

Latest Memorial Fund Fatalities Report

2016 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Report

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, as of July 20, 2016, sixty-seven federal, state and local law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty this year, increasing eight percent over the 62 officers killed in the same period last year. We've also found an alarming 78 percent spike in firearms-related officer fatalities, many of which were ambush-style killings.

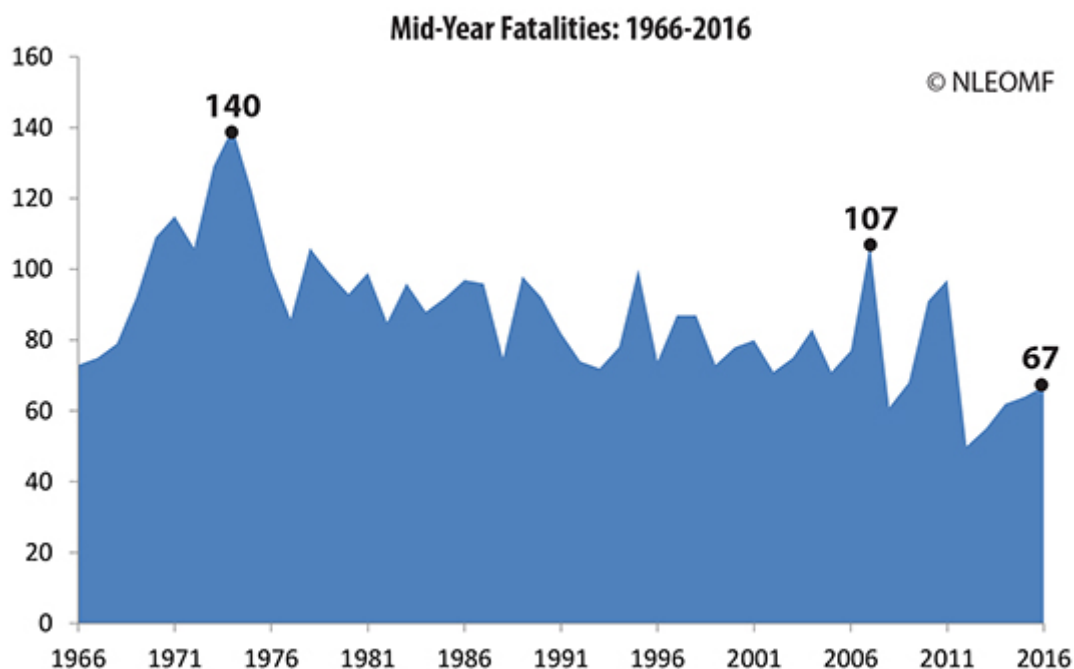
The full Mid-Year Fatalities Report is available below. To schedule an interview with an expert, contact Steve Groening, Senior Director of Communications & Marketing, at (202) 737-7135, or via email at steve@nleomf.org.

