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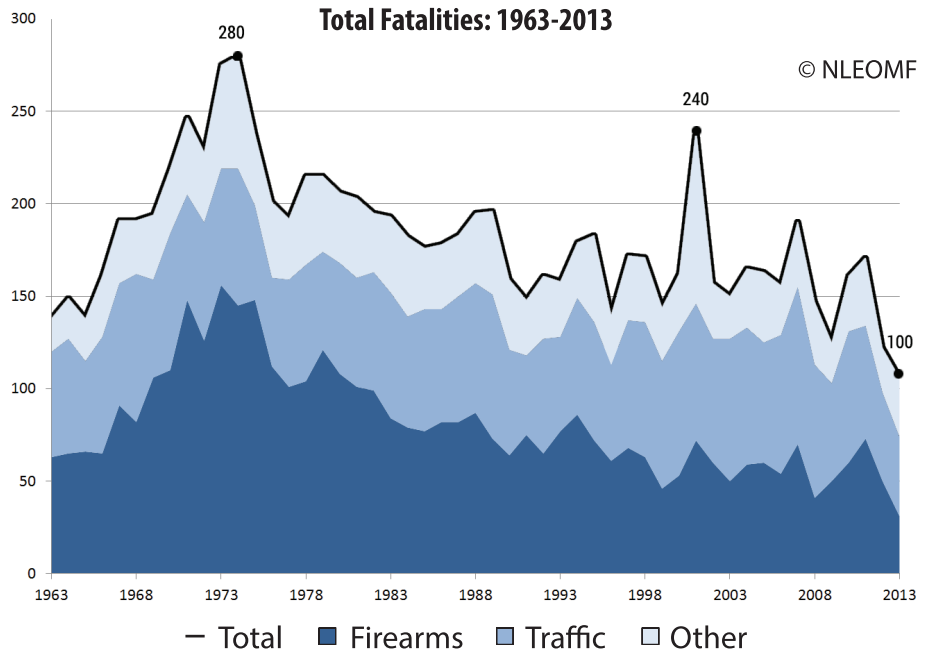
Law Enforcement Fatalities Dip to Lowest Level in Six Decades

31 officers killed in firearms-related incidents is fewest since 1887

According to data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 100 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2013, an 18 percent decrease from 2012, when 122 officers were killed. This was the fewest number of fatalities for the law enforcement profession since 1944 when 91 officers died.

Traffic-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer fatalities in 2013, killing 43 officers. Twenty-eight officers were killed in automobile crashes, 11 officers were struck and killed outside their vehicle and four officers were killed in motorcycle crashes. Traffic-related fatalities decreased ten percent from 2012 when 48 officers were killed.

Firearms-related fatalities were the second leading cause of death among our nation's law enforcement officers in 2013. Firearms-related fatalities accounted for 31



Investigative activities were the leading circumstance of fatal shootings in 2013

deaths, decreasing 38 percent from 2012 when 50 officers were killed. Investigative activities were the leading circumstance of fatal shootings in 2013, with seven officers killed. Officer fatalities unrelated to firearms or traffic

saw an eight percent increase in 2013. Twenty-six officers died of other causes in 2013 compared to 24 in 2012.

Job-related illnesses, such as heart attacks, increased substantially in 2013 with 13 officer deaths compared to eight officers in 2012.

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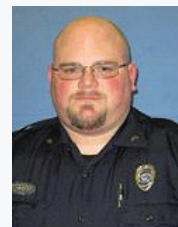
Trooper Paul Butterfield
Michigan State Police
Department
EOW: 9/9/2013

Trooper Paul Butterfield was shot while conducting a traffic stop.



Investigator Cuauhtemoc Estrada
Cook County (IL) Sheriff's Office
EOW: 12/20/2013

Investigator Cuauhtemoc Estrada was shot and killed while attempting to stop an armed robbery.



