

FEBRUARY 2018

# MONTHLY LODD REPORT

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**13** LODDs  
THIS MONTH

**22** LODDs  
YEAR-TO-DATE

**21%**  
DECREASE\*  
*\*as compared to last year*

## CAUSES OF DEATH YEAR-TO-DATE



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE  
REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

The monthly United States Line-of-Duty Deaths Report is a joint publication of the **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** and the **Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP)**. IACP and ODMP are committed to honoring fallen law enforcement officers while also raising awareness about line-of-duty deaths, including related trends and causal factors.



The IACP is the world's largest professional organization for police leaders. The IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness offers a host of resources related to officer health, mental and physical wellness, tactical safety, and more. Learn more at [www.theIACP.org/cosw](http://www.theIACP.org/cosw).



ODMP is dedicated to honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Through its online memorial and reflection pages, ODMP pays lasting tribute to the more than 20,000 officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Learn more at [www.ODMP.org](http://www.ODMP.org).

## GUNFIRE

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**Deputy Sheriff Micah Lee Flick** (El Paso County, Colorado, Sheriff's Office) was shot and killed while **conducting an auto theft investigation** at approximately 4:00 pm. Several officers attempted to take a suspect into custody, but the man began to struggle and then opened fire, fatally wounding Deputy Flick and wounding two other deputies, a Colorado Springs police officer, and a bystander. The man was shot and killed by return gunfire.

**Deputy Sheriff Steve Belanger** (Los Angeles County, California, Sheriff's Department) succumbed to a gunshot wound sustained on December 10, 1994, when he was **ambushed while conducting a traffic stop**. He had recognized the driver of the vehicle as being wanted for a previous assault. As he searched the two occupants of the car, one of the man's friends rode up behind Deputy Belanger on a skateboard and shot him in the back of the head. The man fled the scene and committed suicide about one hour later. Doctors were unable to remove the bullet from Deputy Belanger's brain. He remained under constant medical care and confined to a wheelchair until passing away on February 6, 2018.

**Officer David Charles Sherrard** (Richardson, Texas, Police Department) was shot and killed while **responding to a disturbance** at an apartment complex. As officers arrived on scene they located a man suffering from a gunshot wound outside of the apartment. The officers were able to identify the apartment where the suspect was located. As they made entry into the apartment the man opened fire, striking Officer Sherrard in the neck. Officer Sherrard was transported to Medical City Plano where he succumbed to his wound. The subject barricaded himself inside of the apartment for several hours before surrendering. The man who shot Officer Sherrard was charged with capital murder of a police officer.

**Officer Chase Lee Maddox** (Locust Grove, Georgia, Police Department) was shot and killed while **assisting two deputies** from the Henry County Sheriff's Office **serve a warrant** at a home. The deputies had gone to the home to arrest the subject for failing to appear in court on a traffic violation. The man refused to cooperate, and the deputies requested assistance from the Locust Grove Police Department. Several minutes after Officer Maddox arrived at the scene the officers attempted to take the man into custody. The subject opened fire on the officers, killing Officer Maddox and wounding both deputies before being shot and killed.

**Officer Eric Joseph Joering** (Westerville, Ohio, Police Department) and Police Officer Anthony Morelli were shot and killed when they **responded to a 911 hangup call**. As officers arrived at the home they made contact with the residents of the apartment and let inside. As they walked into the apartment a 30-year-old male subject opened fire on them, mortally wounding Officer Joering and Officer Morelli. Despite their wounds, both officers were able to return fire and wounded the subject. Officer Morelli was transported to a local hospital where he died a short time later. The subject was charged with two counts of capital murder of a law enforcement officer.

**Officer Anthony Pasquale Morelli** (Westerville, Ohio, Police Department) and Police Officer Eric Joering were shot and killed when they **responded to a 911 hangup call**. As officers arrived at the home they made contact with the residents of the apartment and let inside. As they walked into the apartment a 30-year-old male subject opened fire on them, mortally wounding Officer Joering and Officer Morelli. Despite their wounds, both officers were able to return fire and wounded the subject who was taken to a hospital. Officer Morelli was transported to a local hospital where he died a short time later. The subject was charged with two counts of capital murder of a law enforcement officer.



## GUNFIRE (Cont.)

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**Commander Paul R. Bauer** (Chicago, Illinois, Police Department) was shot and killed while **attempting to arrest a subject** who had just run from other officers near a state government office building. Other officers had attempted to conduct a subject stop on the man in connection with a shooting that had occurred several days earlier. The subject fled from the officers. Commander Bauer, who was wearing a suit and in the area for a meeting, observed the subject at the government building and attempted to stop him in a stairwell. The subject opened fire, killing Commander Bauer. The subject was taken into custody moments later.

**Officer Justin Taylor Billa** (Mobile, Alabama, Police Department) was shot and killed while **assisting in the apprehension of a man** who had just murdered his ex-wife. Investigators at the scene of the original murder identified the subject as a person of interest. Officer Billa, along with other officers, went to the man's home to make contact with him. As the officers arrived on scene the subject exited the home and opened fire on them, striking Officer Billa. Another officer returned fire as the subject retreated back into the home. Officer Billa was transported to the University of South Alabama Medical Center where he died a short time later. The subject remained barricaded inside his home for the next three hours. His body was recovered from the home following the standoff.

**Corporal Mujahid Ramziddin** (Prince George's County, Maryland, Police Department) was shot and killed while **attempting to protect a female subject** who was being attacked in a domestic violence incident in a neighborhood. Corporal Ramziddin, was off duty and lived nearby, attempted to protect the female and confronted the man who was armed with a shotgun. The subject, who had a protective order issued against him, fatally shot Corporal Ramziddin before stealing his service weapon and fleeing in a vehicle. Responding officers pursued the man approximately 10 miles before he stopped and attempted to flee into a nearby wooded area. The man was shot and killed by pursuing officers after shooting at them.

## AUTOMOBILE CRASH

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**Officer Jarate Dewayne Condit** (Asher, Oklahoma, Police Department) was killed in a vehicle crash, at approximately 5:30 pm. He was en route to mandatory training, in Shawnee, when his **patrol car left the roadway and crashed into a concrete culvert as he attempted to pass another vehicle**. The patrol car became engulfed in flames upon impact with the culvert.

**Officer Darren Maurice Weathers** (Detroit, Michigan, Police Department) was killed in a vehicle crash. He was participating in a surveillance training exercise when his **vehicle collided with another before striking a utility pole**. Officer Weathers was transported to Henry Ford Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**Deputy Sheriff Kevin James Stanton** (Brevard County, Florida, Sheriff's Office) was killed when his **patrol car was struck by a tractor-trailer** on I-95, at approximately 5:10 am. The tractor-trailer suffered a tire blow-out, causing the driver to lose control and swerve into the left lane where Deputy Stanton was driving. Deputy Stanton's patrol car then struck the rear of the semi.

## ASSAULT

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**Sergeant Mark J. Baserman** (Pennsylvania Department of Corrections) **succumbed to injuries sustained** when he was **attacked by an inmate** at State Correctional Institute-Somerset on February 15, 2018. The inmate, who was serving a life sentence for first-degree murder, attacked Sergeant Baserman as he sat at the officer's desk in a housing unit's day room. Earlier in the day, Sergeant Baserman had confiscated a towel being used by the inmate to obscure his bunk. The inmate punched Sergeant Baserman in the head numerous times then continued to kick him in the head after he fell to the ground. Another officer who came to Sergeant Baserman's aid was also attacked before the inmate was subdued. Sergeant Baserman was transported to a local hospital where he remained until succumbing to his injuries.

