



Summaries of Officers Feloniously Killed

Note: Occasionally, the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Program is unable to publish summaries concerning some officers who are feloniously killed in the line of duty. These situations may stem from insufficient information, gag orders issued by the courts, or other unusual circumstances. However, all available information is included where applicable in the data tables.

Midwest

In the early morning on a winter day, a 30-year-old patrol officer was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance in a commercial area. The patrol officer, a veteran officer with 10 years of experience, and a corporal were dispatched to a motel after an anonymous caller reported a suspicious person. When the officers approached the motel room where the complaint was registered, a subject opened the door and fired three rounds at the officers with a .50-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The patrol officer was struck in the shoulder (upper torso) area and the front upper torso/chest, above his body armor. The corporal was struck in the lower right leg. The officers each fired five rounds with their service weapons, striking the suspect. The corporal performed first aid on the patrol officer, who was taken to a hospital. The patrol officer succumbed to his injuries shortly after his arrival at the hospital. The corporal, who was flown to a hospital for emergency surgery, sustained significant injury but survived the attack. At the time this incident was reported to the FBI, the injured corporal had not yet returned to duty. The 31-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record, died at the scene.

On a summer morning, a 41-year-old deputy sheriff was killed after responding to a residence to investigate a domestic call regarding an active shooter. Two individuals reported hearing gunshots at the residence; one of whom reported hearing five or six shots. A sergeant and the deputy, a veteran of law enforcement with more than 15 years of experience, simultaneously arrived on the scene. Additional backup arrived shortly afterward. Upon briefing the assisting officers, they approached the door of the trailer, which was locked. Officers announced their presence and instructed anyone inside to come the door with their hands up. The first deputy on the scene, whose body camera recorded the event, kicked in the door and entered the trailer with the sergeant and another deputy behind him. From somewhere within the residence, the subject fired two rounds at the lead deputy with a semiautomatic rifle. One round struck the deputy in the front of his head above his body armor, fatally injuring him. The other officers could not see the location of the suspect, so they retreated and called for a special response team. When the special response team arrived and attempted to enter the residence to rescue the fallen deputy, the suspect fired on them. He also fired from a window toward the officers' vehicles. Approximately 3.5 hours after the incident began, special teams entered the residence again and retrieved the fallen deputy. A medical response unit transported him to a hospital. Shortly after the deputy's extraction, smoke began to emanate from the residence. A short time later, the residence was fully engulfed in flames. A fire department arrived and extinguished the flames. Paramedics later found

the bodies of the suspect and another victim in the residence. The victim deputy succumbed to his injury while at the hospital. The 27-year-old suspect, who had a felony warrant and was known to have a mental illness, had a criminal history that included a sex offense and a weapons violation.

A 46-year-old police corporal and a 27-year-old police officer were shot and killed while responding to a disturbance one winter afternoon. The corporal, a veteran of law enforcement with 19 years' experience, and the officer, also a veteran of law enforcement with 5 years' experience, arrived at the scene and contacted the suspect involved in the disturbance. The officer's body camera footage showed that as the corporal and the officer attempted to arrest the suspect, he resisted and pulled a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun from the waistband of his pants. The suspect shot the corporal and the officer at close range. The corporal was fatally struck in the rear head, side head, and front upper torso/chest as the round entered through the armhole or shoulder area of his body armor vest. The officer, who was also wearing body armor, returned fire but was struck in the rear head and in the arms/hands. The suspect then stole the corporal's patrol vehicle and fled the scene. Officers in the area located the vehicle and attempted to stop it but were unsuccessful. As he fled, the suspect fired multiple shots at the pursuing officers. The suspect crashed the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect attempted to steal another vehicle, but an officer used his vehicle to block the suspect's escape. The suspect fired through the windshield of the officer's vehicle, wounding him in the face. At that time, a police captain arrived and exchanged gunfire with the suspect, striking and incapacitating him. The suspect was later pronounced dead. The 27-year-old police officer succumbed to his injuries the following day. The officer who had been wounded in the face was treated for his injury. The 40-year-old suspect was known for assaulting/threatening law enforcement officers and had a criminal history that included aggravated assault, assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest, robbery, and a weapons violation.

On a spring morning, a 34-year-old deputy sheriff was killed while answering a call for service relating to an active shooter incident and vehicular pursuit. Dispatch informed deputies that officers from a nearby police department were involved in a high-speed pursuit. The pursuit began when an individual waved a firearm outside a gas station in a nearby town. The suspect led the officers out of town. As they approached the county line, the suspect waved the firearm out the sunroof of his vehicle. The veteran deputy, who had 7 years of law enforcement experience, radioed that he was located near the county line and was in position to deploy a tire deflation device to stop the fleeing suspect. The suspect fired his weapon out the back window of his vehicle at the pursuing officers, and an officer in charge authorized the deployment of the tire deflation device. Over the radio, the deputy acknowledged that he could see the suspect vehicle approaching. Moments later, the deputy stopped responding to status checks; the suspect had struck the deputy with his vehicle. Officers from the nearby police department radioed that the deputy was down and requested immediate medical

assistance. By this time, multiple officers were on scene and took the suspect into custody. Despite life-saving measures, the deputy died at the scene. The 22-year-old suspect, who was wearing body armor and was wanted on a felony warrant, was arrested and charged with two counts of Murder, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding.