Sergeant Kevin Stauffer
Tupelo (MS) Police
Department
EOW: 12/23/2013

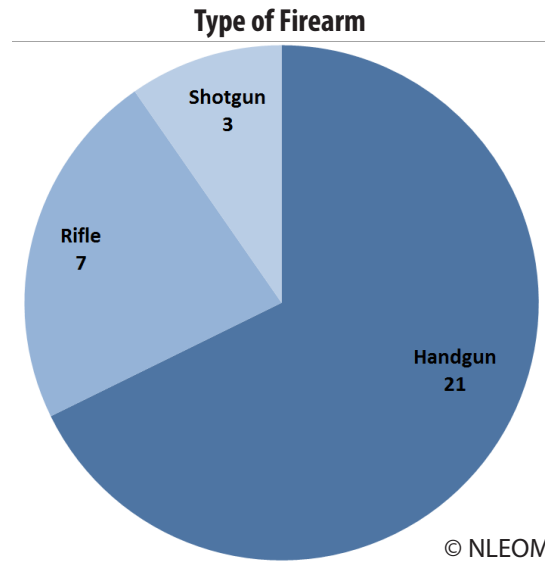
Sergeant Stauffer was shot and killed while pursuing armed bank robbers.

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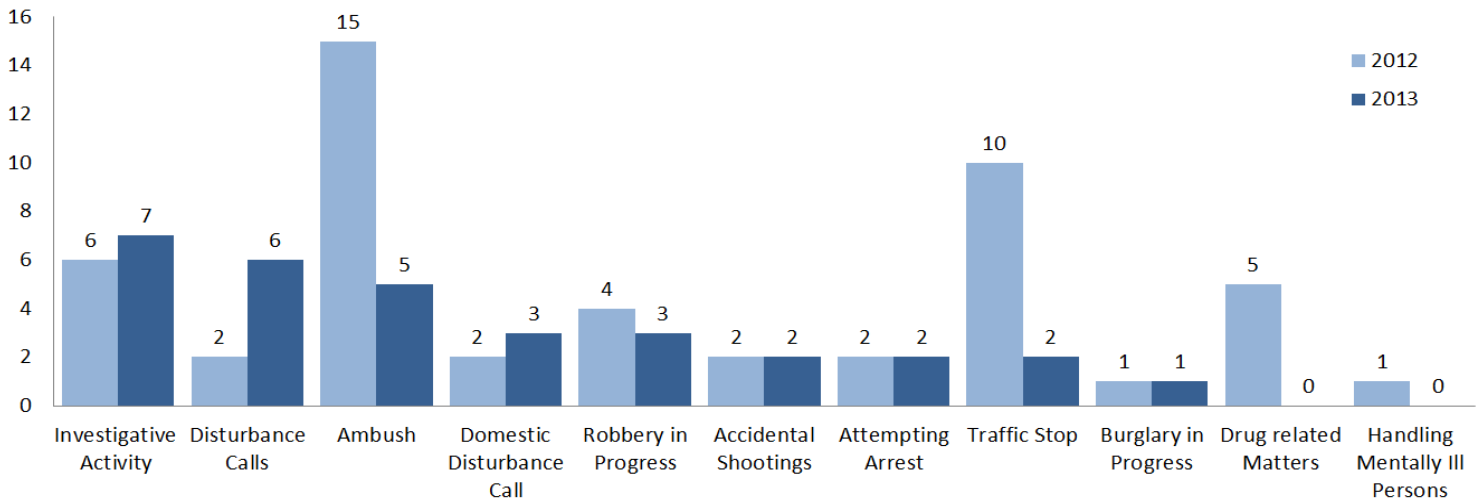
Firearms-related Fatalities

Firearms-related fatalities reached a 126-year low in 2013 with 31 officers shot and killed, the lowest since 1887 when 27 officers were shot and killed. After increasing dramatically in 2010 and 2011, firearms-related fatalities decreased in 2013 for the second year. Thirty-one officers died in firearms-related incidents compared to 50 in 2012, representing a 38 percent decrease.

