



# **Ninth Report to the State of Maryland - Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer**

*Public Safety Article, § 3-507(e)*

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**RE: Report required by Public Safety Article § 3-507(e) (MSAR #15677) - 2023 Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer**

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

As required by § 3-507(e) of the Public Safety Article, please find an enclosed copy of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's report, titled *Ninth Report to the State of Maryland - Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer*. This report includes information, submitted by law enforcement, on qualifying cases that occurred between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy J. Lennig".

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# Introduction

In accordance with § 3-507(e) of the Public Safety Article, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office) must submit a report to the General Assembly by June 30 of each year, as it relates to the incidence of officer-involved civilian deaths and officer deaths in the line of duty. For the purpose of this report, § 3-507(b) of the Public Safety Article requires local law enforcement agencies to provide the information, from the previous calendar year, to the Office by March 1 of each year, on each officer-involved death and death in the line of duty that involved a law enforcement officer employed by the agency. Specifically, each agency must provide:

1. The age, gender, ethnicity, and race of a deceased individual;
2. The age, gender, ethnicity, and race of the officer involved;
3. A brief description of the circumstances surrounding the death;
4. The date, time, and location of the death; and
5. The law enforcement agency of the officer who:
  - a. Died, if the incident involved an officer who died in the line of duty; or
  - b. Detained, arrested, or was in the process of arresting the deceased, if the incident involved an officer-involved death.

Pursuant to its charge, this *Ninth Report to the State of Maryland - Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer* includes information on qualifying cases that occurred between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. It also provides a follow-up to several reports that were submitted in prior years. To view these reports, please visit the Office’s website at:

<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/reports-and-publications/>.

## Data Collection Methodology

This report includes data collected from Maryland law enforcement agencies for cases that occurred in calendar year 2023. It also provides information relating to the cases where individuals died when law enforcement officers were present or when a law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty.

It is important to note that Chapter 132 of 2021 (Senate Bill 600) established an independent investigative unit within the Office of the Attorney General to investigate all alleged or potential police-involved deaths of civilians. The unit, known as the Independent Investigations Division, also provides summary information for each investigated incident on its website at:

<https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IID/IID.aspx>. In addition, the Office receives

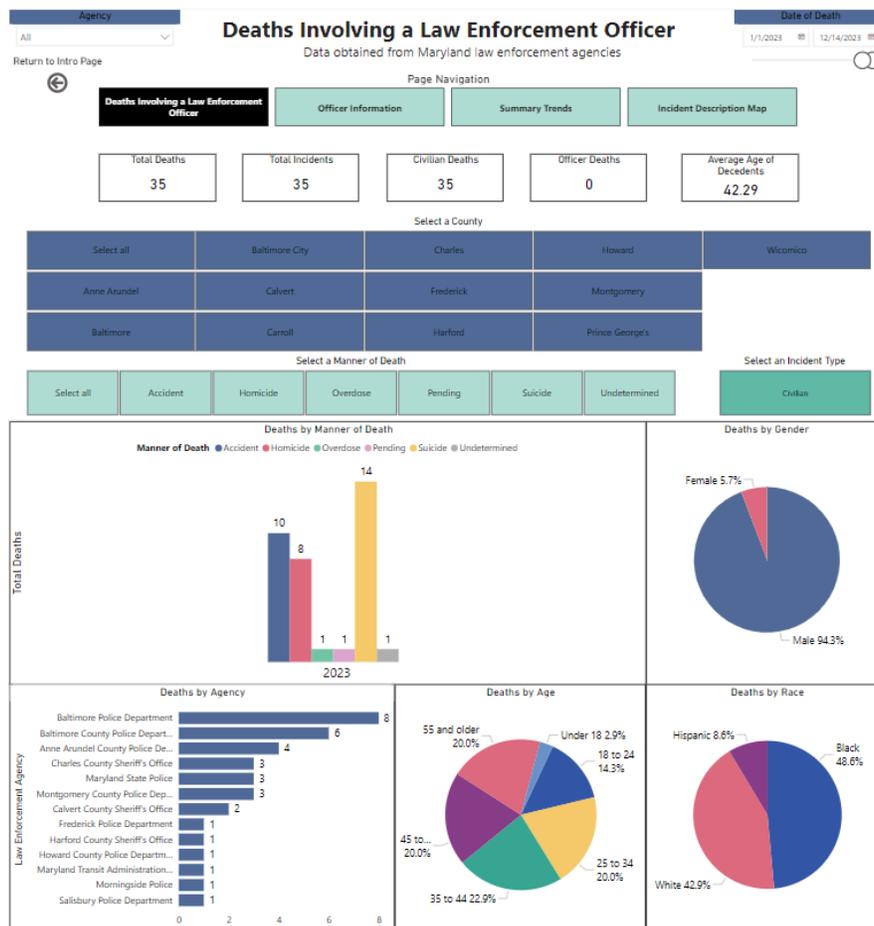
information from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to identify potential incidents. Given the detailed findings and analysis for each incident, this information is often used by the Office to complete cases with incomplete data.

## 2023 Findings

Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, there were a total of 35 qualifying cases that involved 35 civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer in Maryland. Of the 35 civilian deaths, 10 were accidental, eight were homicide, one was an overdose, one was pending, 14 were suicide, and one was undetermined. There were no officer deaths in the line of duty in 2023.

Please refer to the **Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer** data dashboard image, **Table 1. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer**, and **Table 2. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Incident Description** for a further breakdown of information on all incidents. For more information regarding the dashboard and its interactive capabilities, please visit the Office’s website at:

<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/data-dashboards/in-custody-deaths-dashboard/>.



