



NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

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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 January, there have been **30** officers shot in the line of duty so far in 2022 (**+67%** from 2021 YTD). Of those officers shot, **5** of them were killed by gunfire.

There have been **4** ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers this year. These ambush-style attacks have resulted in **5** officers shot, **3** of whom were killed by gunfire.

The number of ambush-style attacks listed does not include the countless incidents where an officer was shot at but not struck by gunfire during an ambush-style attack.

30**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY****5****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
KILLED BY GUNFIRE****5****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE SHOT
IN **4** SEPARATE AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS****NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY
IS **+67%** FROM THIS TIME IN 2021**

2022 YEAR TO DATE	2021 FULL YEAR	2020 FULL YEAR	2019 FULL YEAR
SHOT 30	SHOT 346	SHOT 312	SHOT 293
KILLED 5	KILLED 63	KILLED 47	KILLED 50

OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 2022 STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN

ALABAMA	2	MAINE	0	OREGON	0
ALASKA	0	MARYLAND	0	PENNSYLVANIA	0
ARIZONA	0	MASSACHUSETTS	0	PUERTO RICO	0
ARKANSAS	0	MICHIGAN	0	RHODE ISLAND	0
CALIFORNIA	1	MINNESOTA	0	SOUTH CAROLINA	0
COLORADO	0	MISSISSIPPI	0	SOUTH DAKOTA	0
CONNECTICUT	0	MISSOURI	2	TENNESSEE	1
DELAWARE	0	MONTANA	1	TEXAS	4
FLORIDA	0	NEBRASKA	0	UTAH	0
GEORGIA	3	NEVADA	2	VERMONT	0
HAWAII	0	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	VIRGINIA	0
IDAHO	0	NEW JERSEY	0	WASHINGTON	1
ILLINOIS	1	NEW MEXICO	1	WASHINGTON, D.C.	1
INDIANA	0	NEW YORK	4	WEST VIRGINIA	0
IOWA	0	NORTH CAROLINA	1	WISCONSIN	3
KANSAS	0	NORTH DAKOTA	0	WYOMING	0
KENTUCKY	1	OHIO	0	AM. SAMOA	0
LOUISIANA	0	OKLAHOMA	1	GUAM	0

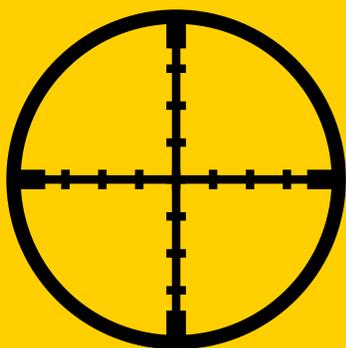
NATURE OF THE ATTACKS

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 individuals.

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*](#), 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* 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.

VIEW THE 2020 YEAR-END SUMMARY

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN 2022



POLICE OFFICER II FERNANDO ARROYOS

Los Angeles Police Department, California

End of Watch: Monday, January 10, 2022



DETECTIVE JASON RIVERA

New York City Police Department, New York

End of Watch: Friday, January 21, 2022



CORPORAL CHARLES GALLOWAY

Harris County Constable's Office - Precinct 5, Texas

End of Watch: Sunday, January 23, 2022



POLICE OFFICER WILBERT MORA

New York City Police Department, New York

End of Watch: Tuesday, January 25, 2022



POLICE OFFICER DONALD SAHOTA

Vancouver Police Department, Washington

End of Watch: Saturday, January 29, 2022

CONTEXT NOTES

- ▶ On 29 January 2022, Vancouver Police (WA) Officer Donald Sahota was inadvertently shot and killed by a Clark County Sheriff's Office deputy while attempting to apprehend a robbery suspect who was attempting to break into his home. Deputies were responding to a robbery call when they set up spike strips to disable the suspect's vehicle. However, the suspect exited the vehicle and fled the scene, soon finding a nearby home, at which he attempted to enter. The homeowner, an off-duty officer, attempted to detain the suspect and a struggle ensued, and the suspect stabbed the officer. Soon after deputies arrived and mistook the officer for the suspect. The deputies opened fire striking the officer, who died at the scene. The suspect was taken into custody.



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THE VOICE OF OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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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