Northeast

On an early winter evening, two police officers were shot and killed while responding to a report of a domestic disturbance at an apartment. Three officers responded to the call and spoke with the complainant in the living room. Body camera footage shows that two of the officers, who were both wearing body armor, walked down a hallway to speak to the subject, who was in a bedroom at the rear of the apartment. The subject exited the bedroom and began firing shots from a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The 22-year-old officer, who had more than 1 year of law enforcement experience, was struck and immediately fell to the ground. The second officer in the line, who was 27 years old and had more than 3 years' experience, retreated to the living room, removed his firearm from its holster, and fired a shot in the direction of the subject. Moments later, a round also struck the second officer. The third officer took cover in the kitchen. The subject walked down the hallway and when he came into view of the officer positioned in the kitchen, the officer fired two shots and fatally wounded the subject. The two injured officers later succumbed to their wounds. The 47-year-old subject had a criminal history that included a drug law violation and a weapons violation.

South

A 27-year-old corporal was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance on an early spring morning. The corporal, who was a veteran officer with more than 6 years of experience, and other officers arrived at the residence in clearly marked, department-issued patrol vehicles. When officers arrived, they saw an individual sitting in a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence. As they were detaining the individual, a subject fired one round from a 5.56x45 mm semiautomatic rifle at officers from a bedroom on the second floor of the residence. The round, fired from approximately 30 feet away, struck the corporal in the neck/throat above his body armor. Body cameras on the victim corporal and the assisting officers, as well as a dash camera on one or more of the patrol vehicles, captured the incident. As officers were placing the victim corporal into a marked patrol vehicle for transport, the subject fired another shot but did not hit any law enforcement officers or vehicles. Officers took the corporal to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Meanwhile, the subject barricaded himself in a bedroom with his wife and minor daughter. Camera footage obtained from inside the bedroom showed that the subject avoided the open window so law enforcement officers would not see him. Negotiators spoke with the subject, and he allowed his wife to leave the residence with the child and the rifle. While tactical teams were securing the perimeter of the residence, the subject fired a single gunshot inside the residence. Officers entered the residence and located the subject; he had died by suicide.

The 36-year-old subject, who had a previous criminal history record that included domestic violence, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident.

On a spring day, a corporal in a sheriff's office in the south succumbed to injuries he received nearly 6 years earlier when he responded to a call for service. On a summer morning in 2016, the then-41-year-old corporal was one of several officers who responded to a call about a subject carrying a rifle near a shopping plaza. (The state had a gun law allowing open carry at the time.) Using the front of a building as cover, the subject pivoted around the corner, saw officers approaching, and opened fire with a .223-caliber semiautomatic rifle, killing two police officers and a deputy sheriff. The assailant shot and wounded another police officer who had pulled up to the front of the building. The suspect then retreated toward his vehicle and used businesses and nearby woods for cover. The veteran corporal, who had nearly 18 years of law enforcement experience, responded to reports of an officer down at the scene. The corporal spotted the suspect's car and had just returned to his patrol vehicle to run the license plate of the suspect's vehicle when he was shot in his arms/hands, in the side of his head, and in the front lower torso/abdomen. The victim corporal was wearing body armor, but a round entered below his vest. The suspect then shot and wounded a deputy who had responded to the scene with the victim corporal. SWAT team members arrived, and using patrol vehicles as cover, shot and killed the 29-year-old suspect. A subsequent investigation revealed that the subject intended to attack and kill more officers at a nearby police headquarters. The severely wounded victim corporal remained hospitalized from the time of the incident until his death.

A 62-year-old deputy constable was shot and killed during the afternoon hours of a winter day while responding to a disturbance at a local shopping mall. The victim officer, a veteran of law enforcement with nearly 10 years of experience, was off duty but acting in an official capacity when he was found deceased in a clothing store with multiple gunshot wounds to his head. During the altercation, the subject took the officer's duty weapon and shot him. Responding officers entered the mall and located the suspect, who was carrying a knife and coming from the second floor. When the subject refused to comply with voice commands from the officers and began to charge at them, the officers discharged their firearms and struck the suspect. The suspect fell, got up, and again attempted to flee. The responding officers then used an electronic control weapon and handcuffed him. The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

A 41-year-old deputy first class was fatally shot after being dispatched to help locate a wanted subject. On a late spring evening, two deputies reported to a designated area but were unable to find the subject. One deputy continued patrolling and the other remained in the vicinity where he soon observed the subject near an apartment complex. When the deputy pulled his patrol vehicle into the parking lot, the subject fled on foot. The deputy, a veteran of law enforcement with 16 years' experience, exited his vehicle and began chasing the subject toward the woods behind the complex. The deputy contacted dispatch, removed his electronic control device from its holster, and called out

commands to the subject. As the subject reached the wood line, he turned and fired three rounds from a modified 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. Two of the rounds hit the deputy, one in the shoulder (upper torso) area and one in the front of his head. The deputy was wearing body armor with an attached body camera at the time of the assault. The suspect continued to flee into the woods. One of several responding deputies dragged the victim deputy back from the wood line to a tree closer to the complex and requested medical assistance. The victim deputy was transported to a nearby medical facility, but he succumbed to his gunshot wounds. Eventually, law enforcement convinced the suspect to exit the woods and surrender. The 20-year-old suspect was on parole and had a felony warrant at the time of the incident. He was arrested and charged with Murder, Firearm Use During Felony, Assault Weapon Magazine Use, Loaded Handgun on Person, Knowingly Alter Firearm ID Number, Regulated Firearm Illegal Possession, Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction, Burglary, and Rifle Shotgun Possession After Conviction of Disqualifying Criminal Offense.