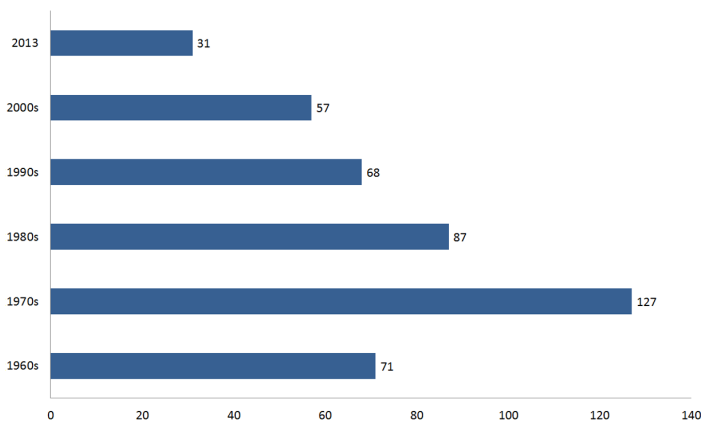
Handguns were the leading type of firearm used in fatal shootings of law enforcement officers in 2013. Of the 31 officer fatalities, 61 percent were shot and killed with a handgun.



Circumstances of Fatal Shootings



Average Firearms-related Fatalities per Decade



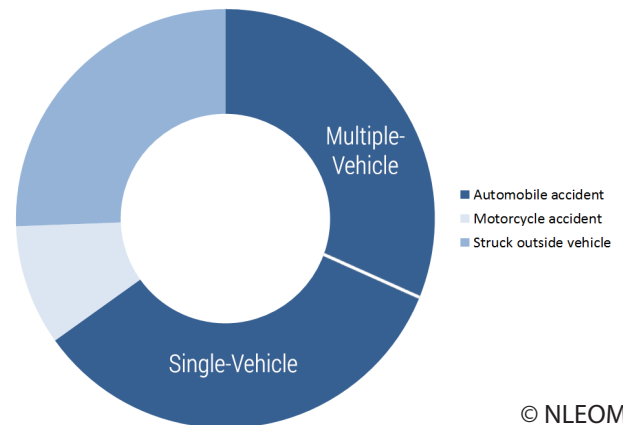
Investigative activities were the leading circumstance of officer fatalities in firearms-related deaths. Of the 31 firearms-related fatalities in 2013, seven officers were shot and killed while conducting investigative activities, more than any circumstance of fatal shootings in 2013.

Firearms-related fatalities peaked in 1973, when 156 officers were shot and killed. Since then, the average number of officers shot and killed has decreased from 127 per year in the 1970s to 57 per year in the 2000s. The 31 firearms-related fatalities in 2013 represent a 46 percent decrease over the average of 57 per year that occurred during 2000-2009.

Traffic-related Fatalities

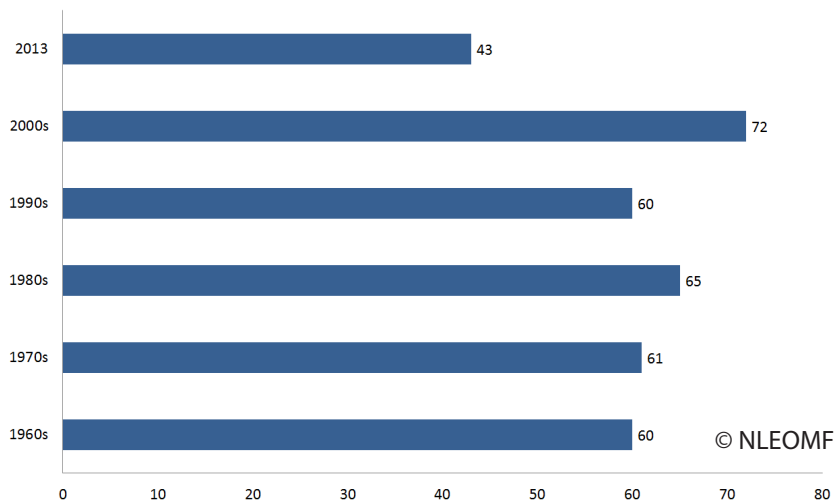
In 2013, America's roadways were the safest on record for law enforcement officers since 1957 (42). However, traffic-related fatalities were again the leading cause of officer fatalities in 2013, accounting for 43 deaths, or 43 percent of total fatalities. The 43 traffic-related fatalities are ten percent lower than in 2012 (48). Twenty-eight officers were killed in automobile crashes, 11 were struck and killed outside their vehicles, and four were killed in motorcycle crashes. Of the 28 automobile crashes in 2013, 14 were multiple-vehicle crashes and 14 were single-vehicle crashes.

