualified, was helping the other officers train at an indoor facility for their semi-annual firearms qualifications. One of the officers was in the process of turning and was attempting to clear his Glock when Officer Weaver accidentally bumped into him, causing the weapon to discharge. The .45-caliber round struck Officer Weaver in the arm and then continued into his chest. He died a short time later at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital in Hammond. Officer Weaver had been a reservist since 1990, volunteering along with Gary’s other 91 reservists. He was survived by his wife, four children and several grandchildren.
December 19, 2007
Port of Corpus Christi Police Department, Texas

Officer James Saavedra
Officer Saavedra, age 40, and a fellow Port Police officer were sighting in a rifle at the port’s outdoor firing range when he was accidentally shot in the chest. Although Officer Saavedra was wearing a bulletproof vest, he was standing only two feet away when the round from the other officer’s personal rifle discharged. Officer Saavedra died about an hour later at Spohn Memorial Hospital while undergoing surgery. Both officers, who were on duty at the time of the accident, were qualified range masters and experienced firearms instructors. Officer Saavedra, who had more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, had been with the Port Police for 4 years. He was survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.
Police Training Fatalities
Heart Attacks and Other Medical-Related Causes
Entries with asterisks (*) indicate added to updated report.

October 20, 1973
Ventura County Sheriff's Office, California
**Lieutenant Harvey “Hank” Varat**
On October 16, 1973, Lieutenant Varat was leading a search and rescue training exercise with a team of deputies in the Santa Susanna Mountains. During the training which involved climbing and rappelling, he was bitten by a tick infected with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The disease went undetected and Lieutenant Varat, age 35, died four days later. A 14-year veteran of the agency, he was closely involved with development of the S.W.A.T., Deep-Sea Diving, and Search and Rescue teams. He was survived by his wife and son.

April 17, 1980
Washington County Sheriff's Office, Oregon
**Deputy Sheriff Marc Bump**
While attending training exercises at the police academy, Deputy Bump died from a brain aneurysm. He was survived by his wife and children.

May 23, 1982
La Grande Police Department, Oregon
**Corporal Gary L. Byassee**
Corporal Byassee died two months after receiving a leg injury in a training class in California. After returning home, blood clots formed near the site of the injury and moved to his lungs. Despite receiving medical treatment, he died. Corporal Byassee, age 30, had been with his agency for six years and left behind his wife and two daughters.

November 3, 1982
Piqua Police Department
**Detective Robert C. Taylor**
On November 2, 1982, Detective Taylor was participating in department training exercises. The exercise was strenuous, involving running and shooting multiple firearms while being timed. Within a minute of completing the course, Detective Taylor had a heart attack. His fellow officers performed CPR but Detective Taylor died a few hours later. Detective Taylor had been with the agency for 26 years and was survived by his wife and three children.
February 28, 1984
New Iberia Police Department, Louisiana

**Officer Warren Narcisse, Jr.**
Officer Narcisse was participating in a building and search class at the police academy. Just as the exercise was near completion, he came in contact with an electrical line and died as a result. Officer Narcisse had been with the agency for one month.

April 3, 1985
Miami Beach Police Department

**Officer Robert E. Fitzpatrick**
Officer Fitzpatrick died when a blood clot moved from his knee to his heart. The knee injury occurred during training exercises. He was survived by his wife and a son.

July 15, 1986
Johnson County Sheriff’s Department, Tennessee

**Investigator John Ralph Cunningham**
Investigator Cunningham, age 53 and with the agency for one year, had a heart attack while attending the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. He had participated in a required physical training exercise and was stricken in the locker room shortly after. He was survived by his wife and four children.

February 5, 1988
North Carolina Highway Patrol

**Cadet W. E. Bayless III**
Cadet Bayless, age 23, died from a heart attack while participating in a required boxing drill at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh. Cadet Bayless had been with the Highway Patrol for six months and would have graduated from the Training Center the following week. He was survived by his son.

February 13, 1987
Spokane Police Department, Washington

**Sergeant Robbin B. Best**
Sergeant Best was training with the SWAT team at Spokane Community College when he suffered a heart attack. He was transported to a local hospital where he died shortly after.

August 11, 1988
United States Department of the Interior, United States Park Police

**Sergeant Ricardo M. Preston**
Sergeant Preston, age 37, succumbed to a heart attack while participating in SWAT training exercises in Washington, DC. Sergeant Preston had been with the Park Police for 14 years. In 2002, a portion of the Anacostia Operations Facility was dedicated in memory of his service.
September 15, 1988  
Florida Department of Corrections, Florida  
**Lieutenant Charles Andrew Cooper**  
Lieutenant Cooper, assigned to the Cross City Correctional Institution, had a heart attack while participating in first responder training exercises at the Forehand Training Center.

November 2, 1988  
Pittsfield Police Department, Massachusetts  
**Officer Timothy Shepard**  
On September 19, 1988, Officer Shepard, age 25, collapsed from heat stroke and dehydration while in training at the police academy. In the following days, 15 other cadets were hospitalized along with him at the Bay State Medical Center for exhaustion and dehydration as an investigation began to determine if excessively harsh training practices was the cause. Several cadets underwent kidney dialysis treatment. Participants reported they were forced to undergo long hours of running and other strenuous exercises while given insufficient amounts of water. Officer Shepard was later transported to Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh for a liver transplant on September 26 but died on November 2nd from complications. Officer Shepard, who had been with the agency for five months, was survived by his wife and unborn child. The executive director of the training facility later resigned.

June 27, 1989  
Rossville Police Department, Tennessee  
**Patrolman Orville Franklin Evans**  
Patrolman Evans, age 50, collapsed from a heart attack while taking a required training course at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Center. He was stricken during a physical stress test. Patrolman Evans had been with the agency for 6 years and was survived by his wife and one child.

September 17, 1989  
Derry Police Department, New Hampshire  
**Sergeant Thomas Christopher Kelly**  
Sergeant Kelly, age 35, died in his sleep from a duty-related illness. Sergeant Kelly was a 10-year veteran with the agency and served as the training sergeant. He suffered acute respiratory failure after being exposed to lead and associated gases daily for two straight weeks on the firing range. Sergeant Kelly was survived by his pregnant wife and 21-month old son.

