

458 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), as of December 31, 2021, **458 federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement officers died in the line-of-duty in 2021**. This is an increase of 55% from the 295 officers killed during the same period last year, and is the highest total line-of-duty officer deaths since 1930 when there were 312 fatalities.

This year's statistics demonstrate that America's front-line law enforcement officers continue to battle the deadly effects of the Covid-19 pandemic nationwide. Preliminary data shows that some 301 officer fatalities have been identified as caused by Covid this year, and this number appears to increase almost daily. Covid-19 related fatalities continue to be the single highest cause of law enforcement deaths occurring in 2021.

The dramatic increase in traffic-related fatalities in 2021 is also cause for concern for law enforcement agencies nationwide. In 2021, 58 officers died due to traffic-related causes, such as single-vehicle crashes, vehicle collisions, motorcycle crashes and "struck-by" incidents, while working along our nation's roadways. These 58 traffic-related fatalities are an increase of 38% compared to the 42 deaths during the same period last year. Tragically, struck-by fatalities have increased by an extraordinary 93% over last year.

In 2021, 84 officers died from felonious assaults including 61 officers who were killed by firearms,

11 officers killed in struck-by traffic incidents, and 3 killed in auto crashes where the subject was either fleeing the police or an intoxicated driver was involved. In addition, 4 officers were beaten to death, 2 died from 9/11-related illnesses, and 3 officers were stabbed. The 61 officers killed feloniously by firearms represents a 36% increase over the 45 officers killed feloniously by firearms in 2020.

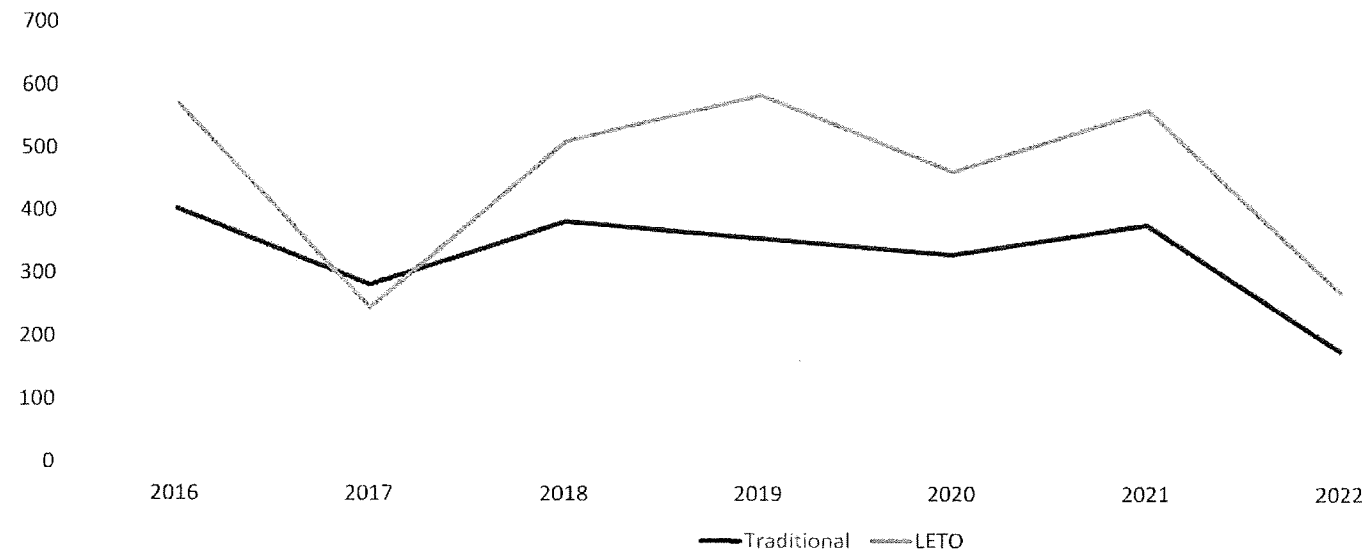
The leading circumstance of firearms fatalities were officers killed in ambush-style attacks. A total of 19 officers were killed in ambush attacks in 2021, a significant increase over only 6 such attacks in 2020.