**Table 1. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer**

2023 Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer														
The following information was supplied by law enforcement agencies and does not reflect the understanding or opinion of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.														
Case Identifier	Citizen Identifier	Officers Involved	Date of Death	Time of Death	Reporting Law Enforcement Agency	Event Location	County	Civilian Sex	Civilian Age	Civilian Race	Category/Manner of Death	Officer Sex	Officer Age	Officer Race
2023-01	23-01	2	1/12/2023	4:55 PM	Baltimore Police Department	1800 Orleans St, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	63	White	Homicide	Male	28	White
												Male	27	White
2023-02	23-02	1	1/24/2023	3:21 PM	Baltimore County Police Department	6911 Lachlan Cir., Baltimore, MD	Baltimore County	Male	29	Black	Suicide	Male	54	White
2023-03	23-03	1	2/8/2023	8:54 PM	Baltimore Police Department	1901 E. North Ave, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	54	Black	Accident	Male	35	Black
2023-04	23-04	1	3/3/2023	5:50 PM	Baltimore County Police Department	10700 Block of Pulaski Hwy, White Marsh, MD	Baltimore County	Male	37	White	Homicide	Male	38	White
2023-05	23-05	2	3/4/2023	7:09 PM	Frederick Police Department	1599 North East Street, Frederick, MD	Frederick County	Male	44	White	Homicide	Male	31	White
												Male	33	Asian
2023-06	23-06	1	3/6/2023	10:20 PM	Maryland State Police	613 E Elizabeth Street, Delmar, MD	Wicomico County	Male	23	Black	Suicide	Male	40	White
2023-07	23-07	1	3/15/2023	3:01 PM	Maryland State Police	Salisbury By Pass & MD 513, Salisbury, MD	Wicomico County	Male	73	White	Accident	Male	38	White
2023-08	23-08	2	3/23/2023	6:20 PM	Charles County Sheriff's Office	2000 Block of Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD	Charles County	Male	49	White	Overdose	Male	31	White
												Male	27	White
2023-09	23-09	2	3/26/2023	12:15 AM	Baltimore Police Department	5000 Block of Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Female	74	White	Accident	Male	24	White
												Male	31	White

2023-10	23-10	11	5/2/2023	8:07 AM	Calvert County Sheriff's Office	200 Farren Ave, Solomons, MD	Calvert County	Male	22	Black	Suicide	Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
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												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Female	Unknown	White
2023-11	23-11	4	5/20/2023	5:35 AM	Montgomery County Police Department	Northbound I-270, Rockville, MD	Montgomery County	Male	37	Black	Accident	Male	32	White
												Male	25	Black
												Male	30	Black
												Male	53	White
2023-12	23-12	1	5/20/2023	8:33 PM	Baltimore Police Department	3001 East Drive, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	28	Black	Suicide	Male	29	Other
2023-13	23-13	7	6/2/2023	8:04 AM	Salisbury Police Department	699 W. Salisbury Parkway, Salisbury, MD	Wicomico County	Male	64	White	Suicide	Male	31	White
												Male	42	White
												Male	34	White
												Male	27	White
												Male	28	White
												Male	44	White
Male	33	Black												
2023-14	23-14	1	6/4/2023	7:35 PM	Maryland State Police	1204 Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD	Carroll County	Male	52	White	Homicide	Male	36	White

2023-15	23-15	5	6/7/2023	4:09 PM	Baltimore County Police Department	4515 Deer Park Rd, Owings Mills, MD	Baltimore County	Female	34	Black	Suicide	Female	23	White
												Female	30	White
												Male	26	White
												Male	23	White
												Male	28	White
2023-16	23-16	8	6/8/2023	7:57 AM	Anne Arundel County Police Department	120 Gambrills Rd, Severn, MD	Anne Arundel County	Male	50	Black	Suicide	Male	28	White
												Male	25	White
												Male	32	White
												Male	57	White
												Male	27	White
												Male	26	White
												Female	28	Asian
Male	44	White												
2023-17	23-17	3	6/9/2023	7:15 PM	Howard County Police Department	Sanner Road near MD 32, Clarksville, MD	Howard County	Male	65	White	Accident	Male	46	White
												Male	27	White
												Male	33	Black
2023-18	23-18	1	6/21/2023	4:00 AM	Charles County Sheriff's Office	2000 Block of Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD	Charles County	Male	57	White	Accident	Male	27	White
2023-19	23-19	5	6/23/2023	11:14 AM	Baltimore County Police Department	103 E Timonium Rd, Timonium, MD	Baltimore County	Male	64	White	Suicide	Male	30	White
												Male	30	Black
												Male	37	White
												Male	40	White
2023-20	23-20	3	6/29/2023	2:07 PM	Charles County Sheriff's Office	Neds Ln & Mattawoman Beantown Rd, Waldorf, MD	Charles County	Male	34	Black	Accident	Male	40	White
												Male	37	White
												Male	36	Black

2023-21	23-21	5	6/29/2023	5:41 PM	Baltimore Police Department	100 N. Milton Avenue, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	40	Black	Homicide	Male	30	Hispanic
												Male	27	White
												Male	28	White
												Male	28	White
												Male	32	White
2023-22	23-22	3	7/15/2023	6:30 AM	Harford County Sheriff's Office	800 Candlelight Dr, Bel Air, MD	Harford County	Male	38	White	Suicide	Male	31	White
												Male	26	White
												Female	32	White
2023-23	23-23	1	7/22/2023	10:56 AM	Montgomery County Police Department	4303 Havard Street, Silver Spring, MD	Montgomery County	Male	19	Hispanic	Homicide	Male	24	Asian
2023-24	23-24	7	7/25/2023	4:55 PM	Maryland Transit Administration Police	200 Block of South Howard Street, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	29	White	Undetermined	Male	33	Black
												Male	26	White
												Female	39	Black
												Male	30	Black
												Male	26	White
												Male	37	Black
Male	35	Black												
2023-25	23-25	1	8/13/2023	1:40 PM	Morningside Police	Suitland Road and Allentown Road, Morningside, MD	Prince George's County	Male	44	Hispanic	Accident	Male	30	White
2023-26	23-26	1	9/11/2023	12:15 PM	Baltimore Police Department	2304 Pennsylvania Ave, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	49	Black	Suicide	Male	35	White
2023-27	23-27	3	10/5/2023	3:47 AM	Anne Arundel County Police Department	8178 Great Bend Road, Glen Burnie, MD	Anne Arundel County	Male	41	Black	Suicide	Male	30	Black
												Female	34	Black
												Male	34	Black