April 10, 1992  
Livonia Police Department, Michigan  
**Officer James Thomas Kelley**  
Officer Kelley died from a heart attack while training with the agency’s SWAT team.
June 12, 1992
Indian River County Sheriff’s Department
Corrections Officer Gerald Paulo
Corrections Officer Paulo, age 41, was participating in a one-on-one self defense drill when he had a fatal heart attack.

May 24, 1993
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Conservation Warden Patrick Douglas Warner
Warden Warner had just completed training drills for self defense during arrests when he was stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage and died.

December 7, 1993
Gloucester County Sheriff’s Office, Virginia
Lieutenant Terry Lee Singleton
Lieutenant Singleton, age 44, died from massive heart failure during training exercises with the Special Operations Unit. He was Team Leader for the unit and had been with the agency eight years. Lt. Singleton was survived by his wife, two daughters and one step-daughter.

May 23, 1995
Brea Police Department, California
Detective Danny Valenzuela
Detective Valenzuela, age 39, suffered a heart attack during routine bicycle training exercises with officers from several local law enforcement agencies. He collapsed en route from the Westminster to the Fountain Valley police firing range. CPR was administered and he was transported to the Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. He was a 14-year veteran with the agency. Detective Valenzuela was survived by his wife and four children.

August 24, 1997
Ravalli County Sheriff’s Department, Montana
Deputy Sheriff William Wolfe
Deputy Wolfe, age 50, suffered a heart attack while participating in a required training run at the academy.

February 11, 1999
Porter County Sheriff’s Department, Indiana
Officer Timothy L. Hecht
Officer Hecht, age 31, suffered a massive heart attack while on a training exercise for the newly formed SWAT team. He was participating in a mile-long run at the time of his collapse. Fellow officers began CPR within seconds but he died at Porter Memorial Hospital without ever regaining consciousness. Officer Hecht had been with the agency for eight years and was survived by his fiancée.
April 5, 1999  
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, Texas  
**Special Agent Abdon Cabello**  
Special Agent Cabello was participating in a required training exercise when he had a heart attack and died. He collapsed during a 1.5 mile run and was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. Special Agent Cabello was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

July 27, 1999  
Adams County Sheriff's Department, Colorado  
**Deputy Sheriff Robert Bishop Pollock**  
Deputy Pollock, age 57, died after being overcome by heat during training exercises. He and five other deputies were learning how to conduct building searches when Deputy Pollock collapsed, stopped breathing and had no pulse. Although CPR was administered immediately by the other deputies and he was flown to a local hospital, he was pronounced dead upon arrival. During the time, most of the nation had been experiencing a severe heat wave for several weeks. Deputy Sheriff Pollock had been with the agency for three years.

September 30, 1999  
Brick Township Police Department, New Jersey  
**Officer John J. Lesemann**  
Officer Lesemann, age 21, died after completing a training run on his sixth day of training at the New Jersey State Police Academy. It was later discovered Officer Lesemann’s death was the result of taking ephedra, a then-popular natural supplement, which caused his fatal cardiac arrhythmia. His parents filed a lawsuit against the Canadian company that made the product and were awarded $2.5 million dollars. Ephedra has been linked to at least 155 deaths, including a major league baseball pitcher and continues to be very controversial. The FDA banned its use on December 31, 2003, but the ban was lifted by a federal court judge soon after. On August 17, 2006, the FDA reinstated the ban.

October 9, 1999  
Bent County Sheriff’s Department, Colorado  
**Undersheriff Gary Caponera**  
Undersheriff Caponera was conducting training when he had a massive heart attack. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. He was survived by his wife and two children.

June 9, 2001  
Forest Park Police Department, Ohio  
**Officer Charles Leon McDonald**  
On June 8th, having just passed the test to qualify for the Hamilton County SWAT team, Officer McDonald collapsed from chest-pains and over-exertion. Within hours, his kidneys failed and he died the next day. Officer McDonald, age 35, had been with his agency for six years. He was survived by his son and fiancée.
October 1, 2001
Alabama Department of Corrections, Selma, Alabama

**Correctional Officer Teresia Wheeler**
Officer Wheeler, who had been hired to work at the Bullock Correctional Facility just two months previously, had a heart attack during a mandatory 1.5 mile training run at the Alabama Corrections Academy in Selma. She was 21 years old and was following her mother’s footsteps in making a career as a corrections officer.

October 2, 2001
Chicago Police Department, Illinois

**Sergeant Hector A. Silva**
Sergeant Silva, age 36, died after developing a blood clot in his brain during a training exercise. He had just completed strenuous physical activities with the Special Operations gas team training when he began to feel dizzy. Sergeant Silva was transported to the hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. He died the following day. Sergeant Silva had been with the agency 11 years and is survived by his wife and two children.

October 3, 2001
Gibson County Sheriff’s Department, Illinois

**Deputy Sheriff Jerry Alan (Jed) Fisher**
Deputy Sheriff Fisher was attending a week-long training exercise at the Evansville Fraternal Order of Police Training Grounds with his recently assigned canine partner. On the third morning of training, after completing a series of tracking exercises, Deputy Fisher felt ill but continued working with the K-9 performing article searches. While doing those exercises, Deputy Fisher collapsed. Officers at the scene performed CPR but despite all efforts, Deputy Fisher was pronounced dead a short time later at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. He had served with the department for a total of 7 years and was survived by his wife, two daughters and two granddaughters.

December 5, 2002
Pima County Sheriff's Department, Arizona

**Corrections Sergeant Shannon Russell**
Corrections Sgt. Russell, age 43, suffered a heart attack while participating in training exercises with the Corrections Bureau Tactical Assistance Group. He had just completed the new obstacle course at the Arizona H.I.D.T.A. Regional Training Center. Other officers on the scene began CPR immediately but he was pronounced dead at Kino Hospital. Sergeant Russell had been a corrections officer for 12 years and was promoted to sergeant posthumously.
July 16, 2003
Portland Air Base Police Department, Oregon

**Resource Protection Officer Steven Vance Caddy**
Officer Caddy, age 49, collapsed during a scenario training exercise with the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Security Forces Squadron. He had just handcuffed an “intruder” and was about to search him when he was stricken with a heart attack. Despite all efforts to revive him, Officer Caddy was pronounced dead at Woodland Park Hospital. Officer Caddy had been in law enforcement for 27 years, serving in several agencies. He had been with the Portland Air Base Police for 6 months. Officer Caddy had three children.