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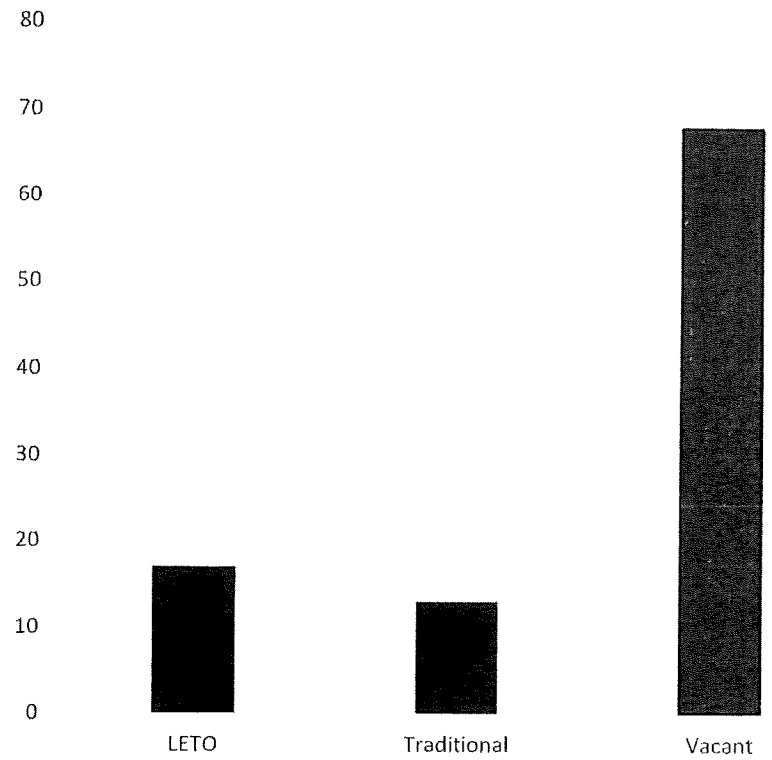
Law Enforcement
Line-of-Duty
Deaths Up
Approximately
55 Percent
in 2021

State Patrol Recruitment

State Patrol Applications



2022 Academies



2/23/2022

Applications for Vacant Positions

Factor	State Avg	MLEA trooper	MLEA CO
Qualified Apps per Posting	No statewide avg; notable when < 9.	2019: 799 Apps, 62 pass, 31 offers (4% of applicants) 2020: 946 Apps, 92 pass, 64 offers (7% of applicants) 2021: 453 Apps, 41 pass 41 offers (9% of applicants)	2019: 418 Apps, 54 background, 13 hires (3% of applicants) 2020: n/a 2021: 350 Apps, 52 background, 12 hires through CO Prep (Traditional still in process)

- Troopers: applications rose in 2020 before dropping in 2021
- More Trooper offers extended in 2021 than 2019, however, many more overall vacancies to fill after legislature extended funding for 63 additional positions
- Conservation Officers have historically hired very few from initial applicant pool; ongoing issue with few candidates making it from the beginning to the end of the hiring process, especially background check
- More Trooper applications in 2020 than in 2021 (even after significant legislative increases). For COs, current 2021 hires are almost to 2019 levels, with background checks continuing for Traditional applicants

Areas of Concern: Lack of Applicants (CO and Troopers); Time to Fill (Special Agents)

- Legislature funded 63 new Trooper positions; currently insufficient qualified applicants to fill these additional vacancies
- POST Licensure Data shows overall decline in law enforcement interest
 - 2019: 824 applied, 621 licensed
 - 2020: 909 applied, 601 licensed
 - 2021: 773 applied, 538 licensed
- Special Agents and others at BCA have a significantly longer time-to-fill than statewide average

