

# POLICE WEEK 2019

**In 1962,** President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park with approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in planned events which honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, nationwide, 167 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty during 2018. MCSA member offices lost eight officers and two K9 service dogs serving their communities. Please pause to remember our fallen officers, their families and co-workers and the ultimate sacrifice they gave to protect us.



**DEPUTY SHERIFF  
DANIEL ALEXANDER  
MCCARTNEY**

PIERCE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WA  
END OF WATCH: MONDAY,  
JANUARY 8, 2018

Deputy Sheriff Daniel McCartney was shot and killed after responding to a burglary in progress near 45th Avenue Court East and 200th Street East, in Frederickson, at approximately 11:30 pm. Deputy McCartney was the first officer on scene and

became engaged in a foot pursuit of at least one subject. The man opened fire on Deputy McCartney, mortally wounding him. Deputy McCartney was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center where he passed away at approximately 2:00 am. One subject was found dead at the scene. A second subject was arrested the following day after a massive manhunt.

Deputy McCartney was a U.S. Navy veteran. He had served with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for three years and had previously served with the Hoquiam Police Department for six years. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

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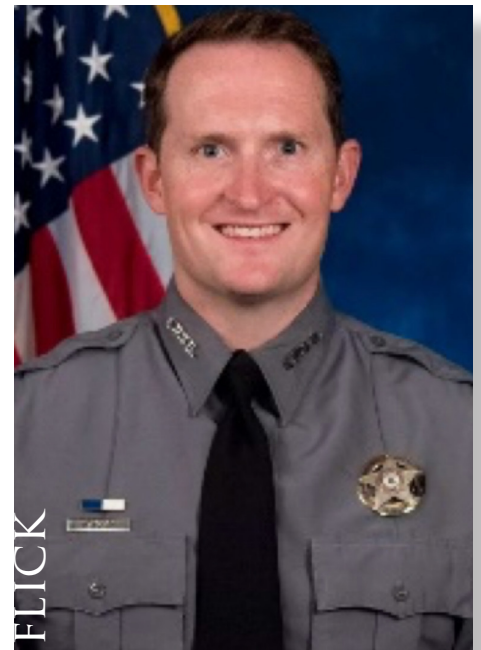
**DETECTIVE  
MICAH LEE FLICK**

EL PASO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CO  
END OF WATCH: MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Detective Micah Flick was shot and killed while conducting an auto theft investigation in the area of Galley Road and N Murray Boulevard, in Colorado

Springs, at approximately 4:00 pm. Several officers attempted to take a suspect into custody, but the suspect began to struggle and then opened fire, fatally wounding Detective Flick and wounding two other deputies, a Colorado Springs police officer, and a bystander. The suspect was shot and killed by return gunfire.

Detective Flick was killed on his 11th anniversary with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife and 7-year-old twins.





**DEPUTY SHERIFF  
STEVEN EDWARD  
BELANGER**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CA  
END OF WATCH:  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Deputy Sheriff Steve Belanger succumbed to a gunshot wound sustained on December 10th, 1994, when he was ambushed while conducting a traffic stop in the 18400 block of La Guardia Street in Rowland Heights. He had recognized the driver of the vehicle as being wanted for a previous assault. As he searched the two occupants of the car, one of the occupant's friends rode up behind Deputy Belanger on a skateboard and shot him in the back of the head. The shooter fled the scene and committed suicide about one hour later. Doctors were unable to remove the bullet from Deputy Belanger's brain. He remained under constant medical care and confined to a wheelchair until passing away on February 6th, 2018.

Deputy Belanger had served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for seven years. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

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**DEPUTY SHERIFF  
KEVIN JAMES STANTON**

BREVARD COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FL  
END OF WATCH:  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018



Deputy Sheriff Kevin Stanton was killed when his patrol car was struck by a tractor-trailer on I-95, just north of Route 50, at approximately 5:10 am. The tractor-trailer suffered a tire blow-out, causing the driver to lose control and swerve into the left lane where Deputy Stanton was driving. Deputy Stanton's patrol car then struck the rear of the semi.

Deputy Stanton had served with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for 10-1/2 years.