2023-28	23-28	7	10/5/2023	8:54 PM	Calvert County Sheriff's Office	Thomas Johnson Bridge, Solomons, MD	Calvert County	Male	40	White	Suicide	Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
												Male	Unknown	White
2023-29	23-29	3	10/23/2023	7:31 AM	Baltimore County Police Department	MD 439 and I-83, Parkton, MD	Baltimore County	Male	54	White	Suicide	Female	37	White
												Male	38	White
												Male	42	White
2023-30	23-30	4	11/7/2023	1:35 PM	Baltimore Police Department	2600 Block of Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	27	Black	Homicide	Male	28	White
												Male	28	White
												Female	30	White
												Male	32	White
2023-31	23-31	1	11/16/2023	11:42 PM	Baltimore Police Department	4900 E Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD	Baltimore City	Male	34	Black	Suicide	Male	36	Hispanic
2023-32	23-32	3	11/24/2023	11:33 PM	Baltimore County Police Department	2700 Block of Maple Avenue, Parkville, MD	Baltimore County	Male	52	Black	Homicide	Male	40	White
												Male	41	White
												Male	41	White
2023-33	23-33	2	12/7/2023	12:06 AM	Anne Arundel County Police Department	Fort Smallwood and Bar Harbor Roads, Pasadena, MD	Anne Arundel County	Male	22	Black	Accident	Male	26	White
												Male	28	Hispanic
2023-34	23-34	6	12/13/2023	10:42 PM	Montgomery County Police Department	Georgia Avenue and Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD	Montgomery County	Male	17	Hispanic	Accident	Male	46	White
												Male	41	White
												Male	31	White
												Male	28	Hispanic
												Male	26	White
												Male	24	Hispanic
2023-35	23-35	3	12/14/2023	9:10 PM	Anne Arundel County Police Department	900 Block of Waugh Chapel Way, Odenton, MD	Anne Arundel County	Male	21	Black	Pending	Male	28	White
												Male	32	White
												Male	26	Black

**Table 2. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Description**

The following information was supplied by law enforcement agencies and does not reflect the understanding or opinion of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

Case Identifier	Brief Description of Incident
2023-01	<p>On January 07, 2023, at approximately 1744 hours, Police Officer ██████████ and Police ██████████ responded to the Burger King located at 1241 Orleans Street for a reported person having a behavioral crisis inside the location. ██████████ was placed in handcuffs at approximately 1835 hours, and they then attempted to put him into a patrol car. ██████████ sat down in the car but would not place his feet inside the vehicle. He refused to cooperate with officers’ commands and at approximately 1840 hours tells officers he has something wrong with his neck and he cannot bend it. A Baltimore City Police Transport Wagon ██████████ arrived on the scene at 1921 hours. The transport vehicle leaves the scene at 1958 hours and arrived at Johns Hopkins Hospital at 2007 hours. Once at Johns Hopkins, ██████████ is assisted out of the vehicle and is placed into a wheelchair. ██████████ was taken to the emergency door of the hospital. At 2141 hours Johns Hopkins Security came out and wheeled ██████████ back into the psychiatric ward. Nurse Arciaga explained that to get the handcuffs off ██████████ Security Officers ██████████ lifted ██████████ out of the wheelchair he was seated in and placed him on a transfer board which was on a mat on the floor. Once on the floor the handcuffs were removed by Johns Hopkins Security. ██████████ stated that it was at this time that ██████████ could not move any of his body parts. ██████████ immediately called for assistance and ██████████ transferred to the orthopedic area for testing. ██████████ was transferred to the 3rd floor Neurosciences Critical Care Unit and is in critical condition. On January 13, 2023, at 1018 hours, Detective ██████████ advised that ██████████ had been pronounced deceased on January 12, 2023, at approximately 1655 hours. On Nov 1, 2023, ██████████ notified Sgt. ██████████ that Dr. ██████████ from the Medical Examiners Officers completed the autopsy of ██████████ and determined that his death is result of a Cervical Spine fracture to his neck and has been ruled a Homicide.</p>
2023-02	<p>A Suspect, being followed by the Baltimore City Police Aviation Unit helicopter for a past shooting, attempted a carjacking in Baltimore County that was stopped by a Baltimore City Detective assigned to the Regional Auto Theft Taskforce. The Suspect fled the scene and was pursued by police and subsequently initiated a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound.</p>
2023-03	<p>On February 8, 2023, several Baltimore Police Department (“BPD”) officers, including Officer ██████████, attempted to stop a stolen Hyundai Sonata driven by ██████████ on N. Patterson Park Ave. When ██████████ did not stop, officers pursued him toward the intersection of N. Wolfe St. and E. North Ave. in Baltimore ██████████ was standing at the southeast corner of the intersection when ██████████ drove the Sonata into the intersection and was struck by another car. The impact caused both vehicles to strike ██████████ before they collided with a nearby building, which partially collapsed on top of ██████████ and both cars ██████████ was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel.</p>
2023-04	<p>On January 31, at 6:07 a.m., detectives with the Baltimore County Police Department’s Criminal Apprehension Support Team (CAST) were in the 10700 Block of Pulaski Highway in White Marsh, at the Royal Farms store, conducting surveillance on a SUV occupied by ██████████ and Detectives were searching for both ██████████ and as they had outstanding warrants and were also separately wanted in connection with two shootings that had occurred in December 2022. Detectives attempted to perform a vehicle block and pin the SUV between their cars and the gas pump. The driver of the SUV, ██████████, maneuvered out of the block, and struck an unmarked, unoccupied police vehicle in front of him before continuing through the parking lot. One detective ██████████, discharged his firearm, striking ██████████ in the neck. The SUV continued traveling through a parking lot and struck an unrelated civilian vehicle, causing only property damage. ██████████ was taken to Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital. He died at the hospital on March 3.</p>
2023-05	<p>On 3/4/2023, Officers are dispatched to residence to locate a subject with an open warrant for his arrest. Officers received consent to enter the residence where they believed the suspect was and located him inside a closet and in possession of a knife. Officers attempted to gain time and distance by giving commands and moving away from the male. A second person inside the residence became uncooperative and resisted the officer’s attempt to remove them from danger which prevented the officers from leaving. The male charged the officers while holding the knife and was shot and killed. The Maryland Attorney General’s Office Independent Investigative Division (IID) was contacted, responded, and investigated the officer’s use of deadly force. They determined that the officer’s use of deadly force was necessary and proportionate to the threat of death or serious bodily injury when the suspect charged them while holding a knife.</p>
2023-06	<p>On March 6, 2023, at approximately 2152 hours, Sgt ██████████, assigned to the Easton Barrack, called out a traffic stop on a silver Toyota with Delaware registration ██████████ around eastbound Rt. 50 and the Vienna Scale house, Wicomico County, MD. At approximately 2153 hours, Sgt ██████████ said over the radio, “Shots fired. I’ve been shot.” The suspect vehicle was identified as a silver Prius occupied by three black males. Sgt. ██████████ did not have an MVR in his vehicle nor a BWC. During the investigation, it was learned that upon stopping the suspect vehicle for a speed violation, Sgt ██████████ conducted a passenger side approach. The driver of the vehicle reached across and shot him. Sgt. ██████████ returned fire, the driver fled, and later was discovered to have crashed with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.</p>