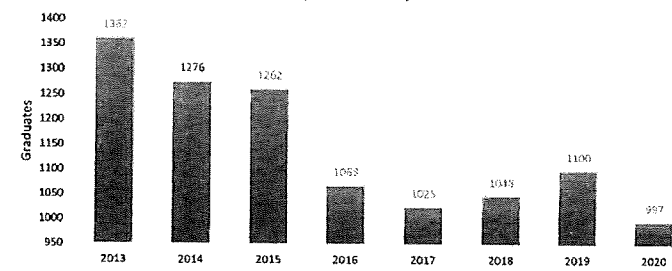


Law Enforcement Program Graduate Comparison 2013-2020

School	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alexandria Technical & Community College	166	147	155	143	109	128	112	117
Central Lakes College	24	56	35	34	34	31	41	37
Fond Du Lac Tribal & Technical College	68	69	43	39	29	26	37	23
Hennepin Technical College	229	208	174	160	148	215	190	208
Century College	44	26	41	37	28	43	47	51
Inver Hills Community College	49	36	28	23	17	18	21	24
Minneapolis Community & Technical College	15	25	17	22	16	22	20	18
Normandale Community College	31	28	30	17	26	19	25	25
Metropolitan State University	68	83	67	49	49	43	53	43
Hibbing Community College	45	21	41	58	55	14	53	13
MN West Community & Technical College	9	9	12	3	6	6	13	16
Northland Community & Technical College	34	25	15	23	20	19	24	23
Rasmussen University	84	69	77	60	68	61	73	22
Rochester Community & Technical College	40	31	28	24	28	16	36	41
Vermillion Community College	40	59	67	39	39	50	57	47
Riverland Community College	26	18	20	17	15	20	11	12
Ridgewater College	13	12	9	9	8	9	17	12
Winona State University	23	18	19	19	17	14	18	22
Minnesota State Community & Technical College - Moorhead	14	21	23	18	16	17	19	14
Mankato State University	113	109	113	76	98	79	76	67
Hamline University (CJ Program did not start until 2015)	xx	xx	4	11	17	10	9	4
Minnesota State University - Moorhead	62	58	70	50	52	42	38	31
St. Cloud State University	117	105	121	88	76	107	73	82
University of St. Thomas (No data provided by school)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Northwestern - St. Paul	8	0	6	8	12	7	1	7
University of MN - Crookston	8	16	15	12	12	7	12	11
St. Mary's University	11	8	9	12	15	7	10	8
Southwest Minnesota State University	21	19	23	17	15	18	14	19
Leech Lake Tribal College (No data provided by school)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Graduates	1362	1276	1262	1068	1025	1048	1100	997

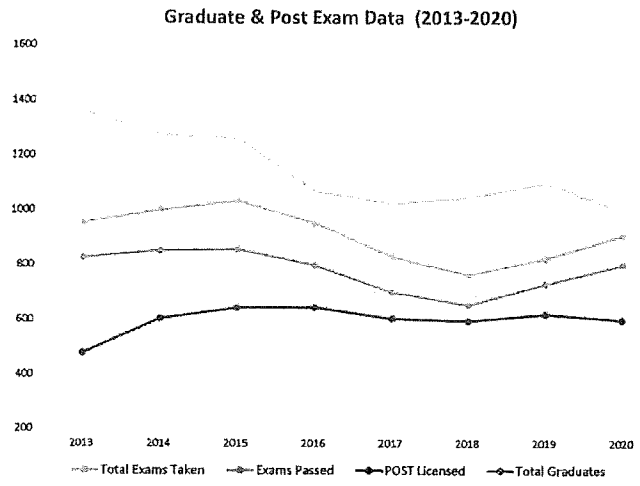
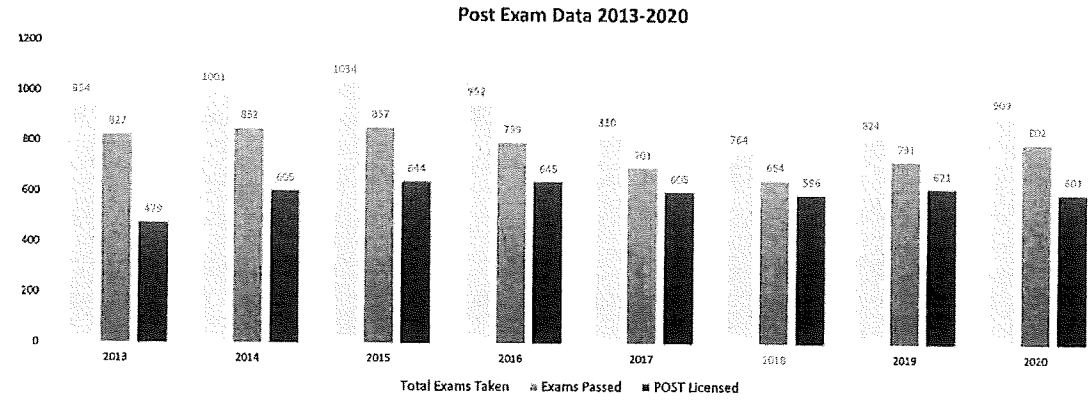
Annual % Increase/Decrease							
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
4.53%	-6.31%	-1.10%	-15.37%	-4.03%	2.24%	4.96%	-9.36%

Minnesota Annual Law Enforcement Graduates (2013-2020)



**-16.31%
Decrease from
2013 to 2020**

POST Exam Data 2013-2020				
Year	Total Exams Taken	Exams Passed	POST Licensed	Total Graduates
2013	954	827	479	1362
2014	1001	852	605	1276
2015	1034	857	644	1262
2016	952	799	645	1068
2017	830	701	605	1025
2018	764	654	596	1048
2019	824	731	621	1100
2020	909	802	601	997



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