**POLICE OFFICER  
LANCE CHRISTIAN  
WHITAKER**

JACKSONVILLE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FL  
END OF WATCH:  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

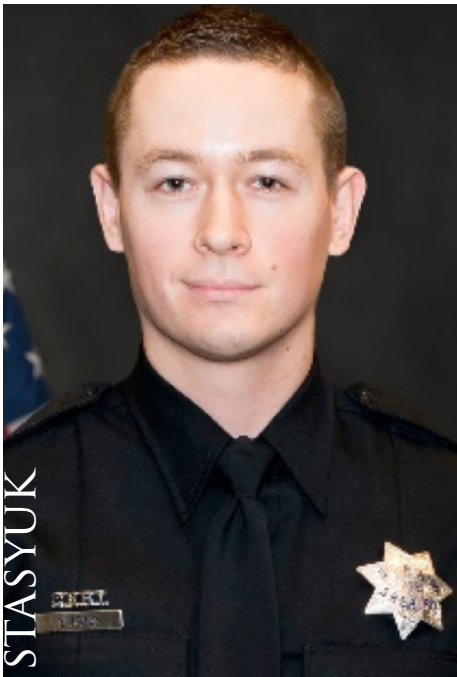
Police Officer Lance Whitaker was killed in a single-vehicle crash on northbound I-295, near Alta Drive, at approximately 4:30 a.m. He was responding to another accident scene on the interstate when his vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree.

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**DEPUTY SHERIFF  
MARK V. STASYUK**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CA  
END OF WATCH:  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Deputy Sheriff Mark Stasyuk was shot and killed at approximately 1:50 pm as he and another deputy responded to a disturbance call at an auto parts store at 10899 Folsom Boulevard.



A male subject opened fire on them without warning as they arrived on the scene, killing Deputy Stasyuk and wounding the other officers. Other responding deputies shot and wounded the suspect as he fled on foot. The shooter was then taken into custody.

Deputy Stasyuk had served with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for 4-1/2 years.

**SERGEANT  
RONALD LEE HELUS**

VENTURA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CA  
END OF WATCH:  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Sergeant Ron Helus was shot and killed after responding to an active shooter at a bar at 99 Rolling Oaks Drive in Thousand Oaks. When he arrived, Sergeant Helus heard gunfire coming from inside the bar, which was occupied by nearly 200 college students. He and a

California Highway Patrol officer immediately made entry into the bar and confronted the shooter, but Sergeant Helus was shot five times by the subject and severely wounded. The other officer was able to pull Sergeant Helus from the building and provided medical aid. Sergeant Helus was taken to a local hospital where he died from his wounds. Eleven citizens were also shot and killed in the incident, and numerous others were wounded. The suspect was later found dead inside the bar from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Sergeant Helus served with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for 29 years. He is survived by his wife and son.



**DEPUTY SHERIFF  
TONY HINOSTROZA, III**

STANISLAUS COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CA  
END OF WATCH:  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Deputy Sheriff Tony Hinostroza was killed in a vehicle crash as he responded to assist other deputies who were involved in a vehicle pursuit in Riverbank. The pursuit started after deputies had been called to check on the welfare of a subject who was sleeping behind the wheel of an SUV. As the deputies contacted the suspect, he accelerated away from them, leading them on a pursuit. As Deputy Hinostroza responded to assist in the pursuit, his vehicle left the roadway and struck a utility pole at the intersection of Claribel Road and Terminal Avenue. Rescue personnel were unable to resuscitate him at the scene. The subject involved in the vehicle pursuit fled on foot and fought with deputies after stop-sticks were successfully deployed. He was charged with his fourth DUI offense, felony evasion, and resisting arrest.

Deputy Hinostroza was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for 19 years.





### **K9 FANG**

JACKSONVILLE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FL  
END OF WATCH:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

K9 Fang was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend an armed carjacking suspect near I-10 and Commerce Center Parkway. The subject had stolen the vehicle at gunpoint approximately one hour earlier. When deputies located the vehicle on I-10, they requested a remote disable to be enacted. Once the vehicle was incapacitated, the driver fled into the nearby woods. K9 Fang was released to apprehend the suspect but was shot and killed. A second K9 apprehended the suspect moments later.

K9 Fang was a 3-year-old German Shepherd served as a patrol and explosives detection canine.



### **K9 CIGO**

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FL  
END OF WATCH:  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

K9 Cigo was shot and killed during the apprehension of an attempted-murder suspect at the Wellington Green Mall at 10300 Forest Hill Avenue. Investigators received information that two Latin King gang members wanted for attempted murder were meeting someone at the mall. The agency's tactical team deployed to the area and waited for the two suspects to exit the mall into the parking lot. As the team attempted an apprehension, one of the suspects opened fire with a .45 caliber handgun, killing K9 Cigo. Deputies returned fire and wounded the suspect. The second suspect was taken into custody without incident.