March 10, 2004
Harris County Sheriff’s Office, Texas

**Jailer Thomas Flores Douglas**
Jailer Douglas collapsed after running about a quarter of a mile during training exercises. He was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Jailer Douglas was 42 and had served with the agency for five years. He was survived by his wife and two children.

May 4, 2004
Escambia County Sheriff’s Office, Florida

**Lieutenant George Hura, Jr.**
Lieutenant Hura, age 56, had a heart attack during critical incident training. An exercise using scenarios and simunitions had just completed when Lieutenant Hura fell ill. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. A 27-year veteran of the agency, Lieutenant Hura was survived by his wife and five children.

July 9, 2004
Georgia Department of Corrections

**Probation Officer Eugene T. Groover, Jr.**
Officer Groover, age 44, had a fatal heart attack during a defensive tactics training exercise held in Reidsville. Officer Groover worked at Probation Office in Hinesville and had been with the Department of Corrections for 22 years. He was survived by his wife, who is also a probation officer, three sons and a daughter.

January 10, 2005
York County Sheriff’s Office, Pennsylvania

**Deputy Sheriff Edward “Skip” Schroeder, Jr.**
Deputy Schroeder, age 47, was attending the Deputy Sheriff’s Training Academy in State College and was in the final lap of a mandatory twelve-lap training run when he collapsed. He received immediate medical attention at the scene but despite all efforts, he could not be revived. He was buried on January 14, 2005 at Mount Zion Cemetery in York. Deputy Schroeder, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, had been with the York County Sheriff’s Office for 16 months. He was survived by his wife and mother.
August 11, 2005
Washington, D.C. Police Department

Officer James McBride
Officer McBride, age 25, was taking part in a five-day bicycle training course when he became ill and died the next day. It was determined that the two-year veteran of the force had consumed too much water.

January 23, 2006
Key West Police Department, Florida

Detective John Michael Piskator
Detective Piskator, promoted just the week before, collapsed while jogging with the Special Response Team. Despite CPR efforts at the scene, he died from the heart attack. A former Army Airborne Ranger and intelligence officer, he won the Leadership Award before graduating from the local police academy in 2004. He was a popular bicycle officer on the Key West Police Department and well-known as a local athlete. In 2005, he placed second overall in an area kayaking-running-biking triathlon. Detective Piskator was 41 years old and was survived by his 12 year-old son.

February 24, 2006
Pasadena Police Department, California

Officer Kyle Ballard
Officer Ballard collapsed in the morning at the Rose Bowl after completing two laps the stadium with other officers during a training session for an annual law enforcement relay race. At only 30 years old, he had participated in the race several times. Fellow officers and paramedics tried their best to revive him but he passed away from the heart attack at the hospital approximately one hour later. Officer Ballard had worked for eight years in the agency, both in patrol as well as special operations. He was survived by his wife and three young sons, ages 3, 2 and 6 months.

April 7, 2006
Saraland Police Department, Alabama

Corporal Anthony Maurice Andrews
On March 31st, Corporal Andrews, a member of the SWAT team and bicycle unit, collapsed during routine fitness exercises. He was jogging at the time and although a fellow officer and paramedics performed CPR, Corporal Andrews never regained consciousness and died in the hospital one week later on April 7th. Corporal Andrews had also served in the Army National Guard and spent two years in Iraq where he survived a roadside bomb attack in 2004. Corporal Andrews had a wife and three children.
May 1, 2006
San Francisco Police Department, California

**Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto**

Sergeant Tsujimoto, age 41, had just run approximately a half-mile while participating in K-9 training exercises when he collapsed from a heart attack and was pronounced dead shortly after at the hospital. Sergeant Tsujimoto was well-known for his expertise in training K-9's and many agencies sent officers to train with him. A 15-year veteran of the agency, he lead their award-winning Tactical Company Canine Unit and also trained and donated many K-9's over the years. Upon his death, the two K-9's Sergeant Tsujimoto owned and handled were retired and returned to his fiancée.

November 7, 2006
Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Virginia

**Deputy Sheriff William Tiedeman**

Deputy Sheriff Tiedeman, age 54, had a heart attack and collapsed during defensive tactics training at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Center and was pronounced dead at the hospital despite intensive life-saving efforts by a fellow deputy. A 12-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Sheriff’s Office, Deputy Sheriff Tiedeman also had a 23-year career in the Navy where he had been a helicopter mechanic and a search-and-rescue swimmer. He was also a current member of the Kempsville Rescue Squad and taught CPR and first aid at a nearby community college. He is survived by his wife, son (also a deputy with the same agency) and his 3-year old grandson.

November 10, 2006
Colorado State Patrol, Colorado

**Cadet Timothy Pudder**

Only four weeks from completing the rigorous 22-week course, Cadet Pudder, age 40, collapsed during survival training at Camp George West. The former prison guard was playing the role of a trooper being attacked and was wearing a suit with heavy padding. Upon completing the first phase of the exercise, attending paramedics became aware he was overly exhausted and while they were monitoring his vital signs, he went into full cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead shortly after at Lutheran Hospital in Denver. All applicants are required to have extensive medical evaluations and pass a physical exam prior to being accepted. Cadet Pudder is survived by his wife and four children, ages 18, 16, 5 and 3.
September 18, 2007
United States Marshall Service, Glynco, Georgia

**Deputy U.S. Marshal Bucky Eugene Burke**
Deputy U.S. Marshal Burke, age 36, suffered a heart attack while attending Criminal Investigator training at the U.S. Marshal Service Training Academy. He had just completed an arrest technique scenario and was participating in a class run when he collapsed. Classmates and medical personnel managed to revive him through CPR efforts and Deputy U.S. Marshal Burke was then transported to the Southeast Regional Medical Center in Brunswick. Once in the emergency room, his condition deteriorated and a short while later, he passed away. Deputy U.S. Marshal Burke served in the Army and on the police force of the Department of Veteran Affairs, as well as Chief of the Loyall, Kentucky Police Department. He had been with the U.S. Marshal Service for 4 years. He was survived by his 11-year old son, his mother and stepfather.

*September 23, 2007
Vigo County Sheriff’s Department, Indiana

**Deputy Sheriff Enrico Aquino Garcia, Jr.**
Deputy Garcia, age 44, was conducting a tactical training exercise with Task Force 7, a multi-jurisdictional team of first responders, when he was stricken by a heart attack. He was wearing full body armor and had become overheated when he collapsed at the scene. Although he received immediate medical attention and was rushed to the hospital, he did not survive. Deputy Garcia had been with the Vigo County Sheriff’s Office for five years but had been involved in public safety for twenty years. Deputy Garcia was survived by his wife, three sons, his parents and nine siblings.