Circumstances of Traffic-Related Fatalities



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Average Traffic-related Fatalities per Decade



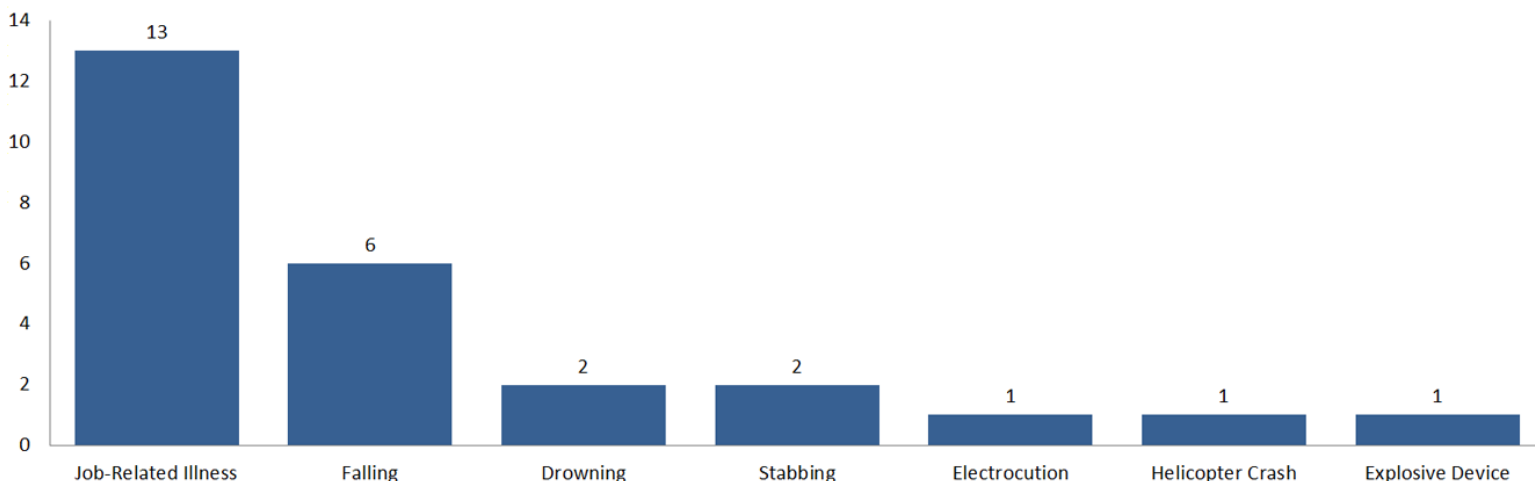
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Since the 1960s, traffic-related fatalities increased, even as overall law enforcement fatalities declined. On average, traffic-related fatalities increased 20 percent from 60 in the 1960s to 72 during the 10-year span of 2000-2009. A significantly lower number of traffic-related deaths have occurred over the past two years.

Other Causes of Officer Deaths

Of the 100 officers killed in 2013, 26 officers—or 26 percent—died of causes unrelated to traffic or firearms. Thirteen officers died as a result of job-related illnesses, including 10 officers who died as a result of a heart attack, compared to six officers who died of heart attacks in 2012.

Causes of Other Deaths in 2013



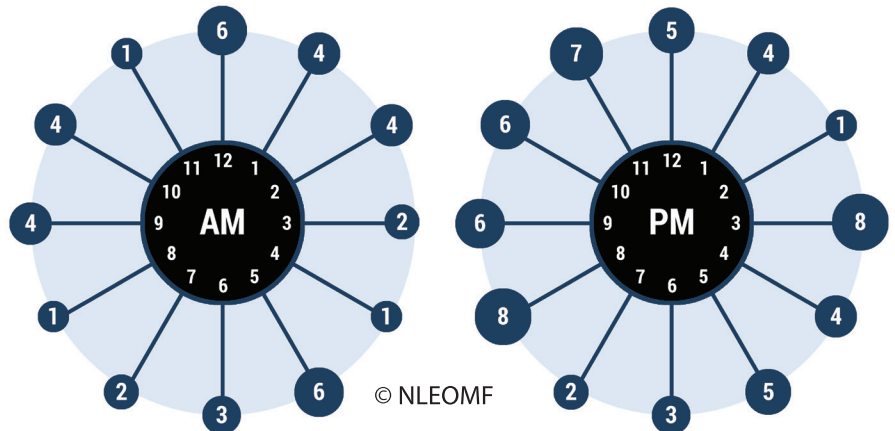
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General Officer Fatality Data

Texas, once again, led the nation in officer fatalities, losing 12 officers in 2013. California was next with 10 fatalities, and Arkansas, Mississippi and New York all lost six officers. Seven federal officers, two officers from U.S. territories and a tribal officer were killed in 2013. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia did not lose an officer in 2013.

