

in the Telford Unit in Bowie County. He was escorting an inmate from a dayroom to his cell when the man attacked him with an iron bar used to open slots in cell doors, inflicting serious injuries.

#### **EL PASO**

#### **Police Patrolman Adrian Arellano**

Aug. 20: Arellano was killed when his police motorcycle collided with another vehicle at North Yarbrough Drive and Edgemere Boulevard while escorting a funeral procession through the intersection.

#### **HUTTO**

#### Police Sgt. **Christopher Kelley**

JUNE 18: Kelley was struck and killed by a subject who had just stolen a patrol car following a struggle as officers attempted to arrest him. The subject broke free, entered an unmarked patrol vehicle, and tried to drive away. He struck Sgt. Kelley and dragged him a short distance as he continued to flee.

#### PEARSALL

**Police Officer Michael** 

# IN THE LINE OF DUTY

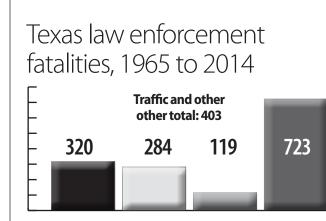
"You rarely hear outrage in the public if an officer is killed in a traffic accident. Every day somebody puts on a uniform, there's that risk."

**Galveston County Sheriff Henry Trochesset** 



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While the shooting death and funeral of Harris County Deputy Darren Goforth brought national attention, most fatalities of law enforcement officers on duaty are accidental deaths during traffic stops and the like.



# Nationally in 2005-14



Accidental deaths include auto, motorcycle and aircraft accidents; struck by a vehicle; accidental shooting; drowning; by a fall; and others.

**Deaths during criminal acts** 

### Nationally in 2014: Deaths

# H. Goforth

Aug. 28: Goforth was shot and killed from ambush while pumping gas into his patrol car at a commercial gas station in Cypress.

#### Sheriff's Office **Detention Officer Tronoski Jones**

Aug. 20: Jones suffered a fatal heart attack while attempting to deal with a combative inmate at the Baker Street Jail shortly after 4 a.m.

#### **Houston Police Officer Richard Martin**

May 18: Martin was intentionally struck and killed by a vehicle as he set up spike strips at the intersection of N. Kirkwood Road and St. Mary's Lane during a vehicle pursuit at approximately 2:30 am.

#### PENWELL

#### **Texas Department** of Criminal Justice, corrections officers **Eligio Garcia and Christopher Davis**

JAN 18: Garcia and Davis were killed in a prison bus crash on I-20 at about 7:30 am. The bus was transporting 10 inmates from a transfer facility in Abilene to the jail in El Paso. The vehicle struck a patch of ice on an overpass, causing it to slide off the highway and down an embankment. The bus then struck a passing train and was dragged along the tracks, breaking apart. inmates suffered fatal injuries at the scene.

#### Villarreal

APRIL 18: Villarreal was killed in a vehicle crash on state Highway 97, five miles west of Jourdanton, at about 1:30 pm. He was transporting a juvenile offender to the Atascosa Juvenile Detention Facility when his patrol car and a large pickup truck collided head-on.

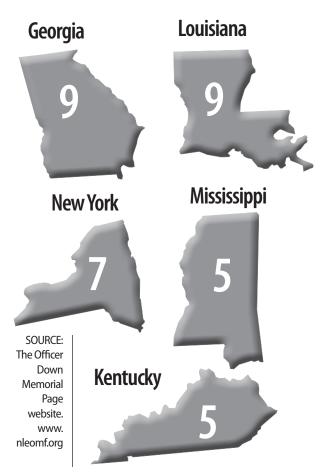
#### **SAN ANGELO**

#### **Police Sgt. Korby Kennedy**

JUNE 25: Kennedy was killed in a motorcycle crash on Knickerbocker Road, near Albert Street, while escorting a parade at about 6 p.m.

## Other states

There were 102 law enforcement fatalities from Jan. 1 to Oct. 22 in 2015 compared to 87 deaths from the same period in 2014. After Texas, these are the next five highest.



Year	Firearms	Traffic	Other	Total
2014	4	3	3	10
2013	5	6	1	12
2012	4	5	2	11
2011	3	7	3	13
2010	2	12	2	16
2009	4	4	2	10
2008	4	9	2	15
2007	10	11	1	22
2006	4	6	1	11
2005	6	4	4	14
2004	3	10	2	15
2003	1	8	1	10
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2000	8	4	2	14
1999	5	2	4	11
1998	3	4	5	12
1997	3	3	5	11
1996	3	3	2	8
1995	2	6	0	8
1994	3	7	3	13
1993	7	6	1	13
1992	4	8	3	15
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1990	3	10	6	14
1989	9	9	1	19
1988	11	8	2	21
1987	7	5	0	12
1987	5	3	2	12
1985	6	8	6	20
1985	5	8 1	5	20 11
1983	11	6	1	11
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1981	9	6	3	18
1980	8	7	3	18
1979	9	6	3	18
1977	4	4	4	12
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1976	12	5	2	13
1973	12	6	3	19
1974	10	4	2	25
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	12	2		19
1970	4	4	3	11
1969	9	3	2	14
1968	3	5	5	13
1967	3	6	0	9
1966	3	1	0	4
1965	5	6	0	11

during criminal acts				
By the numbers	Types of calls			
51	DISTURBANCE			
officers killed in 2014	11			
<b>39</b> the average age of	TRAFFIC PURSUIT/ STOP			
the officers who were feloniously	9			
killed	INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS PERSON/SITUATION			
the average number of years the officers served	7			
46	AMBUSH			
officers were killed with firearms	7			
<b>33</b> officers slain with handguns	DURING SEARCH, INTERVIEW, SURVEILLANCE			
<b>10</b> officers slain with rifles	ATTEMPTING TO MAKE AN ARREST			
<b>3</b> officers killed with shotguns	4 TACTICAL:			
<b>50</b> alleged assailants had prior criminal arrests	BARRICADED PERSON, HOSTAGE SITUATION, ETC.			
39	4			
of the officers killed with firearms were wearing body armor at the time of the	HANDLING PERSON WITH MENTAL ILLNESS			
SOURCES: Federal Bureau of Investigation/National Law Enforcement	UNPROVOKED ATTACK			

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