*January 17, 2008
Ventura County Police and Sheriff’s Reserve Officer Academy, Camarillo, California

**Reserve Officer Trainee Gregory Chastang**
Gregory Chastang, age 43, had attended approximately one week of the academy’s five month program when he collapsed during a training run. Despite attempts to revive him on-scene, he was pronounced dead shortly after being rushed to St John’s Regional Medical Center in Oxnard. An autopsy revealed undiagnosed heart disease. Reserve Officer Trainee Chastang, who worked for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, was active all his life as a runner and coached a youth running club. He also enjoyed bike riding and bowling. Unlike cadets attending the regular law enforcement academy, reserve cadets are not required to undergo a medical examination prior to entering the academy. Reserve Officer Trainee Chastang was survived by his mother.
*August 26, 2008*
Columbus Division of Police, Ohio

**Officer Timothy A. Haley**
Officer Haley, age 42, was participating in a rigorous SWAT training exercise when he experienced a sudden, severe headache and soon fell unconscious. Officer Haley was rushed to the hospital where it was determined he had suffered a brain hemorrhage. Officer Haley was kept on life for support five days to enable his organs to be donated. A 21-year veteran of the agency, Officer Haley was active in his community as a soccer coach and also with the Boy Scouts. He was survived by his wife, three sons and his mother.
Police Training Fatalities Involving Transportation
Airplane/Train/Motor Vehicle/Bicycle

May 15, 1917
Detroit Police Department, Michigan

Lieutenant Samuel C. Marquardt
Lieutenant Marquardt, age 32, was struck and killed by a train while conducting a training exercise for other officers.

September 5, 1924
Augusta Police Department, Georgia

Sergeant Edward Hezikiah Quarles
Sergeant Quarles died of injuries from a motorcycle accident during a training exercise at the Augusta Fair Grounds.

September 1, 1967
Seattle Police Department, Washington

Officer David P. Richards
Officer Richards died in the line of duty on the last day of his motorcycle training. He was traveling on I-5 along with other motorcycle officers when his motorcycle left the lane and hit a guardrail. A witness to the tragedy saw the rear tire of the motorcycle wobbling just before the accident occurred. Officer Richards died at the scene. He had been with the agency for less than one year and was survived by his wife and two daughters.

January 10, 1969
Kansas City Police Department, Missouri

Officer James W. Glenn
Officer Glenn, age 36, was practicing maneuvers with the department helicopter, a Hughes 300-269B. The tail rotor failed and fuselage began to spin as it crashed at the Kansas City Timing Association drag strip. Officer Glenn had been with the agency for nine years and was survived by his wife and two children.

May 29, 1974
Los Angeles Police Department, California

Commander Paul Gillen
Commander Gillen died when his helicopter, a Bell 206B, crashed during SWAT training. To date, Commander Gillen is the highest-ranking member of the LAPD to die in the line of duty.
June 11, 1976
Los Angeles Police Department, California

Officer Jeffrey B. Lindenberg
Officer Lindenberg, age 30, a member of the Air Support Division, died when the Bell 47-G5 helicopter he was training in lost power and crashed during landing. He had been practicing pinnacle landings near the Los Angeles Zoo in the hills overlooking Hollywood. On short final approach, the engine lost power and came four inches short of the pad, exploding into a ball of flames as it rolled 162 feet down the hill. The other officer in the helicopter survived but was badly injured. Officer Lindenberg had been with the agency for seven years and was survived by his wife and infant daughter.

January 13, 1986
Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Department, Louisiana

Deputy Sheriff Darvin LaPrairie
Deputy LaPrairie, age 41, died in an airplane crash during training. He had been with the agency for two years. Deputy LaPrairie was survived by his wife, daughter and granddaughter.

April 19, 1986
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent James K. McAllister
Special Agent McAllister, a member of the FBI’s Hostage Rescue Team, died after falling from a helicopter during a training exercise at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Special Agent McAllister was an original member of the 50-member anti-terrorist unit which became operational in September 1983. He was 35 years old when the accident occurred.

July 24, 1986
Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office, Arkansas

Deputy Sheriff James A. Avant
Deputy Avant, age 37, died in a helicopter crash in Mt. Ida, Arkansas. He was participating in a Drug Enforcement Administration Marijuana Eradication Spotter School when the helicopter crashed shortly after take-off, bursting into flames. Two other participants also died in the crash. In addition, the pilot and a Special Agent with the DEA were critically injured. Deputy Avant had been a narcotics detective with his agency for a year and had previously served with the Camden, Arkansas Police Department and the Arkansas State Police. He was survived by his wife and three children.
July 24, 1986  
Arkansas State Police, Arkansas  
**Criminal Investigator Charles Bassing**  
Investigator Bassing, age 33, died in a helicopter crash in Mt. Ida, Arkansas. He was participating in a Drug Enforcement Administration Marijuana Eradication Spotter School when the helicopter crashed shortly after take-off, bursting into flames. Two other participants also died in the crash. In addition, the pilot and a Special Agent with the DEA were critically injured. Investigator Bassing had been with the State Police for nine months, assigned to the narcotics division. He was survived by his parents, son and daughter.

July 24, 1986  
Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, Arkansas  
**Criminal Investigator Kevin L. Brosch**  
Investigator Brosch, age 34, died in a helicopter crash in Mt. Ida, Arkansas. He was participating in a Drug Enforcement Administration Marijuana Eradication Spotter School when the helicopter crashed shortly after take-off, bursting into flames. Two others also died in the crash. In addition, the pilot and a Special Agent with the DEA were critically injured. Investigator Brosch had been with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office for six years and had previously served with the Pine Bluff, Arkansas Police Department. He was survived by his wife and two children.

August 16, 1986  
Kern County Sheriff’s Department, California  
**Deputy Sheriff Ray Delton Bockman**  
Deputy Bockman died in an aircraft accident while on a training mission east of Bakersfield. Doug Moonen, the volunteer pilot with over 12,000 hours of flight time, clipped the wing of his Cessna 182 on some wires resulting in the crash that killed him, Sergeant Kline, Deputy Bockman and the deputy’s search and rescue dog, Kelly. A monument now stands at the crash site, 200 yards west of the entrance of Hart Park. Deputy Bockman had been with the agency for 11 years.

