

# NHTSA 2025

# SECOND QUARTER REPORT

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) collects and analyzes fatal law enforcement crash data to track any emerging trends and to provide timely safety recommendations to the field.

**During the second quarter of 2025, traffic-related line of duty deaths continued to remain lower when compared to the same period in 2024.** In the first six months of 2024, there were a total of 27 reported traffic-related deaths. As of June 30, 2025, the overall number of reported traffic-related deaths is 14\*, representing a 48% decrease when compared to the first six months of 2024.

Traffic related fatalities have gone down in every category except motorcycle crashes. Through the second quarter of 2024, there were two motorcycle crashes, and in the same period of 2025 there have been three. Both fatal motorcycle crashes in 2024 came in the second quarter, while there was one motorcycle fatality in the second quarter of 2025.

## Fatal Law Enforcement Crashes Down by 48% in Second Quarter of 2025!

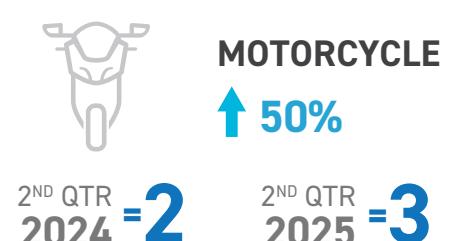
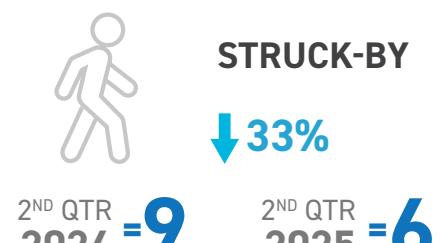
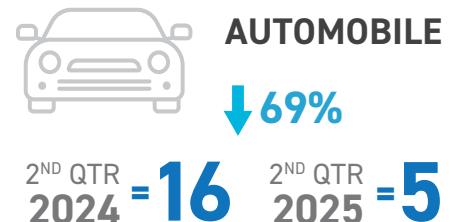
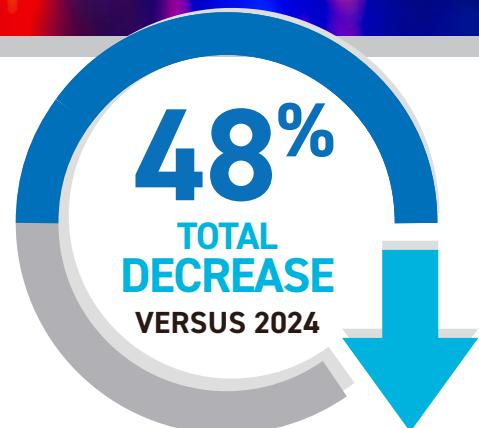
In comparison with the second quarter of 2024, the second quarter of 2025 saw a continued reduction in fatal automobile collisions and in single-vehicle crashes. So far this year, there have been five fatal vehicle collision crashes and no single vehicle fatalities compared to 12 fatal vehicle collisions and four single vehicle crashes in the same period of 2024.

This represents a 69% reduction in fatal law enforcement vehicle collisions and a 100% reduction in single-vehicle crashes when compared to the first six months of 2024.

The number of struck-by crashes was also down during the first six months of 2025. During the same period in 2024, there were nine fatal struck-by crashes compared to six in 2025. This represents a 33% reduction in struck-by crashes in 2025. One of the struck-by fatalities in 2025 involved a deputy being struck by an object coming off a passing truck. This case was counted as a struck-by, as the deputy was conducting a traffic stop, while a passing truck, that did not slow, lost its axel killing the deputy.

There was an additional fatal motorcycle crash in the second quarter of 2025, compared to two in 2024. This crash involved an officer who was escorting a funeral procession, when he was struck by a vehicle pulling out of the procession.

In the first six months of 2025, NHTSA Region 6 (Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas) led the nation, with five law enforcement traffic related fatalities. The state of California had three traffic-related fatalities in 2025.



Some preliminary analysis of the 2025 fatalities has revealed that in four of the crash cases the officers were on patrol when their crash occurred, while three involved pursuits, and three officers were killed as they diverted or directed traffic.

Three of the cases in 2025 appear to involve violations of that state's "Slow Down and Move Over" law.

On July 22, 2025, the NLEOMF, in cooperation with NHTSA and Whelen Engineering, will host a day long solutions-based traffic safety forum which will be held in the National Law Enforcement Museum. This event will be hosted for both in-person and virtual attendance.

## SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:



**Slow your speed and clear intersections**



**Wear your seat belt and body armor.**



**Use a passenger side approach, away from the traffic side of the stopped vehicle.**

*\* The Texas case involving the deputy struck by a debris from a passing truck is not currently counted under traffic, as the cause of death was blunt force trauma, not a direct impact from a vehicle. It is counted in this report, because the circumstance is related to traffic, and traffic enforcement and may involve a failure to slow down and move over.*



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# OFFICIAL LINE-OF-DUTY FALLEN HEROES

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### DEPUTY MELISSA POLLARD

E.O.W. 4/9/2025  
Wood County (TX) Sheriff's Office

Involved in a crash with a tractor trailer while on patrol.



### CAPTAIN HELIO ARMANDO GARCIA III

E.O.W. 4/16/2025  
South Fulton Police Department (GA)  
Killed in head-on crash while on patrol.



### SERGEANT SHIOU DENG

E.O.W. 6/23/2025  
Los Angeles Police Department (CA)  
Struck and killed by a passing motorist as he assisted at crash scene.

