

California Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted 1990-2004 (Abridged)



Table A1 1990-2004 Summary

| Time Periods | Total Officer Deaths | Felonious Officer Deaths | Accidental Officer Deaths | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Accidental | % of Total Deaths | Total Driver-Related | % of Accidental Deaths |
| 1990-1994 | 54 | 31 | 23 | 42.6% | 7 | 30.4% |
| 1995-1999 | 66 | 33 | 33 | 50.0% | 10 | 30.3% |
| 2000-2004 | 60 | 23 | 37 | 61.7% | 12 | 32.4% |
| Totals | 180 | 87 | 93 | | 29 | |

Table A2 Accidental Officer Deaths by Category & Time Period

| Category | 1990-1994 | 1995-1999 | 2000-2004 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Patrol Vehicle Collisions (Driver) | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Patrol Vehicle Collisions (Officer Passenger Death) | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Patrol Vehicle Collisions – Struck from Behind While Issuing Citation | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pedestrian Officer Struck by Traffic | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| Motorcycle Patrol Collisions | 8 | 4 | 11 |
| Aerial Collisions | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Accidental Shooting | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Heart Attack | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Rescue Drowning | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Pedestrian Officer Struck by Train | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Patrol Vehicle Struck by Object | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fire | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendly Fire | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Industrial | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Training | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Time Period Totals | 23 | 33 | 37 |



Table A3 1990-1994 Vehicle Driver Summary

| Officer | Age | Experience (Years) | Time of Incident | Responding to Call? | Collision | Speed | Seat belt? | Additional Incident Detail |
|---------|-----|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|------------|--|
| 1 | 33 | 11 | ? | Y | N | Y | Y | Was not able to negotiate corner, slid off road & struck tree broadside |
| 2 | 37 | 16 | ? | N | N | Y | Y | Pursuing drunk driver, lost control & struck bridge barrier sideways |
| 3 | 41 | 6 | ? | Y | Y | Y | Y | Drove through four-way stop, struck another vehicle broadside |
| 4 | 35 | 3 | ? | Y | N | Y | Y | Lost control at corner and railroad crossing, slid off road into concrete power pole |
| 5 | 38 | 12 | ? | Y | Y | Y | Y | Oncoming car drove across lane, officer overcorrected & was struck by another car |
| 6 | 42 | 7 | ? | N | Y | N | Y | Rear-ended flat bed truck at windshield level; possible officer fatigue |
| 7 | 26 | 1 | ? | N | Y | Y | Y | Vehicle was struck broadside by speeding, drunk driver who ran red light |

Table A4 1995-1999 Vehicle Driver Summary

| Officer | Age | Experience (Years) | Time of Incident | Responding to Call? | Collision | Speed | Seat belt? | Additional Incident Detail |
|---------|-----|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|------------|--|
| 1 | 48 | 27 | 0740 | N | Y | N | Y | Vehicle was struck head-on by oncoming car that crossed over traffic lines |
| 2 | 36 | 4 | 1940 | Y | N | Y | Y | Failed to negotiate a curve, lost control & drove off cliff |
| 3 | 25 | 3 | 0500 | Y | Y | Y | N | Made lane change, struck vehicle, hit divider |
| 4 | 30 | 3 | 1106 | N | Y | N | Y | Vehicle was struck head-on by car attempting to pass traffic in opposite direction |
| 5 | 27 | 3 | 0102 | N | N | N | Y | At end of shift, officer drifted off road and struck bridge abutment |
| 6 | 26 | 2 | 2156 | Y | Y | Y | N | Struck DUI driver broadside leaving business parking lot |
| 7 | 39 | 17 | 0310 | Y | N | N | Y | Drove off washed-out, unlighted road into a rushing river |
| 8 | 27 | 2 | ? | Y | N | Y | N | Lost control of car, passenger officer survived wearing seatbelt |
| 9 | 28 | 8 | 1850 | N | Y | Y | Y | Vehicle struck at intersection with broken traffic controls by driver on drugs |
| 10 | 31 | .75 | 0705 | Y | N | Y | N | Failed to negotiate turn on dirt road & hit canal embankment |

Table A5 2000-2004 Vehicle Driver Summary –

| | Officer | Age | Experience (Years) | Time of Incident | Responding to Call? | Collision | Speed | Seat belt? | Additional Incident Detail |
|----|---------|-----|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|------------|---|
| 1 | 26 | 5 | 0230 | Y | N | Y | Y | | Failed to negotiate turn, ran off road and struck fixed object |
| 2 | 37 | 6 | 2335 | Y | N | Y | Y | | Lost control of vehicle and collided with tree |
| 3 | 45 | 22 | 0230 | N | N | Y | Y | | Engaged in enforcement action, lost control, collided with guardrail and flipped over |
| 4 | 51 | 12 | 2254 | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Initiated u-turn on highway and was struck by commercial vehicle |
| 5 | 36 | 12 | 0659 | N | N | Y | Y | | Attempting to overtake speeding car, lost control at off-ramp, struck tree & overturned |
| 6 | 38 | 2 | 2230 | Y | Y | Y | Y | | At intersection, struck another patrol vehicle responding to same call |
| 7 | 45 | ? | 0430 | N | N | Y | Y | | Drifted off road for unknown reason and struck tree |
| 8 | 27 | 2 | ? | N | Y | Y | Y | | During unknown pursuit of outside agency, struck by pursued vehicle at intersection |
| 9 | 49 | 20 | 1930 | N | Y | Y | Y | | Vehicle was struck head-on by car attempting to pass traffic in opposite direction |
| 10 | 66 | 21 | 2140 | N | N | Y | N | | Attempting to stop speeding car, lost control at turn, struck large rock & rolled car |
| 11 | 47 | 25 | 1115 | Y | Y | Y | Y | | At intersection, other vehicle failed to yield, cars collided and hit tree |
| 12 | 35 | 4 | 1635 | Y | N | Y | N | | Lost control of vehicle, left roadway, overturned car and was ejected |



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