August 16, 1986  
Kern County Sheriff’s Department, California  
**Sergeant Marvin Ray Kline**  
Sergeant Kline died in an aircraft accident while on a training mission east of Bakersfield. Doug Moonen, the volunteer pilot with over 12,000 hours of flight time, clipped the wing of his Cessna 182 on some wires resulting in the crash that killed him, Sergeant Kline, Deputy Bockman and the deputy’s search and rescue dog, Kelly. A monument now stands at the crash site, 200 yards west of the entrance of Hart Park. Sergeant Kline had been with the agency for 18 years.
May 10, 1988
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Scott K. Carey
On May 9, 1988, Special Agent Carey, an instructor assigned to the driver training program, was involved in an automobile accident while on duty. He had been instructing a defensive driving school at the Special Operations Center in New Paltz, New York. Special Agent Carey, age 35, was rushed to a Middletown hospital where he died the following day.

September 10, 1994
Paterson Police Department

Sergeant Timothy F. O’Brien
Sergeant O’Brien, age 43, was killed while attending training exercises. His cruiser struck a wall during a class designed to enhance driving skills. He was survived by his wife and three daughters.

April 4, 1996
West Virginia State Police, West Virginia

Lieutenant Charles Matthew Turner
Lieutenant Turner, age 41, died in a helicopter crash which occurred during training exercises in Charleston. The crash also took the life of Lieutenant Wayne Childress, retired from the agency. Many witnesses observed the helicopter, a Bell 206L-1, breaking up in flight at about 300-500 feet and crashing into a residential hillside. The tail section was found a few hundred feet away. The ensuing investigation revealed fatigue cracks in the tail section. Lieutenant Turner had been with the agency 17 years.

September 17, 1997
Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office

Lieutenant George Maurice Hendrix
Lieutenant Hendrix, age 51, died when he and Deputy Thomas Jay Smith were involved in a helicopter crash near Newark, Texas. The two were participating in a narcotics training mission when the helicopter, a Bell OH-58A donated by the military and piloted by the lieutenant, crashed shortly after taking off from Meacham International Airport. Lieutenant Hendrix had been with the agency for 18 years.

September 17, 1997
Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office

Deputy Investigator Thomas Jay Smith
Deputy Investigator Smith, age 45, died when he and Lieutenant George Maurice Hendrix were involved in a helicopter crash near Newark, Texas. The two were participating in a narcotics training mission when the helicopter, a Bell OH-58A donated by the military and piloted by the lieutenant, crashed shortly after taking off from Meacham International Airport. Deputy Smith had been with the agency for 12 years.
**October 30, 1997**  
Illinois State Police, Illinois  
**Trooper Erin Sweeney Hehl**  
Trooper Hehl, age 34, died in a helicopter crash during a training exercise which also took the life of George Kurelic, the civilian pilot. The accident occurred as they were practicing touch-and-go landings. A skid on the Eurocopter AS350 encountered mud, causing it to flip. Trooper Hehl had been with the State Police for 11 years, serving first in the Marine Patrol as a diver, later reassigned to road duties and then in 1995, she became the first woman to work in the department’s aviation unit. Trooper Hehl was the first female trooper to have served in all three areas. Trooper Hehl, promoted to Sergeant posthumously, was survived by her husband, son and stepson.

**September 1, 1999**  
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigations  
**Special Agent Paul Andrew LeVeille**  
Special Agent LeVeille, a licensed FBI pilot, died in a plane crash while attending the FBI Mountain Flying Training Course near Colorado Springs, Colorado. Chuck Burns, a private instructor who was contracted by the FBI, also died in the crash. SA LeVeille was at the controls of the Piper Archer and was executing a box canyon turn when the plane crashed into the mountainside. SA LeVeille had been with the FBI for three years, assigned to the El Paso office. He was a skilled pilot who had previously flown with the New Mexico Air National Guard. Special Agent LeVeille, age 39, was survived by his wife and six children.

**June 10, 2000**  
Morgantown Police Department, West Virginia  
**Private First Class Frank M. Fidazzo**  
PFC Fidazzo, age 44, died one day after he was in a bicycle accident while training with other bike officers in a one-week multi-agency training event. The group was riding on the Rail Trail path in a city park when PFC Fidazzo’s bike hit a hump, throwing him over the handlebars. He was rushed to the hospital but he succumbed to his head injuries. PFC Fidazzo had been with the agency for 11 years, three of those in the Bike Unit. Three years after his death, part of the city’s Rail Trail was named in his honor. PFC Fidazzo was survived by his wife and two children.
August 15, 2000
Royal Canadian Mounted Police, British Columbia

**Staff Sergeant Edward Mobley**
Sergeant Mobley, age 49, died when the 1986 Cessna Ce208 Caravan I he was piloting crashed into Teslin Lake, in northern British Columbia. Sergeant Mobley and Special Constable Tim Nicholson, the flight engineer, had been transporting seventeen local ERT members from Prince Rupert to the remote lake location, 378 miles north. The task required two trips and was completed after dark. The plane, equipped with amphibious floats, was being maneuvered for take-off and became grounded on a hidden sand bar. The ERT members and Special Constable Nicholson helped to free the aircraft. By then it was near midnight however, Sergeant Mobley elected to continue with the departure. The plane climbed to about 1,000 feet and suddenly plummeted in a near vertical descent within sight of the ERT members, who rushed to the scene in a boat. The fuselage sank before they could arrive and was later recovered at a depth of 66 feet with the two bodies still in the cockpit. Sergeant Mobley had been with the RCMP for 25 years, the last 6 years were with the Air Division. He was survived by his wife and daughter.

August 15, 2000
Royal Canadian Mounted Police, British Columbia

**Special Constable Timothy Nicholson**
Special Constable Nicholson, age 48, was killed in the crash of the Cessna Ce208 Caravan I in northern British Columbia which also took the life of Staff Sergeant Edward Mobley. Special Constable Nicholson had been on assignment at Prince Rupert, filling in for the regular flight engineer who was on vacation. He had been with the RCMP Air Division for 7 years and was survived by his wife and two daughters.

