

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
February 2025

Significant Events:

On the following dates/times Elsmere Bureau of Police officers handled the below incidents and seized the following drugs, money and/or weapons.

2024 Law Enforcement Fatalities Report Reveals
Law Enforcement Deaths Increased

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund releases 2024 year-end fatalities report depicting fatalities increased 25% over 2023.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 7, 2025) – – The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2024 increased 25% compared to the previous year, according to preliminary data provided by the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)**, the leading authority on officer fatalities. As reported in their official [2024 End-of-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report](#), the NLEOMF data shows that 147 federal, state, county, municipal, military, tribal, and campus officers have died in the line of duty in 2024, representing a 25% increase compared to the 118 officers who died in the line of duty in 2023.

The leading cause of these line-of-duty deaths for police officers in 2024 was gunfire, and the largest increase over 2023 resulted from traffic-related incidents, both underscoring the growing risks faced by law enforcement officers in the line of duty. Using and reporting on this data allows us to highlight the continuing dangers faced by our law enforcement professionals, particularly the number of officers who are shot and killed each year.

Firearms-Related Fatalities

Firearms-related fatalities claimed the lives of 52 officers in 2024, which represents a 13% increase from the 46 officers killed by gunfire in 2023 and was the leading cause of death.

Of the 52 firearms fatalities:

9 were killed during traffic enforcement

8 were attempting to make an arrest

8 were killed serving warrants/civil papers or an eviction
6 were investigating suspicious persons or circumstances
5 were ambushed
4 were handling domestic disturbance calls
4 were killed during tactical encounters
3 were killed in accidental/inadvertent shooting
2 were investigating disturbance calls
2 were off-duty robbery intervention
1 was a vehicle pursuit

Traffic-Related Fatalities

Traffic-related fatalities increased 48% with 46 deaths in 2024, compared to 31 deaths in 2023. There were 29 fatal crashes in 2024 (automobile/motorcycle) compared to the 23 fatal crashes in 2023. “Struck-by” fatalities, defined as an officer struck outside of their patrol vehicle, went from 8 in 2023 to 17 in 2024, a 113% increase.

Of the 46 traffic-related deaths:

25 were automobile crashes
4 were motorcycle crashes
17 were struck-by fatalities

Other Causes and Fatalities

The ‘other’ category includes long-term illnesses related to the September 11th terror attacks, acute medical events brought on by extreme and/or stressful events experienced on-duty, and a variety of rare yet significant fatal incidents.

Of the 49 ‘Other Causes’ deaths in 2024:

35 were fatal medical events
4 officers drowned
4 officers were beaten to death
2 died in aircraft crashes
2 officers were stabbed to death
1 officer died assisting in a fire incident
1 officer was electrocuted