West

In the afternoon during the spring, a 41-year-old officer was shot and killed after conducting a self-initiated activity and attempting to handcuff an offender. The officer, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, was at a café when he observed a subject outside who appeared to be placing firearms into a vehicle. The officer activated his body camera and left the café. As he did so, the officer informed dispatch that he was approaching a suspicious person. The officer approached the subject, talked with him, and asked for identification and if the subject had a gun on his person. The subject denied having a gun on him and gave the officer his ID. When the officer checked the suspect's identification, he discovered that the suspect had an active arrest warrant. The officer asked dispatch to check if the originating agency still wanted the warrant served and if the subject was a convicted felon. The subject admitted to the officer that he was a convicted felon. The officer informed the subject that he was not free to leave. The subject became agitated and made movements toward the open vehicle doors where the firearms were located, despite being told numerous times to stop. The officer attempted to arrest the suspect and place handcuffs on him, but he resisted. During the struggle, the pair fell to the ground. The suspect drew an illegally modified 9 mm semiautomatic handgun from a concealed shoulder holster and fired two rounds at the officer. The officer's body armor stopped the rounds from penetrating his shoulder (upper torso) area and front lower torso/abdomen. The suspect then fired three rounds that fatally struck the officer on the side of his head. The suspect stood up, dropped the handgun, and got in his vehicle. The suspect drove the vehicle over the fallen officer and fled the scene. Other officers arrived at the scene and attempted to resuscitate the fallen officer but were unsuccessful. Other responding officers initiated a vehicular pursuit, which ended when the suspect crashed. The 50-year-old suspect was arrested and charged with First-Degree Murder, Second-Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver.

In the early evening hours of a late summer day, a 39-year-old deputy sheriff was shot and killed while answering a dispatch of shots fired in a residential area. The veteran deputy, who had 8 years of law enforcement service, arrived at a neighborhood where the sound of shots, a female being shot, and another woman fleeing the scene of the shots

had all been reported. As the deputy and an assisting deputy arrived, a witness directed them to a nearby residence. The deputy drove to the house, parked, and exited the vehicle as the assisting deputy parked directly behind him. Body camera footage shows the deputy began to make his way to an apparent victim when shots were fired from a large glass window in the residence. The window had a mirrored covering that prevented seeing into the house. The victim deputy was struck 15 times and wounded in the side of the head, the front and rear upper and lower torso, the arms and hands, and the front and rear of the legs. Rounds from the .233-caliber semiautomatic rifle penetrated the deputy's body armor. The assisting deputy had taken cover behind a nearby tree and immediately fired 3 shots at the residence from which the fatal shots had been fired. The 32-year-old suspect had built a shooting perch next to the window, and as the return fire hit a wall behind him, the suspect took his own life with the same rifle he used to shoot the victim deputy.

A 49-year-old police officer was shot and killed in the early morning hours in autumn while answering a domestic disturbance call. Body camera footage shows the veteran officer, who had 23 years of law enforcement experience, and his partner attempted to contact the subject as he was sitting in his vehicle at an intersection. Almost immediately, the subject presented a firearm and opened fire. The victim officer, who was wearing body armor, was struck in the front lower torso/abdomen. A civilian was also struck by the suspect's bullets. The subject drove off, and the other officer exchanged gunfire with the subject and contacted dispatch. The injured officer succumbed to his injuries while being transported to a hospital. Other officers stopped the subject approximately 3 miles from the incident, but he refused to exit his vehicle. Officers deployed a K-9 unit to aid in his arrest.

US Territory

On a waterway during an early morning in the fall, a 44-year-old federal agent was shot and killed during an investigative activity on a drug-related matter. The veteran agent, who had 6 years of law enforcement experience, was on a watercraft with other officers conducting surveillance activity on a watercraft believed to have narcotics onboard. Shortly after the federal vessel arrived on scene, an agent radioed dispatch that three agents had been wounded in an exchange of gunfire with occupants of the watercraft under surveillance. Multiple federal agencies responded. The victim agent, who was wearing body armor, was shot in the neck/throat, arms/hands, front of the legs, and fatally in the front of his head. Agents on the scene administered advanced-level first aid, but the agent succumbed to his injuries the same day. Assisting agents fired an unknown number of rounds at the suspect, killing him. Following the incident, investigators discovered the 32-year-old suspect used the watercraft's center console as cover and had fired rounds from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.