June 28, 2001
Fairfax County Police Department, Virginia

**Captain Tommy F. Bernal**
Captain Bernal, age 51, was participating in a multi-agency motorcycle training exercise near Front Royal, Virginia when a trainee ahead of him lost control of his motorcycle rounding a turn. An oncoming sports utility vehicle managed to avoid the trainee’s motorcycle but in doing so, struck and killed the 29-year veteran of the department. Captain Bernal was survived by his wife and three sons.
October 19, 2001
New Mexico State Police, New Mexico

**Patrolman Ramon Robert Solis**
Officer Solis, age 30, died along with Officer Damon Talbott while participating in training exercises in a medivac helicopter. Officer Jennifer Schurman and the medical pilot were seriously injured but both survived the crash, which was thought to be caused by mechanical failure. The officers had just finished training in a hospital-owned helicopter, learning how to set up landing zones for traffic accidents in remote areas. The crash occurred west of Rozwell. Officer Solis graduated from the same class at the academy as Officer Talbot. Both had been with the agency for 10 months. Officer Solis was survived by his parents.

October 19, 2001
New Mexico State Police, New Mexico

**Patrolman Damon Talbott**
Officer Talbott, age 21, died along with Officer Ramon Solis while participating in training exercises in a medivac helicopter. Officer Jennifer Schurman and the medical pilot were seriously injured but both survived the crash, which was thought to be caused by mechanical failure. The officers had just finished training in a hospital-owned helicopter, learning how to set up landing zones for traffic accidents in remote areas. The crash occurred west of Rozwell. Officer Talbott graduated from the same class at the academy as Officer Solis. Both had been with the agency for 10 months. Officer Talbott was survived by his parents and sister.

September 24, 2007
U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Texas

**Agent Julio E. Baray**
Agent Baray was in training to be an Air Interdiction Agent when he died during flight training. He was practicing take-offs and landings in a Cessna 210 at Moriarty Airport, near Albuquerque with the instructor pilot, Air Interdiction Agent Daniel J. Houting. According to an eyewitness, the plane was preparing to land when the engine apparently stalled. The plane’s left wing and nose hit the ground and the aircraft then left the runway, catching fire in a field. Air Interdiction Agent Houting managed to escape with injuries but Agent Baray died in the crash. Agent Baray, age 39, worked out of the El Paso office and had been with the agency for nine years. He was survived by his wife and two children, ages 5 and 9.
August 13, 1982
U.S. General Services Administration – Federal Protective Service
**Officer Michael Doyle**
Officer Doyle fell to his death while rappelling in a SORT-Team training exercise in Coronado, CA. He was survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter.

August 30, 1983
Chicago Police Department, Illinois
**Officer Anthony Creed**
Officer Creed died as a result of a fall from his horse in a training exercise with the Mounted Unit.

November 4, 1987
Washington Township Police Department, Gloucester County, New Jersey
**Officer Patricia E. Quinn**
Officer Quinn died of injuries she received from boxing exercises at the Academy on October 21, 1987. She had been with the agency for two months.

March 29, 1991
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Prisons
**Senior Officer Specialist Daniel J. Bryer**
Senior Officer Bryer was attending Special Operations Response Team training at the Otisville Federal Correctional Institute in New York State. He died after falling off the back of a truck during a training exercise. He was survived by his wife.

May 4, 1992
Juneau Police Department, Alaska
**Officer Karl William Reishus**
Officer Reishus, age 29, died one day after falling from a 41-foot tower during a one-day mountain rescue course. He and five other attendees were performing rotations of the various roles: casualty, medical attendant, brakeman, “lower” chief, and observer. Conditions were typical of a rescue situation with moderate to heavy rain and 25 mph winds. Officer Reishus was acting as the “vertical lower” chief in the third rotation. He was given the all clear, however when he ordered the 400 pound-litter over the ledge, it plunged to the pavement below, taking him, the mock casualty and litter attendant along. The two other trainees suffered serious foot, ankle and leg injuries. Officer Reishus died as a result of severe head injuries. The cause of the accident was determined to be a failure of the rope braking system procedure. Officer Reishus was survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.
June 16, 1992
South Centre Township Police Department, Pennsylvania
Chief of Police Derle Edward Shoemaker
Chief Shoemaker was accidentally struck in the head which caused him to fall from a second floor balcony while conducting training exercises. A warrant search was being demonstrated when the tragedy occurred. Chief Shoemaker died after lingering in a coma for seventeen days.

August 15, 1994
Colorado Department of Corrections, Colorado
Sergeant Marc A Perse
Sergeant Perse, age 26, died as a result of a 90-foot fall from a rappelling tower during training exercises for the Special Operations Response Team. He was survived by his wife.

March 29, 1996
Reno Police Department, Nevada
Officer Keith Tadashi Hashimoto
Officer Hashimoto, age 36, and other members of his department were on a joint training exercise at Fallon Naval Air Station with a team of Navy SEALs. Officer Hashimoto died when his parachute failed to open during a jump. Officer Hashimoto had served with the Reno Police Department for 7 years. He was survived by his wife and two daughters.

March 24, 1998
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada
Officer Russell L. Peterson
Officer Peterson, who had been with the agency eight years, was training volunteers for the Search and Rescue Unit. They were conducting ice rescue exercises in the Mount Charlestown Range just north of the city. While Officer Peterson was demonstrating rescue techniques, a large ice block broke away above him and sent him off the mountain to his death. He was survived by his wife.

May 1, 1999
Kamloops Sheriff’s Service, British Columbia, Canada
Deputy Sheriff James Cole Askew
Deputy Sheriff Askew, age 51, was participating in a routine training exercise on April 30, 1999. As one of several sheriffs practicing cell extraction techniques, Deputy Sheriff Askew fell and struck his head, missing the floor mat. He never regained consciousness and died the following day. Deputy Sheriff Askew was a 21-year veteran of the department and had also served 9 years previously with the RCMP.
March 17, 2000
Los Angeles Police Department, California

**Police Officer III Louis Villalobos, Jr.**
Officer Villalobos fell from a 10-foot catwalk while performing an advanced SWAT training exercise at the United States Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, CA. He sustained severe head injuries and died the next day. Officer Villalobos had been with LAPD for 29 years and had been a SWAT team member for 17 years. At age 52, he was survived by his four children.

March 13, 2002
Seattle Police Department, Washington

**Detective Gary R. Lindell**
On May 4, 1999, Detective Lindell, a member of the Mounted Patrol Unit, fell from his horse, striking his head on a rock while participating in a training exercise. He remained in critical condition for three weeks and although he survived the accident, he was never able to return to his regular duties due to severe after-effects from the injury. At the time of the accident, he had been with the force for 32 years and on the mounted patrol for 2 years. He retired from the force but later returned to work in a civilian capacity. He died while on the job, nearly three years after the accident. The cause of death was related to his head injury. Detective Lindell, 55 at the time of his death, was survived by his wife, three children and two granddaughters.