2023-07	<p>On March 6, 2023, at approximately 0728 hours, Corporal [REDACTED] Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP), Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED), was involved in a departmental collision that caused life threatening injuries to [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] succumbed to his injuries on March 15, 2023. At the time of the collision, [REDACTED] was assigned to the MDSP Crash Team. [REDACTED] traveled southbound on United States (U.S.) Route 13 south of St. Lukes Road, in Wicomico County, Maryland (MD). [REDACTED] operated MDSP patrol vehicle, crash 2, described as a 2020 Dodge Ram. Traffic was stopped on the roadway ahead of [REDACTED] location when he struck the rear of [REDACTED] vehicle, a Honda Ridgeline bearing Virginia (VA) registration [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] vehicle subsequently struck a 2007 Honda Accord, bearing MD registration [REDACTED], operated by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were transported to Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Hospital (THPRH) and later discharged. [REDACTED] was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center (UMSTC) by MDSP, Aviation Division, Trooper 4, for the treatment of serious injuries. [REDACTED] succumbed to his injuries at UMSTC.</p>
2023-08	<p>On March 23, 2023, at about 1820hrs, detectives with the Charles County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD on [REDACTED] regarding an ongoing narcotics investigation. As detectives contacted [REDACTED], he began to experience an unknown medical emergency. Narcan was administered, EMS called, and CPR started. [REDACTED] was transported to the hospital where he died. An autopsy was performed, and [REDACTED] manner of death was ruled accidental, and the cause of death was Acute combined Fentanyl, Despropionyl Fentanyl, Parafluro Fentanyl, Acrylfentanyl Intoxication.</p>
2023-09	<p>[REDACTED] died in the early morning of March 26, 2023, after the car in which she was a passenger crashed during a police pursuit in Baltimore City. [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED], was the driver and only other occupant of the car. BPD Officer [REDACTED] was driving the pursuing police cruiser; BPD Officer [REDACTED] was in the passenger seat of the cruiser. The pursuit began at the intersection of West North Avenue and Linden Avenue in Baltimore at approximately 11:50 p.m. on March 25. A nearby license plate reader had identified the [REDACTED] Chevrolet Cruze as the car connected to an attempted armed robbery in Westminster, Maryland, the night before. When officers attempted to pull the Cruze over, it fled through Baltimore for approximately eight-and-a-half minutes and eight miles, with Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] following behind. After approximately eight minutes, a BPD supervisor told the pursuing officers to "back off, ease off" and comply with BPD pursuit policies; Officer [REDACTED] turned off the cruiser's siren but continued following the Cruze. Less than a minute later, the Cruze crashed into a parked car and a tree in the 5000 block of Roland Avenue, in the Roland Park neighborhood of Baltimore City. Ms. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead on scene at 12:15 a.m. Mr. [REDACTED] was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.</p>
2023-10	<p>Dispatch notified law enforcement of a suicidal person driving around in a vehicle. Law enforcement officers located the vehicle and when they approached to assess the situation, the individual shot himself. The driver of the vehicle died due to his injury.</p>
2023-11	<p>At approximately 5:10 a.m. on May 20, 2023, Montgomery County Police Department ("MCPD") officers responded to a call reporting an unresponsive man inside an Infiniti coupe near Rockledge Blvd. in Bethesda, Maryland. Officers attempted to converse with the car's driver, later identified as [REDACTED]. When Mr. [REDACTED] woke up, he attempted to flee from the officers, and in response, they used their patrol cars to block the Infiniti in place and put tire deflation devices under the Infiniti's rear wheels. Mr. [REDACTED] eventually broke free of the blockade, pushing a police cruiser with the Infiniti and driving northbound on I-270. After an approximately two-minute pursuit, Mr. [REDACTED] crashed in the northbound I-270 express lanes just south of Route 28 due to his speed and damage caused by the tire deflation devices. During the crash, Mr. [REDACTED] was ejected from the Infiniti, which struck a bystander vehicle before coming to a stop. Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead on scene, and the occupants of the other vehicle were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.</p>
2023-12	<p>On 5/20/2023 at approximately 1856hrs this officer [REDACTED] received a call for service at 2437 Falls Road in reference to a possibly suicidal individual. Upon approaching the vehicle units observed it was unoccupied, Mr. [REDACTED] was discovered a short distance away by a barrier lining the perimeter of Druid Lake. Mr. [REDACTED] had a handgun pointed to his own head. Foxtrot was on scene monitoring the incident, SWAT and CRT units were also called to the scene. Orders for [REDACTED] to surrender himself were unsuccessful and Mr. [REDACTED] shot himself in the right side of his head. Units approached [REDACTED] to render the scene safe and provide aid. Mr. [REDACTED] was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma by Medic 16 where he was pronounced deceased by [REDACTED] at 2033hrs.</p>
2023-13	<p>Officers were called to a scene on West Salisbury Parkway where a subject pulled into a back lot and shot himself.</p>
2023-14	<p>On June 3, 2023, at approximately 2057 hours, troopers from the Westminster Barrack responded to a report of a suicidal subject at 1204 Liberty Road Apartment D in Sykesville Carroll County, Maryland. After the arrival of the barrack troopers, a standoff ensued with the suspect, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that he had a gun and would shoot police officers responding. Troopers arrived on the scene and Mr. [REDACTED] barricaded himself in his apartment. The standoff continued through the evening with [REDACTED] repeatedly coming outside with a knife, and later with a handgun. On June 4, 2023, at approximately 0655 hours, [REDACTED] exited his residence and pointed a pistol at Troopers. A Trooper fired one round from his issued rifle striking [REDACTED]. Medical aid was rendered and [REDACTED] was transported to Carroll Hospital Center where he was pronounced deceased.</p>
2023-15	<p>Police received a call for service at a local park of an individual who crashed their vehicle multiple times into a fire hydrant and was seen holding a gun and firing it indiscriminately. Officers arrived and, after setting up a perimeter around the vehicle, heard a gunshot coming from inside. After approaching the vehicle, it was determined that the individual had initiated a fatal, self-inflicted gunshot wound.</p>

