



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DEATHS BY GUNFIRE HAVE INCREASED 68 PERCENT IN 2014 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD FOR 2013.

As of today (September 19, 2014), 85 officers have died in the line of duty, 37 of those by gunfire¹. Because of the rise in the number of officer deaths—especially those that have occurred as a result of gunfire—now, more than ever before, is the time to raise the awareness level of all our officers regarding their personal safety. The inherent dangers associated with law enforcement require that all officers be careful at all times, especially when responding to calls for service and when taking law enforcement action. These facts and figures serve to remind all of us of the challenges and dangers that you face each and every day.

The Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Web Portal provides access to officer safety resources for all levels of law enforcement. The portal is intended to serve as the information center for the VALOR Initiative, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Law enforcement practitioners can register for access to a restricted portion of the Web site. The restricted-access content provides information to promote officer safety and help prevent injuries and deaths to law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

¹ National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund
<http://www.nleomf.org/facts/officer-fatalities-data/>.

TODAY'S POINTS TO REMEMBER:

Awareness—Always maintain situational and environmental awareness.

Body armor—Always! Always! Always! Wear your body armor.

For additional information and to register for access to secure law enforcement information, please visit the U.S. Department of Justice, BJA, VALOR Web Portal at www.valorforblue.org or e-mail valor@iir.com.

For additional information regarding body armor, please visit www.ojp.gov/bvpbsi/.

For additional information regarding other available officer safety resources, please visit www.valorforblue.org/VALOR-Interest/Officer-Safety-Toolkit.