May 26, 2005
Texas Department of Public Safety – Texas Highway Patrol, Austin, Texas

**Trooper Jimmy Ray Carty Jr.**
Trooper Carty, age 30, sustained a severe head injury on May 19, 2005 while participating in a Survival and Control Tactics full-contact boxing drill with another trainee at the academy in Austin. He was taken to the hospital immediately but died a week later from the head trauma. In the aftermath of this tragedy, boxing drills were discontinued in the training program. Trooper Carty had been the agency only a few months, having previously served 7 years as a deputy with the Smith County Sheriff’s Department. He was survived by his wife and three children.

June 2, 2005
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Special Agent Robert Russell Hardesty**
Special Agent Hardesty, age 40, died eight days after a training exercise at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Agent Hardesty was standing on the wing of an airplane during an FBI tactical training exercise for aircraft entry techniques when he slipped and fell 20 feet. The injuries to his neck and spine left him paralyzed and his death was due to complications of the paralysis. Agent Hardesty had been with the FBI for 3-1/2 years, assigned to a Resident Office in Bloomington, Illinois. Prior to that, he had served as an officer with the Indiana State Excise Police and later as a deputy with the Porter County Sheriff’s Office. Agent Hardesty was survived by his wife and two daughters.
October 25, 2007
Casa Grande Police Department, Arizona

Sergeant Tate Lynch

Sergeant Lynch, age 36, was participating in afternoon SWAT training exercises with the Pinal County SWAT team at the Pinal County Detention Center in Florence. At approximately 2:00 PM, Sergeant Lynch was rappelling down the two-story wall of the inmate exercise yard when he suddenly fell in full view of several officers and suffered a severe head injury. Medical personnel at the jail provided immediate assistance but Sergeant Lynch died about five hours later at Scottsdale Healthcare Trauma Center. A report issued after an investigation by the Arizona Department of Public Safety determined the training exercise involved several safety violations. A seven year veteran of the agency, Sergeant Lynch was survived by his wife and three children.
July 15, 1960  
Kansas City, Police Department, Missouri  
**Sergeant Kieffer C. Burris**  
In preparation for the formation of an underwater recovery unit, Sergeant Burris and Officer Herbert Bybee were practicing scuba diving techniques on Lake Lotawana. At 4:30 p.m., the two divers were observed by a local resident and all appeared normal. However, at approximately 5:30 p.m., another resident saw Sergeant Burris floating face down in the water. Officer Bybee’s lifeless body was located a short time later. Officer Bybee’s tank was empty but the tank Sergeant Burris was using still had air pressure. The cause of this incident remains unknown. Department policy at that time called for someone to be stationed to watch for problems but no one was there to help. Sergeant Burris, age 46, had been with the agency for ten years and was survived by his wife and daughter.

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Kansas City, Police Department, Missouri  
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July 28, 1961  
Arvada Police Department, Colorado  
**Officer Robert G. Beghtol**  
Officer Beghtol, age 26, was participating in a training exercise with members of the Scuba Diving Unit. The site of the dive, near 60th and Tennyson, was the location of an old gravel pit. Officer Beghtol began to experience cramping from the cold water but was unable to surface when his gear became tangled in debris and he drowned. He had been with the agency for two years after serving in the United States Army. Twenty years prior to this tragic event, Officer Beghtol’s grandfather became Arvada’s first uniformed police officer.
December 19, 1968
Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia

**Officer Roger Lee McClung, Jr.**
Officer McClung and Detective Robert Ray Monette were dive team trainees participating in training exercises at Lake Wesley. Both drowned saving the life of another trainee. Officer McClung, age 32, had been with the agency for 1 year.

December 19, 1968
Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia

**Detective Robert Ray Monette**
Detective Monette and Officer Roger Lee McClung, Jr. were dive team trainees participating in training exercises at Lake Wesley. Both drowned saving the life of another trainee. Detective Monette, age 25, left behind a wife, a 6 month-old daughter and a 2 year-old son. A Vietnam veteran, he had been with the agency for 2 years and had just been promoted to Detective three days prior to his death.

June 7, 1973
Kenosha Police Department, Wisconsin

**Officer Gary W. Fraid**
Officer Fraid drowned in Lake Michigan while participating in a practice dive with his agency’s scuba team. Officer Fraid, age 33, had been with the agency for six years and was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

August 18, 1983
Louisville Police Department, Kentucky

**Officer Ricky A. LaFollette**
Officer LaFollette, age 30, drowned while training with the Department Scuba Team. The team was holding a training exercise at Dale Hollow Lake. The exercise was being held in total darkness using new underwater communications equipment. Officer LaFollette failed to surface when his air supply depleted and he did not respond to radio communications. His body was recovered at a depth of 100 feet. It is believed that he was disoriented in the dark and went down deeper in the lake rather than up.

November 24, 1984
Chelan County Sheriff’s Department, Washington

**Deputy Sheriff Winfield Scott Edie**
Deputy Edie, age 29 and with the agency for five years, was participating in a diving exercise at Lake Chelan. He called out for help but was not located in time to save him. Deputy Edie drowned in 15 feet of water. The cause of his drowning remains unknown. Deputy Edie was survived by his wife and daughter.
February 11, 1989
Williams County Sheriff’s Department, North Dakota

**Deputy Sheriff Timothy L. Wells**
Deputy Wells, age 36, was taking part in a cold water training dive with six other rescue divers in the Missouri River. During the dive, the deputy was photographing fish. Deputy Wells did not surface with the other divers. A search went underway, but he drowned before he could be rescued. It was thought that Deputy Wells may have become disoriented and swam in the wrong direction. His body was found beneath thick ice along the shoreline with his tank empty. Deputy Wells had been with the agency for four years.

**June 11, 1991**
New York City Police Department, New York

**Officer Kenneth M. Hansen**
Officer Hansen, age 26 and a highly decorated member of the Department’s Harbor Unit, was participating in a simulated rescue training exercise in New York Harbor near the Battery. Officer Hansen was posing as the victim. The exercise called for divers to leap from a helicopter and perform the rescue. Officer Hansen jumped into the water but soon disappeared from sight. The exercise immediately became an actual search and rescue effort but his team mates could not locate him. His body was recovered the next day. An investigation could not determine why Officer Hansen, against agency policy, was in the water without a life jacket. He was survived by his fiancée, his parents, a sister and two brothers. His father and brothers are all in law enforcement.