2023-16	<p>On June 5, 2023, at approximately 1817 hours, officers responded to an unknown disturbance located in the 100 block of Gambrills Road in Severn. Upon arrival, officers found that a subject, later identified as [REDACTED], had locked the door to the residence and was destroying property and furnishings while an 80-year-old man was trapped in the house with [REDACTED]. Officers made entry to the house and removed the older man as [REDACTED] barricaded himself in the attic. While officers were trying to talk [REDACTED] into coming out, he set the attic and himself on fire. Once he was extracted from the burning home, officers, and later Fire Department medics, began rendering aid and transported Harvey to Johns Hopkins Bayview Trauma Center where he was treated for burns over 90% of his body.</p>
2023-17	<p>At approximately 1130 hours on Sunday, May 28, 2023, Howard County police officers were dispatched to a minor motor vehicle collision on Sanner Road near MD 32 in Clarksville, Howard County, Maryland. Pfc. [REDACTED] observed a W/M, identified as [REDACTED], sitting on a curb near an orange Toyota Tacoma with front end damage, and spoke to him as to what had occurred. Pfc. [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] was unable to stand without assistance, had trouble communicating, and said things that did not make sense. Pfc. [REDACTED] also observed [REDACTED] to have "a greenish and whitish powdery substance" in both nostrils, which is indicative of controlled substance usage by inhalation. [REDACTED] advised he was not injured and agreed to Standardized Field Sobriety testing. Pfc. [REDACTED] placed [REDACTED] under arrest at approximately 1223 hours for suspected driving under the influence of a controlled substance and transported him to MSP – Waterloo. [REDACTED] fell asleep during the transport and had to be woken up several times at the MSP barracks. [REDACTED], who advised he had both cancer and COPD, was unable to provide a sufficient breath sample on the Intoximeter device. Pfc. [REDACTED] contacted Cpl. [REDACTED], a certified Drug Recognition Expert, to respond. [REDACTED] stated he needed to use the restroom and Pfc. [REDACTED] escorted him, remaining outside the door. [REDACTED] lost his balance and fell inside the restroom, striking the side of his head on a metal object. Pfc. [REDACTED] assisted [REDACTED] in standing up and did not observe any injuries. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he needed an ambulance and [REDACTED] said no. Cpl. [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED] speech and movement to be slow and confused and asked Pfc. [REDACTED] about the possibility that [REDACTED] suffered from dementia. The decision was made to have the HCDFRS respond to the barracks and evaluate [REDACTED]. HCDFRS ultimately transported [REDACTED] to Howard County General Hospital for treatment. Pfc. [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] at HCGH and asked if he could provide his daughter with all the DUI arrest-related paperwork and explain everything to her, to which [REDACTED] agreed. Pfc. [REDACTED] then contacted [REDACTED] daughter, provided her with the paperwork, and explained the incident to her. [REDACTED] was left in the custody of HCGH medical personnel. The subject died in the hospital on June 9, 2023. No force was used in making the arrest, and the Internal Affairs Division did not investigate this incident.</p>
2023-18	<p>On June 21, 2023, at about 0400hrs, an officer with the Charles County Sheriff's Office was responding to a non-emergency call for service when he struck a pedestrian in the 2000 block of Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD. As a result of the collision, 57-year-old [REDACTED] died. At the time of the collision, it was 4AM (dark), raining and the deceased was wearing camouflage pants and a black jacket. The deceased was walking in the roadway, not in a designated crosswalk. An autopsy determined the cause of death was "multiple injuries" and manner accident. The toxicology report for the deceased indicated positive for Methadone and Citalopram. The deceased was not related to the call for service.</p>
2023-19	<p>Police received a call for service at a residence where an individual with long-standing medical issues told their significant other that they wanted to commit suicide. Officers arrived and, after setting up a perimeter around the residence, heard a gunshot coming from inside. After entry was made, it was determined that the individual had initiated a fatal, self-inflicted gunshot wound.</p>
2023-20	<p>On June 29, at approximately 2:00 p.m., officers with the Charles County Sheriff's Office ("CCSO") responded to the 11900 block of Acton Lane in Waldorf for reports of a woman being assaulted by a man in a parking lot and a possible carjacking. Officers were made aware that the man, who was not known to the woman, left the scene after stealing the woman's car. The first arriving officer spotted the woman's car being driven out of the parking lot and the officer followed. The male driver, later identified as [REDACTED], failed to stop when officers began pursuing him and led them on a pursuit for several minutes. While fleeing south on Mattawoman-Beantown Road, Mr. [REDACTED] lost control of the car, striking a curb. The car rotated before it struck a grass median, crossed into the northbound lanes of Mattawoman-Beantown Road, and then collided with a dump truck. Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead on scene. The dump truck driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital. The woman who was assaulted was taken to a local hospital also with minor injuries.</p>
2023-21	<p>On June 29, 2023, at approximately 1725 hours, Officers in an unmarked police vehicle observed Mr. [REDACTED] operating a Toyota Camry who they believed was wanted for attempted murder. Officer's lost sight of the vehicle. Another officer in the area observed Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle travel past him. That officer observed Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle stopped at the intersection of E. Fairmont and N. Milton Avenue. That officer pulled his vehicle next to Mr. [REDACTED] to approach, when Mr. [REDACTED] started shooting at him with a handgun. Mr. [REDACTED] started to travel down the sidewalk on foot carrying a black backpack and was observed dropping the magazine from the handgun and replacing it with a drum magazine. The officer went to engage Mr. [REDACTED] on foot when Mr. [REDACTED] started to shoot up the block at him. Additional officers arrived to assist at the opposite end of the block and Mr. [REDACTED] would turn around and shoot at them. Officers would return gunfire. During the exchange of gunfire Mr. [REDACTED] dropped his handgun and removed an assault pistol from his backpack. Mr. [REDACTED] was struck multiple times. Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 1741 hours on June 29, 2023.</p>

