

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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