April 17, 1998
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

**First Sergeant Karl E. Kelley**
On April 16, 1998, Sergeant Kelley was participating in a fast water rescue exercise with Indiana’s river rescue team. The exercise was being held on the White River below Williams Dam. The water was very turbulent from the hydraulic boil created by the action of the water cascading over the dam. Two members of the team were thrown from another boat. Sergeant Kelley and a fellow conservation officer attempted to rescue the two but their boat also capsized. All four were rescued but when Sergeant Kelley was pulled into the boat, he was unconscious. He had been submerged for approximately fifteen minutes. CPR was performed at the scene and he was transported to a hospital in Bedford, then flown by helicopter to University Hospital in Louisville. He was placed on life support but died the next day. Sergeant Kelly had been a conservation officer for 28 years and was survived by his wife and five children.
June 2, 2000  
Chicago Police Department, Illinois  
**Sergeant Alane M. Stoffregen**  
Sergeant Stoffregen, age 50 and a master diver, was participating in a Marine Unit diving exercise in Lake Michigan. The exercise was being held in about 35 feet of water. Using correct procedures, Sergeant Stoffregen signaled to her partner that she was surfacing. She rose to the surface where the marine diver operating the boat heard her call him by name. When he got to the back of the boat where the call originated, he could see that she was disoriented and in distress. There were two marks on her forehead, thought to be the result of being pushed against the boat from the 3-foot waves that day. The other two divers were unable to get Sergeant Stoffregen into the boat without assistance. Her partner pleaded with Sergeant Stoffregen to keep her regulator in her mouth to prevent swallowing water but she was unresponsive. Her other team mate managed to keep her afloat until additional help arrived. Despite their valiant efforts to save her, Sergeant Stoffregen died. She was a 22-year veteran of the agency and had just recently been assigned to the Marine Unit.

*October 21, 2008  
Fairfax County Police Department, Virginia  
**Second Lieutenant Frank J. Stecco**  
Lieutenant Stecco, age 42, drowned in Pohick Bay while participating in a helicopter water rescue training exercise. Although not a member of the dive team, he had volunteered to play the role of the victim. Lieutenant Stecco had been equipped with a dry suit, but according to a spokesperson, he was not wearing a flotation device or breathing apparatus. The exercise began at approximately 1:30 p.m. and the lieutenant was reported missing at 2:47 p.m. An exhaustive search of the murky bay was conducted. Due to the poor visibility in the water, his body was not located until four days later, about 100 feet from where he went missing. A 19-year member of the agency, Lieutenant Stecco was survived by his wife, three children and his mother.
Police Training Fatalities by Explosions

November 18, 1987
Delaware State Police, Delaware
**Corporal David Bruce Pulling**
Corporal Pulling was attending an FBI training course in Huntsville, Alabama as a prerequisite to becoming a bomb technician for the Delaware State Police. During a training exercise, an explosive device he was handling accidentally exploded and killed him. Corporal Pulling, age 31, was survived by his wife and two sons.

November 4, 2000
Wichita Police Department, Kansas
**Lieutenant John Eugene Galvin**
On October 20, 2000, Lieutenant Galvin and the agency’s bomb squad were conducting training exercises at the bomb range. Arrangements had been made with a local fireworks company to destroy approximately 1,500 pounds of fireworks. Two large pits were prepared and the first two shots were fired without any problems. Preparations began for the third shot. Lieutenant Galvin was in one pit, emptying the contents of a 30-pound case on the ground within. It is thought that an ember from the previous shot sparked some powder from the case and set off the fireworks. The fireworks shot out of the pit, striking the truck holding another 500 pounds of fireworks. Those also detonated, destroying the truck and seriously burning a sergeant in the second pit. Fortunately, there were no fireworks in the second pit at the time. A Park Department backhoe driver was also injured in the incident. The rest of the bomb squad narrowly avoided injury from the explosions. Lieutenant Galvin was burned over 80% of his body and succumbed to his injuries two weeks later at the Via Christi – St. Francis burn unit in Wichita. Lieutenant Galvin, age 49, had been with the agency for 20 years. He was survived by his wife, daughter and three sons.

February 20, 2002
Scottsdale Police Department, Arizona
**Sergeant Thomas Alan Hontz**
Sergeant Hontz was killed while conducting a SWAT exercise where he was demonstrating how to introduce tear gas into a room. The “gas ax” he had just loaded into a smoke canister exploded, killing him and injuring fourteen other officers and firefighters. It was later determined that a new product was being used for the first time and was not compatible with the type of canister into which it was inserted. The smoke was not able to vent properly, causing the product to explode and fragment in all directions. Sergeant Hontz, age 45, was survived by his wife and three sons.
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- NTOA training class
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- Other training/event (please list)
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- Friend
- Other

IMPORTANT: Applications sent in without proper documentation and/or incorrect payment amount will be returned.

Send my publication(s) to: □ Home  □ Agency

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Name First _________________________________________________ MI ____ Last _____________________________________
Rank ______________________________________________________
Assignment: □ Full Time SWAT □ Full Time CNT
Collateral Duty: □ Patrol □ SWAT □ Investigations □ TEMS □ Bomb Tech
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Agency Address ____________________________________________ Suite No. ________________________________
City ______________________________________________________ State ______ Zip ________________________
Agency Phone ____________________________________________ Agency Fax ________________________________
Population Served by Agency ____________________________ No. of Sworn Officers in Agency _________________

TEAM INFORMATION: Team Name ____________________________________________
Team Status (check one) □ Full Time □ Part Time
Multi-jurisdictional? □ Yes □ No If yes, list other departments on team: _______________________________________
No. of Tactical Members: ______No. of Negotiators: ______No. TEMS ________No. Sworn TEMS ________No. Bomb Technicians ______
No. of Breachers: ______
Multi Geographic Area Served ________________ Multi Jurisdictional population served ______ No. Training Hours ______

PAYMENT INFORMATION:
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Credit Card: □ Visa □ Mastercard □ American Express Card Number:__________________________ Exp: ______
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NTOA, PO Box 797, Doylestown, PA 18901

January 2008
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City ______________________________________________________________State_________Zip________________________________
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