2023-22	<p>On July 14, 2023, at approximately 2315 hours, the Harford County Sheriff's Office was notified of an armed home invasion. The suspect was known to the victim and fled the location in a stolen vehicle. During the ensuing investigation, it was learned that the suspect was in the vicinity of an apartment building approximately eight miles from the original crime scene. On July 15, 2023, at 0613 hours, members of the Harford County Sheriff's Office responded to the immediate area of this apartment building. The suspect, upon observing Law Enforcement Personnel, fled on foot from the stolen vehicle. Deputies pursued the suspect on foot and followed him into an open courtyard, which led to a public roadway. The suspect, while running, removed a firearm from his person, pointed the firearm at his head, and fired a single projectile. The injury was immediately incapacitating and rapidly fatal. The suspect's death was determined to be a suicide. The above-listed deputies were present and within visual range of Mr. [REDACTED] at the time of his death.</p>
2023-23	<p>At approximately 10:36 a.m., on Saturday, July 22, 2023, Montgomery County Department of Police 4th District officers were dispatched to the Unique Thrift Store, located in the 12200 block of Veirs Mill Road, after receiving multiple calls for a stabbing that just occurred. Upon arrival, officers located an adult female suffering from apparent stab wounds. At approximately 10:37 a.m., a second caller reported that two other women had been stabbed near the 4100 block of Colie Drive. Officers responded to that location and found the two wounded victims, along with an adult male with superficial injuries. Two of the three female victims were transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The third is listed in critical condition. The adult male was not transported. Officers received a description and placed a lookout for the suspect, who was located at approximately 10:47 a.m., in the 4300 block of Havard Street holding a large butcher's knife. The suspect did not comply with commands from officers to drop the knife and lunged towards the officer, resulting in the officer shooting the suspect. Officers rendered aid to the suspect, however he was pronounced dead at the scene.</p>
2023-24	<p>On July 25, 2023, around 4:20 p.m., Baltimore City Fire Department ("BCFD") medics, Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") officers, and Maryland Transit Administration ("MTA") Police officers responded to the 200 block of South Howard Street in Baltimore City after a 911 caller reported there was a man lying in the middle of the street "trying to kill himself" and "fighting people." The eight responding officers were MTA Police Officers [REDACTED]; and BPD Officers [REDACTED]. When the officers arrived on-scene, two BCFD medics were already present. The civilian in the street, later identified as [REDACTED], was flailing while alternately seated or lying in the roadway and was speaking incomprehensibly. The officers physically restrained [REDACTED] and placed him in handcuffs, then medics administered a sedative. Officers and medics placed [REDACTED] on a stretcher and secured him using the stretcher's restraint straps. [REDACTED] was initially on his side, but he soon rolled into a prone position. The medics placed [REDACTED] inside the ambulance and began providing medical aid. After several minutes, [REDACTED] became unresponsive. [REDACTED] removed [REDACTED] handcuffs while medics attempted lifesaving measures. [REDACTED] was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead a few hours later.</p>
2023-25	<p>On August 13, 2023, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Prince George's County Public Safety Communications received a call reporting a black BMW car following the 911 caller and "firing shots." Several minutes later, Officer [REDACTED] with the Morningside Police Department spotted a black BMW traveling along Suitland Road, near the location provided by the 911 caller. The BMW approached the intersection of Suitland Road and Allentown Road when the driver, later identified as [REDACTED], lost control and struck a car in a northbound turning lane on Allentown Road. Mr. [REDACTED] fled from the car on foot, before being apprehended by Morningside Police. A loaded handgun was recovered from the BMW at the scene. An adult male driver and two juveniles were inside the silver Ford Taurus that had been struck by the BMW. The adult man, later identified as [REDACTED], was taken to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries, and died two days later. The two juvenile passengers in the Taurus suffered minor injuries and were taken to the hospital where they were treated and released.</p>
2023-26	<p>On September 11, 2023, at approximately 12:15 PM, the Homicide Section received a notification from the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT) regarding a suicide. Detective [REDACTED] responded to the scene and initiated a comprehensive investigation. The sequence of events unfolded when, at around 11:19 AM, Detective [REDACTED] received an alert from a License Plate Reader (LPR) concerning a suspected stolen vehicle—a silver 2018 Toyota Yaris, bearing Maryland registration plates [REDACTED]. This vehicle was identified through its Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) as [REDACTED]. Further inquiries in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database unveiled that the Baltimore County Police Department (BCoPD) had reported this vehicle as wanted, [REDACTED]. Additionally, the vehicle was linked to an attempted murder case involving [REDACTED], a male born on [REDACTED], who was believed to be armed and had an outstanding arrest warrant. At approximately 11:58 AM, the Toyota came to a halt on Sanford Place at Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217, prompting RATT units to initiate a tactical stop. [REDACTED], upon noticing the approaching RATT vehicles, raised a black semi-automatic pistol to his right temple and discharged one round, resulting in a self-inflicted gunshot wound. At the scene, a handgun was recovered, along with a spent casing. Mr. [REDACTED] was found unresponsive seated in the driver's seat of the Silver Toyota Yaris bearing MD tag [REDACTED].</p>

