

OFFICER SAFETY STATISTICS

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The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund** (NLEOMF) aims to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by recording and commemorating the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers; and provides information that will help promote officer safety. **The Fund maintains the largest, most comprehensive database of line-of-duty officer deaths, which serves as a national information clearinghouse on the topic.** Regular research bulletins are published by the Fund, which include annual officer fatality reports highlighting statistics on law enforcement line-of-duty deaths as well as examining the common trends and issues in officer fatalities.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES PRELIMINARY 2011 NUMBERS

	2011	2010	% Change
Total Fatalities	68	59	+15%
Gunfire	33	21	+57%
Traffic Incidents	18	27	-33%
Other Causes	17	11	+55%

Please note: These numbers reflect total officer fatalities comparing May 9, 2011 to May 9, 2010.

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(NLEOMF, *continued...*) NLEOMF also compiles information about individual officers who have died in the line of duty, and posts updates on fallen law enforcement officers. For more information and to receive these updates, please visit the NLEOMF Web site at <http://www.nleomf.org/facts/recently-fallen/>.

- There are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever.
- Crime fighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1792, there have been nearly 19,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 18,983 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
- A total of 1,626 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every 53 hours or 163 per year.
- On average, more than 58,000 law enforcement officers are assaulted each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries.

The data and research reports produced by NLEOMF provide a wealth of information from which law enforcement professionals and academics can develop policies and practices to enhance officer safety. Through the study of past incidents, officers can learn of potential dangerous actions precipitating an attack, successful countermeasures, and common denominators found in officer fatalities.

For more information concerning law enforcement deaths, updated statistics, and NLEOMF research reports, please visit <http://www.nleomf.org/facts/>.