MONTHLY UPDATE:
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
The National Fraternal Order of Police reports that as of midnight on 31 December, there were 346 officers shot in the line of duty in 2021. Of those officers shot, 63 of them were killed by gunfire.

There were 103 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers this year (+115% from 2020 YTD). These ambush-style attacks have resulted in 130 officers shot, 30 of whom were killed by gunfire.

The number of ambush-style attacks listed does not include the numerous incidents where an officer was shot at but not struck by gunfire during an ambush-style attack.
## Officers Shot in the Line of Duty in 2021: State-by-State Breakdown

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**NATURE OF THE ATTACKS**

Every felonious attack on a law enforcement officer, especially by gunfire, is disturbing regardless of the circumstances. Officers are always susceptible to life-threatening attacks and therefore must always be vigilant and maintain the highest level of situational awareness.

In most cases, officers are able to quickly assess situations, recognize threats, and take adequate defensive actions. Tragically, not every threat can be seen or mitigated. Perhaps most troubling and worrisome are ambush-style and other calculated attacks on law enforcement.

Premeditated ambush-style attacks are particularly disturbing and pernicious. These types of attacks are carried out with an element of surprise and intended to deprive officers of their ability to defend against the attack. Premeditated attacks contribute to a worrisome desensitization to evil acts that were once largely considered taboo except by the most depraved.

In 2020, 49 percent of shooting incidents involved a discernible element of premeditation, which is a 7 percent increase over 2019.

**AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACK**

An "ambush-style attack" is defined as when an officer is struck by gunfire without any warning or opportunity to defend themselves.
THE GROWING CONCERN

In October 2015, the U.S. Department of Justice released a report entitled: Ambushes of Police. The report detailed the number of ambush attacks on law enforcement officers from 1990-2013. In 2013 alone, there were between 200 and 300 ambush attacks reported. The Executive Summary states:

"...the proportion of fatal attacks on officers attributable to ambushes [is] increasing. Concerns about targeted violence against police are on the rise, while officers must not only be guardians of the public but also be prepared to respond to violence targeting them."

In May 2017, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released a report entitled: The Assailant Study: Mindset and Behavior. The report identified a disturbing and growing trend of attackers who are motivated by a desire to kill a law enforcement officer. This motivation, the report concludes, is from a “singular narrative that portrays the officer as guilty in traditional and social media and the subject as the victim.”

A December 2017 study by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services entitled Making It Safer, examined law enforcement officer fatalities from 2010-2016, including ambush attacks. The study found that 20% of ambushed officers were seated in their patrol cars and that:

"56 percent were not on a call or engaged in any enforcement activity. Many of these officers were simply eating, sitting on post, or in five cases, targeted and killed while at their home or on their way home."
THE GROWING CONCERN (CONTINUED)

In 2018, the Criminal Justice Information Services Division within the FBI released a report entitled *Ambushes and Unprovoked Attacks: Assaults on Our Nation’s Law Enforcement Officers*. This comprehensive report concluded:

“While the overall number of officers who were feloniously killed was declining, the percentage of officers feloniously killed during surprise attacks was increasing.”

BACKGROUND

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) within the U.S. Department of Justice recently published the [2020 Year-End Summary on Law Enforcement Officers Shot in the Line of Duty](https://www.justice.gov/cops), which contains research conducted by staff with the National FOP’s Government and Media Affairs Center (GMAC).

In October of 2019, the National Fraternal Order of Police partnered with the National Blue Alert Network to collect and analyze data on reported shootings of law enforcement officers nationwide. Using media monitoring software and general research, staff with the National FOP's GMAC has tracked, collected, and analyzed publicly available information to produce the [2020 Year-End Summary](https://www.fopnational.org) on officers shot and killed in the line of duty. The report contains data on law enforcement officers shot in the line of duty, both fatally and non-fatally, for the expressed purpose of better understanding the nature and frequency of incidents that could give rise to the issuance of a *Blue Alert*.