2023-27	On October 5, 2023, at approximately 12:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of shots fired in the 8100 block of Great Bend Road in Glen Burnie. Upon arrival, officers heard several gunshots being fired and noticed shots being fired toward them. Officers took a tactical position and announced their presence to the subject who was firing the rounds. The officers coordinated with the Aviation and K9 units to safely apprehend the subject. The Aviation Unit advised that they observed the subject on the ground, and the officers approached to find him suffering from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers ensured the scene was safe for paramedics, who rendered medical aid and transported the subject to the University of Maryland R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. The subject was pronounced deceased at the hospital. One of the responding officers sustained a minor injury during the incident and was transported to Anne Arundel Medical Center for treatment. Recovered from the subject were a Taurus 9mm handgun, a H&R 732 Ink .32 caliber revolver, and a Panzer Arms Shotgun.
2023-28	The incident was dispatched as a subject walking across the Thomas Johnson Bridge. The unit arrived and the subject jumped off the bridge. Rescue units recovered the victim, but he succumbed to his injuries.
2023-29	Police received a call for service that an individual sent suicidal text messages to a friend. Investigation revealed the location of the vehicle and Officers responded, set up a perimeter, and spoke with the individual to attempt to de-escalate them. The individual was observed to initiate a fatal, self-inflicted gunshot wound.
2023-30	Detectives were traveling in unmarked police vehicles when they stopped at the intersection of Brunswick and Saint Benedict Streets after observing Mr. [REDACTED] and another male standing on the corner. Mr. [REDACTED] and the other male lifted their shirts up. Detectives observed a noticeable bulge on the right side of Mr. [REDACTED] pants. Mr. [REDACTED] took off running and a foot chase ensued. Mr. [REDACTED] produced a handgun, and Detectives gave him verbal commands to drop the handgun. Mr. [REDACTED] pointed his handgun at the Detectives. Mr. [REDACTED] discharged his handgun. All four Detectives discharged their handguns striking Mr. [REDACTED] multiple times. Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased on November 7, 2023.
2023-31	On Thursday, November 16, 2023, at approx. 1135hrs, P/O [REDACTED] responded to the 4900 block of E. Lombard St. in reference to a suicide. Once on scene, P/O [REDACTED] observed Baltimore City Fire Department, Medic# 22 giving medical attention to Mr. [REDACTED] who appeared to be suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. However, despite all medical efforts, Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased by Paramedic Agena at 1142hrs. Investigation revealed the victim was inside of the fence area of Norfolk Southern Railroad Terminal when he was observed by Mr. [REDACTED] who is the Terminal Manager. Mr. [REDACTED] proceeded to ask Mr. [REDACTED] if he was working with anyone, and he stated he wasn't. Both men approached Mr. [REDACTED] and advised him the property was private and asked him to leave the area. Mr. [REDACTED] left the area and began walking E/B in the 4900 block of E. Lombard St. P/O [REDACTED] was advised of the incident and approached Mr. [REDACTED] in the 4900 block of E. Lombard St. Mr. [REDACTED] reached in his waist area and produced a handgun which he pointed at P/O [REDACTED]. P/O [REDACTED] pointed his service weapon at Mr. [REDACTED] who turned his gun on himself and shot himself once in the head.
2023-32	Police received multiple calls for service regarding a neighbor screaming for help followed by the sound of multiple gunshots. Responding Officers arrived at the apartment and encountered a Suspect who discharged a firearm at them resulting in their returning fire, fatally shooting the Suspect. Upon entry into the residence, Officers encountered a Victim who had previously been shot by the Suspect and aid was immediately rendered.
2023-33	On December 7, 2023, at approximately 12:06 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of Fort Smallwood Road at Bar Harbor Road in Pasadena for a single-vehicle crash. The investigation revealed a 2011 Infiniti G37 was traveling eastbound on Fort Smallwood Road when the vehicle left the roadway in the intersection and struck a utility pole on Bar Harbor Road. The passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene by Anne Arundel County Fire Department officials. The driver was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries.
2023-34	At approximately 10:15 p.m. on December 13, 2023, officers with the Montgomery County Police Department ("MCPD") attempted a traffic stop on a white Nissan Maxima driven by [REDACTED] around Georgia Avenue and Pliers Mill Road in Wheaton, Maryland. The Nissan fled the initial stop and briefly eluded the officers, but they were able to locate the Nissan again on Bucknell Drive a short time later. At that time, the Nissan fled again, striking a marked MCPD cruiser and then drove away at a high rate of speed. Other officers began pursuing the car, and it drove onto Georgia Avenue and traveled northbound for approximately 1.5 miles. At the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Henderson Avenue, the Nissan struck the median, lost control, and entered the southbound lanes of Georgia Avenue against the flow of traffic. The Nissan collided with two cars. Two occupants were found in the Nissan after the collision. Mr. [REDACTED], the driver, was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The front seat passenger of the Nissan, a juvenile male, was pronounced dead on scene. After completing its investigation and evaluating all available evidence, the Office of the Attorney General has determined that none of the subject officers committed a crime under Maryland law. Accordingly, the Attorney General has declined to prosecute any of the subject officers in this case.
2023-35	On October 29, 2023, at approximately 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of suspected drug distribution in the 900 block of Waugh Chapel Way in Odenton. A witness reported that there were two armed males selling drugs from a vehicle behind the shopping center. Officers located the suspects and had them get out of the vehicle, a 2023 Hyundai Sonata. One of the suspects assaulted an officer and fled on foot while the other was detained. The fleeing suspect was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. The fleeing suspect sustained injuries during the incident and was transported to an area hospital for treatment. A loaded, un-serialized, 9mm handgun, \$1440.00 in U.S. currency, and approximately 60 grams of suspected Cannabis, packaged for sale, were observed within the vehicle. Further investigation led to the execution of a search warrant for a second vehicle that was parked next to the Hyundai, a 2010 Mazda 6, resulting in the seizure of a digital scale and a loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun, which was reported stolen. Subject deceased at Shock Trauma on December 14, 2023.