The deadliest month for law enforcement in 2013 was December with 12 fatalities. January, June and November had the fewest officer deaths, with five officer fatalities during each month. Fridays were the deadliest day of the week with 20 fatalities. Mondays were the least deadly day of the week with 10 fatalities.

Fatalities by Time of Day



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Gender

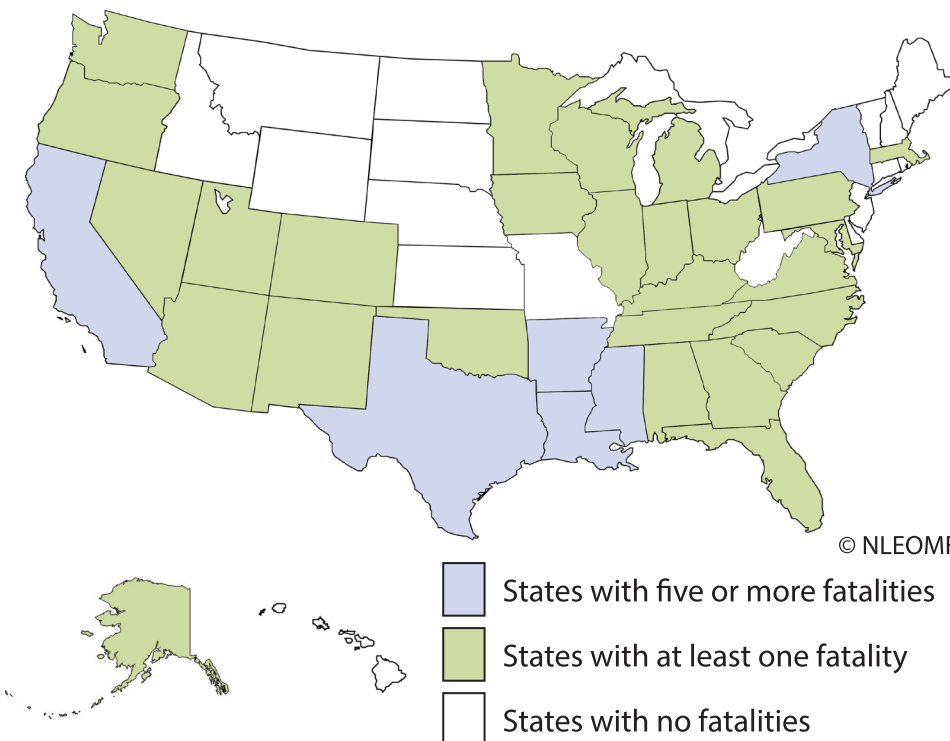


Fatalities by Day of Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	10	17	12	12	20	17

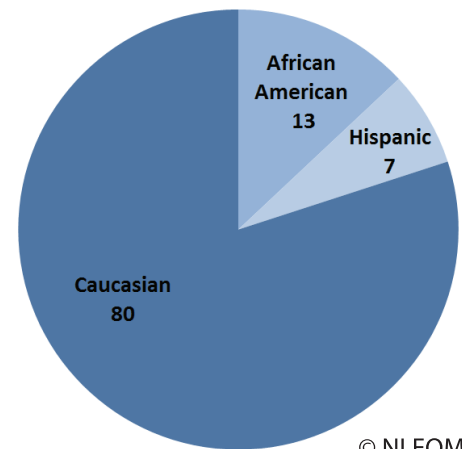
	Low	Average	High
Age of Officer	23	43	70
Length of Service	6 months	13 years	47 years
Number of Children	0	2	7

Fatalities by State



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Race/Ethnicity



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Jurisdiction

Municipal	44	University	2
County	28	Territorial	2
State	16	Tribal	1
Federal	7		