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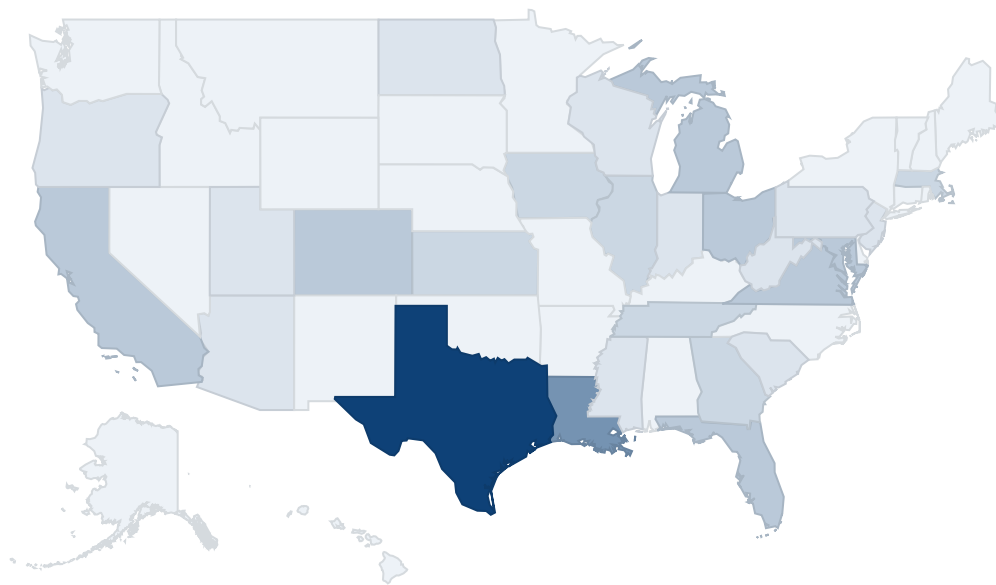
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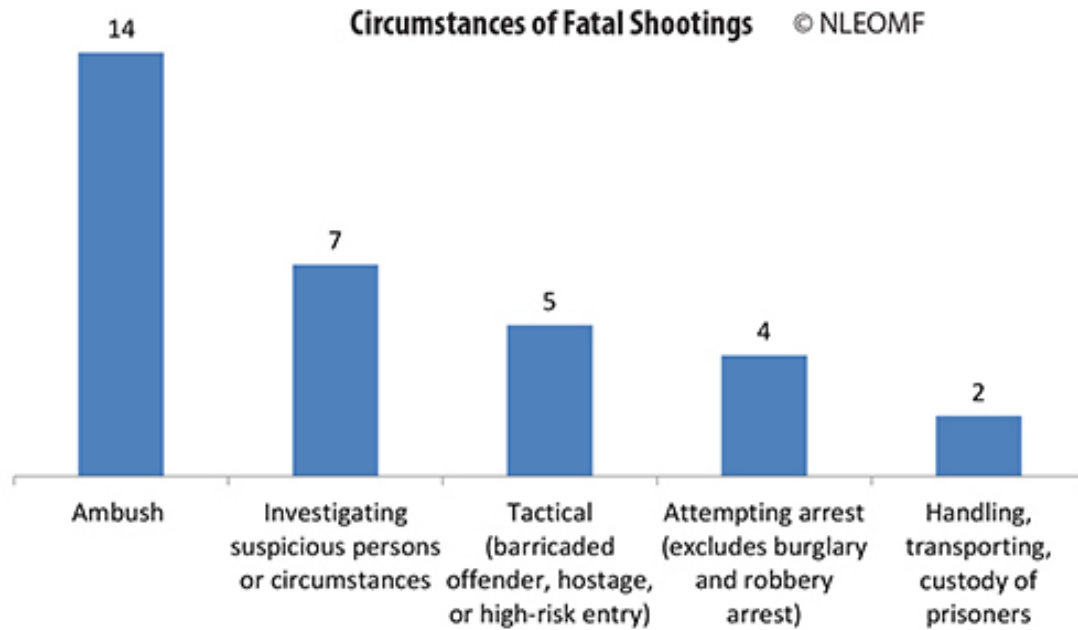
Thirty-two officers have been killed in firearms-related fatalities this year, a dramatic increase of 78 percent, compared to 18 deaths during the same period last year. Traffic-related fatalities were the second leading cause of officer deaths, with 24 officers killed thus far in 2016. This represents a 17 percent decrease over the 29 officers killed in traffic-related incidents during the same period last year.

Fatalities by State

More officers were killed in Texas (13) than any other state. Louisiana lost seven officers during the period. California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio and Virginia all lost three officers thus far in 2016. Three federal officers were also killed in the line of duty in 2016. Six states lost two officers and eleven states lost one officer. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia did not lose an officer in the first half of this year.



Of the 32 firearms-related cases, 14 were the result of an ambush-style attack carried out upon unsuspecting officers, compared to three in the same period in 2015. Seven of the cases involved officers stopping a suspicious person. Five officers were killed while executing tactical arrests or high-risk warrants. Four officers were killed while attempting to arrest suspects and two officers were killed while handling or transporting prisoners.



For the first time in three years, traffic-related fatalities were not the leading cause of law enforcement deaths during the first half of the year. There have been 24 traffic-related incidents in 2016, compared to 29 over the same period last year, a 17 percent decrease. Of the 24 traffic-related incidents, 13 were automobile crashes involving a collision with another vehicle, five officers were struck while on the side of the road, four were motorcycle crashes and two were single-vehicle crashes.

Circumstances of Traffic-related Fatalities