## Data Trends

In 2023, there was a 20.7% increase in deaths involving a law enforcement officer when compared to the prior year (29 deaths in 2022; 35 deaths in 2023). This uptick was largely driven by a 75% increase in the number of suicides that occurred in the presence of law enforcement between 2022 (n = 8) and 2023 (n = 14). Please refer to **Table 3. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Statistics by Year** for descriptive statistics over the past three years, and **Table 4. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer by Agency** for a three-year comparison of the agencies involved in all 97 civilian deaths.

<b>Table 3. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Statistics by Year (2021-2023)</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Total Deaths Involving Law Enforcement Officer</b>	33	29	35
<b>Manner of Death</b>			
Homicides	14	11	8
Suicides	14	8	14
Accidents	3	8	10
Natural Causes	0	0	0
Overdose	1	0	1
Pending	0	2	1
Undetermined	1	0	1
<b>Citizen Deaths Demographics</b>			
% Black	57.6%	55.2%	48.6%
% White	39.4%	37.9%	42.9%
% Male	90.9%	86.2%	94.3%
<b>Number of Officers Involved</b>	134	80	112
<b>Officers Involved Demographics</b>			
% Black	8.2%	11.3%	14.3%
% White	48.5%	76.3%	77.7%
% Male	59.7%	87.5%	92.0%
<b>Total Officer Deaths</b>	3	1	0

**Table 4. Deaths Involving Law Enforcement Officer by Agency (2021-2023)**

Reporting Law Enforcement Agency	2021	2022	2023	Total
Aberdeen Police Department	1	0	0	1
Anne Arundel County Police Department	4	2	4	10
Baltimore County Police Department	7	4	6	17
Baltimore Police Department	4	6	8	18
Calvert County Sheriff's Office	2	0	2	4
Charles County Sheriff's Office	1	3	3	7
Easton Police Department	0	1	0	1
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	0	1	0	1
Frederick Police Department	1	0	1	2
Gaithersburg Police Department	1	0	0	1
Greenbelt Police Department	1	1	0	2
Harford County Sheriff's Office	0	1	1	2
Howard County Police Department	0	2	1	3
Howard County Sheriff's Office	0	1	0	1
Maryland State Police	2	2	3	7
Maryland Transit Administration Police	0	0	1	1
Maryland Transportation Authority	2	0	0	2
Montgomery County Police Department	2	1	3	6
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	1	1	0	2
Morningside Police	0	0	1	1
Prince George's County Police Department	2	1	0	3
Riverdale Park Police Department	0	1	0	1
Salisbury Police Department	1	0	1	2
Seat Pleasant Police Department	1	0	0	1
Somerset County Sheriff's Office	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>97</b>

## Conclusion

Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, there were a total of 35 civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer. Although some of the qualifying deaths were proactively reported to the Office by law enforcement, most incidents were discovered through the Attorney General's Independent Investigations Division and OCME reports. Because of this, the Office actively reached out to various law enforcement agencies to request additional information on unreported cases. Given the time-intensive nature of the current data collection process, the Office will update its data collection process and bolster outreach efforts to increase proactive data submissions from law enforcement agencies. The next report, the *Tenth Report to the State of Maryland - Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer*, will include the new data collection process to ensure all civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer and officer deaths in the line of duty for the 2024 calendar year are reported to the Office in a timely manner with complete information.