



Officer Safety and Suicide

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LINE OF DUTY DEATHS 2016

Question?

How many officers died in the line of duty in the US in 2016?

A. 160

B. 140

C. 110

Answer?

B. 140

2015 - 130

2014 - 146

LINE OF DUTY DEATHS 2016

Question?

What as the leading cause of death of officers in 2016?

- A. Gunfire
- B. Auto Accidents
- C. Heart Attacks

Answer?

A. Gunfire (63)

Auto and Motor (30)

Heart Attacks (6)

Texas (19)

LINE OF DUTY DEATHS 2016

Question?

Which year in the last 10 years had the most officers die in the line of duty from gunfire?

- A. 2016
- B. 2011
- C. 2009

Answer?

B. 2011 (68)

2007 (67)

2016 (63)

LINE OF DUTY DEATHS 2016

Question?

What was the average age of officers who died of a on-duty heart attack in the past two years?

- A. 39
- B. 54
- C. 43

Answer?

C. 43

US Average for men is 66.

Of 23 on duty heart attacks 17 were younger than 50.

Most Common Sources of Police Liability/Injuries

Liability

Stops

Arrests

Searches

Forced entries

Use of force

Pursuit/Emergency

Driving

Injuries

Assaults (attacks, fights)

Car accidents (driving, seat belts)

Over-exertion (fitness)

Stress (fitness)

Prevention

Liability

Good Policies

Proper Training

Injuries

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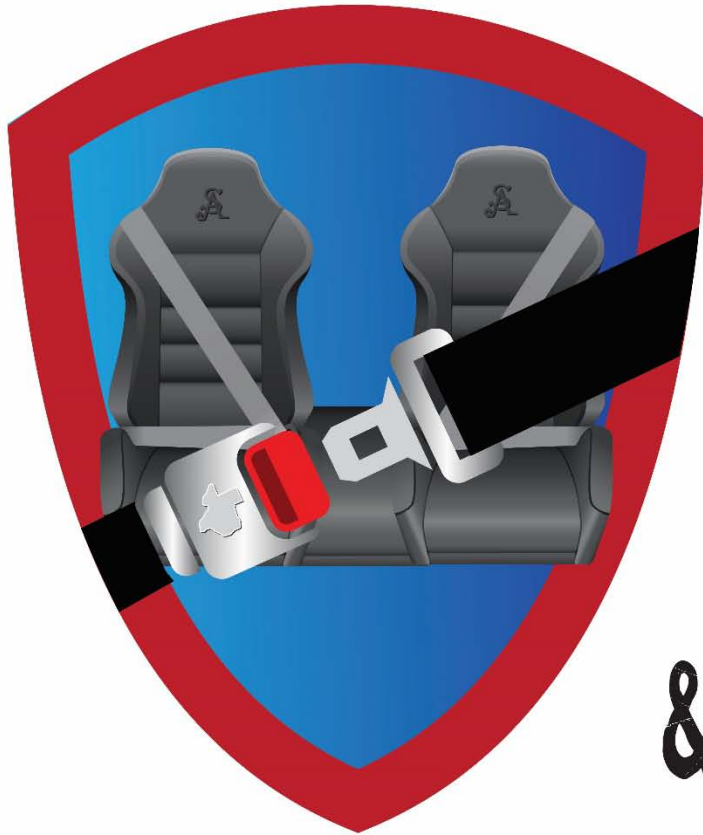
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Seatbelts



**BUCKLE DOWN
& STAY STRAPPED IN**

Seat Belt Statistics

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 2011 study concluded 50% of officers use seat belts down from 56% in the 1990's.

NHTSA Report
"Characteristics of Law Enforcement
Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Crashes"
January, 2011



Why not??

- Getting trapped in vehicle
- Uncomfortable with equipment
- Prevention of sudden attack
- Allows them to leave vehicle quickly in a traffic stop/emergency.



Seat Belts Statute



Texas Transportation Code §545.413. SAFETY BELTS; OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if:

- (1) the person:
 - (A) is at least 15 years of age;
 - (B) is riding in a passenger vehicle while the vehicle is being operated;
 - (C) is occupying a seat that is equipped with a safety belt; and
 - (D) is not secured by a safety belt.

Seat Belts

Statutory Exceptions

1. Note from the doctor that it would be dangerous to wear the belt.
2. US Postal Service
3. Delivering papers
4. Reading meters for utility company
5. Driver of farm vehicle
6. Driver of solid waste vehicle

NO EXCEPTION FOR THE POLICE