The information in this monthly update reflects preliminary numbers and are subject to change. The 2021 Year-End Summary will be published in early 2022.
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

AGENT LUIS X. SALAMÁN-CONDE
Carolina Municipal Police Department, Puerto Rico
*End of Watch: Monday, January 11, 2021*

AGENT LUIS A. MARRERO-DÍAZ
Puerto Rico Police Department, Puerto Rico
*End of Watch: Monday, January 11, 2021*

POLICE OFFICER BRANDON M. STALKER
Toledo Police Department, Ohio
*End of Watch: Monday, January 18, 2021*

DEPUTY SHERIFF ADAM GIBSON
Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, California
*End of Watch: Monday, January 18, 2021*

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL BOUTTE
Hancock County Sheriff’s Office, Mississippi
*End of Watch: Monday, February 1, 2021*

SPECIAL AGENT DANIEL ALFIN
Federal Bureau of Investigation
*End of Watch: Tuesday, February 2, 2021*

SPECIAL AGENT LAURA ANN SCHWARTZENBERGER
Federal Bureau of Investigation
*End of Watch: Tuesday, February 2, 2021*
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

PATROLMAN DARIAN JARROTT
New Mexico State Police, New Mexico
End of Watch: Thursday, February 4, 2021

POLICE OFFICER DOMINIC JARED WINUM
Stanley Police Department, Virginia
End of Watch: Friday, February 26, 2021

RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE MARTINUS MITCHUM
Second City Court of New Orleans Constable's Office, Louisiana
End of Watch: Friday, February 26, 2021

CAPTAIN JUSTIN WILLIAMS BEDWELL
Decatur County Sheriff’s Office, Georgia
End of Watch: Monday, March 1, 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF STANLEY "ALLEN" BURDIC
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Oregon
End of Watch: Thursday, March 11, 2021

POLICE OFFICER KEVIN VALENCIA
Orlando Police Department, Florida
End of Watch: Monday, March 15, 2021

POLICE OFFICER ERIC HUSTON TALLEY
Boulder Police Department, Colorado
End of Watch: Monday, March 22, 2021
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021**

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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

DETECTIVE LUCA BENEDETTI
San Luis Obispo Police Department, California
End of Watch: Monday, May 10, 2021

POLICE OFFICER JIMMY INN
Stockton Police Department, California
End of Watch: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

POLICE OFFICER CHRIS OBERHEIM
Champaign Police Department, Illinois
End of Watch: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

DETECTIVE STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD
Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office, Louisiana
End of Watch: Sunday, May 23, 2021

SERGEANT DOMINIC VACA
San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, California
End of Watch: Monday, May 31, 2021

SERGEANT ERASMO GARCÍA-TORRES
Puerto Rico Police Department, Puerto Rico
End of Watch: Thursday, June 10, 2021

POLICE OFFICER GORDON BEESLEY
Arvada Police Department, Colorado
End of Watch: Monday, June 21, 2021
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

**DETECTIVE GREG FERENCE**
Terre Haute Police Department, Indiana
*End of Watch: Wednesday, July 7, 2021*

**POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM EARL COLLINS, JR.**
Doyline Police Department, Louisiana
*End of Watch: Friday, July 9, 2021*

**SERGEANT JOSHUA BLAKE BARTLETT**
Lubbock County Sheriff’s Office, Texas
*End of Watch: Thursday, July 15, 2021*

**DETECTIVE JEREMY BROWN**
Clark County Sheriff’s Office, Washington
*End of Watch: Friday, July 23, 2021*

**DEPUTY SHERIFF PHILLIP CAMPAS**
Kern County Sheriff’s Office, California
*End of Watch: Sunday, July 25, 2021*

**POLICE OFFICER MARQUIS MOORE**
Selma Police Department, Alabama
*End of Watch: Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

**POLICE OFFICER RYAN BIALKE**
Red Lake Nation Police Department, Tribal Police
*End of Watch: Tuesday, July 27, 2021*
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

POLICE OFFICER GEORGE GONZALEZ  
U.S. Department of Defense, Pentagon Force Protection Agency  
End of Watch: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF BRANDON A. SHIRLEY  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky  
End of Watch: Thursday, August 5, 2021

POLICE OFFICER ELLA GRACE FRENCH  
Chicago Police Department, Illinois  
End of Watch: Saturday, August 7, 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF RYAN J. PROXMIRE  
Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s Office, Michigan  
End of Watch: Sunday, August 15, 2021

POLICE OFFICER JASON RAYNOR  
Daytona Beach Police Department, Florida  
End of Watch: Tuesday, August 17, 2021

OFFICER BLAIZE MADRID-EVANS  
Independence Police Department, Missouri  
End of Watch: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM JEFFREY  
Houston Police Department, Texas  
End of Watch: Monday, September 20, 2021
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LOCKE
Hardin County Sheriff’s Department, Tennessee
End of Watch: Saturday, September 25, 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSHUA MOYERS
Nassau County Sheriff’s Office, Florida
End of Watch: Sunday, September 26, 2021

SERGEANT NICK RISNER
Sheffield Police Department, Alabama
End of Watch: Saturday, October 2, 2021

GROUP SUPERVISOR MICHAEL G. GARBO
United States Drug Enforcement Administration
End of Watch: Monday, October 4, 2021

MASTER TROOPER ADAM GAUBERT
Louisiana State Police, Louisiana
End of Watch: Saturday, October 9, 2021

POLICE OFFICER DYLAN HARRISON
Alamo Police Department, Georgia
End of Watch: Saturday, October 9, 2021

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IV TOAMALAMA SCANLAN
Fresno County Sheriff’s Office, California
End of Watch: Tuesday, October 12, 2021
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

DEPUTY CONSTABLE KAREEM ATKINS  
Harris County Constable's Office - Precinct 4, Texas  
End of Watch: Saturday, October 16, 2021

POLICE OFFICER YANDY CHIRINO  
Hollywood Police Department, Florida  
End of Watch: Sunday, October 17, 2021

POLICE OFFICER TYLER TIMMINS  
Pontoon Beach Police Department, Illinois  
End of Watch: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

SENIOR PATROLMAN SHERMAN OTTO BENYS, JR.  
Kingsville Police Department, Texas  
End of Watch: Thursday, November 4, 2021

POLICE OFFICER PARAMHANS DESAI  
Henry County Police Department, Georgia  
End of Watch: Monday, November 8, 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF LENA NICOLE MARSHALL  
Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Georgia  
End of Watch: Monday, November 8, 2021

POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL D. CHANDLER  
Big Stone Gap Police Department, Virginia  
End of Watch: Saturday, November 13, 2021
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2021

CORRECTIONS OFFICER RHONDA JEAN RUSSELL
Blair County Prison, Pennsylvania
End of Watch: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

POLICE OFFICER HENRY LAXSON
Clayton County Police Department, Georgia
End of Watch: Tuesday, November 30, 2021

CONSTABLE MADISON "SKIP" NICHOLSON
Wilcox County Constable's Office, Alabama
End of Watch: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

POLICE OFFICER RICHARD HOUSTON, II
Mesquite Police Department, Texas
End of Watch: Friday, December 3, 2021

POLICE OFFICER KEONA HOLLEY
Baltimore City Police Department, Maryland
End of Watch: Thursday, December 23, 2021

DEPUTY SHERIFF SEAN RILEY
Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Illinois
End of Watch: Wednesday, December 29, 2021

SERGEANT MARLENE RITTMANIC
Bradley Police Department, Illinois
End of Watch: Thursday, December 30, 2021
CONTEXT NOTES

- On 11 March 2021, Deputy Sheriff Allen Burdic with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (OR) died as the result of complications of gunshot wounds sustained on 12 August 1980 while responding to a shooting in Myrtle Creek.

- On 15 March 2021, Police Officer Kevin Valencia with the Orlando Police Department (FL) succumbed to complications of gunshot wounds sustained on 11 June 2018 while responding to a domestic disturbance.

- On 23 May 2021, Detective Stephen Arnold with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (LA) succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained on 26 January 2016, while serving a search warrant and arrest warrant.

- On 3 August 2021, Police Officer George Gonzalez with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency was killed in an unprovoked attack at the Pentagon's Transit Center in Arlington, Virginia. Various media reports, including from ABC News and Washington Post, state that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) confirmed that the suspect not only stabbed Officer Gonzalez, but also shot him with his own service weapon.

- On 10 October 2021, officers gave chase after a wanted suspect fled when they attempted to place the suspect under arrest. When they apprehended the suspect and began to place the suspect under arrest, a round was fired and an officer was struck. It was determined to be an inadvertent friendly fire. The suspect was arrested and found to have a handgun.

- On 12 October 2021, Correctional Officer IV Toamalama Scanlan with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office (CA) died as the result of complications of gunshot wounds sustained on 3 September 2016 while attempting stop an armed suspect at the jail.
The National Fraternal Order of Police is the world’s oldest and largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers. We proudly represent more than 364,000 members from more than 2,100 lodges.

We are the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities. We are committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement and employee representation. No one knows the dangers and the difficulties faced by today’s police officers better than another officer, and no one knows police officers better than the FOP.

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