

# What is the Law Enforcement Officer Motor Vehicle Crash and Struck-by Fatality Investigations Pilot Program?

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Motor Vehicle Crash and Struck-by Fatality Investigations Pilot Program is a research program that investigates LEO line-of-duty deaths due to motor vehicle events. The Pilot Program is supported with funding from the National Institute of Justice.

The Pilot Program's investigations and reports can help the law enforcement community prevent similar LEO line-of-duty deaths.



### What is included in our reports?

- A description of the incident with all personal information removed
- Factors that contributed to the fatal event
- Recommendations for the law enforcement community to prevent similar deaths

## **LEO Community Supporters of the Pilot Program:**













900,000 State and local LEOs in the U.S. in 2012



**1,479**LEO line-of-duty deaths from 2005-2014



485 LEO line-of-duty deaths due to vehicle crashes from 2005-2014 (33% of total)



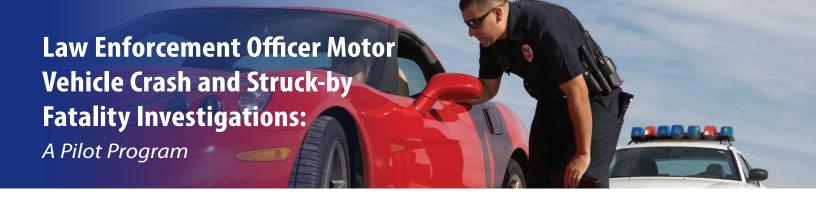
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LEO line-of-duty
deaths due to being
struck-by a vehicle from
2005-2014 (9% of total)











#### Why do we conduct investigations?

- Learn more about the risks LEOs face on the job
- Identify ways to prevent motor vehicle crash and struck-by deaths

#### Who are the investigators?

Investigators are NIOSH employees who are safety professionals, engineers, or industrial hygienists with experience in identifying workplace hazards and developing recommendations to reduce the risk of injury and death.

Investigators do <u>not</u> enforce compliance with State or Federal job safety and health standards, nor do they place blame or determine the fault for a LEO death. Investigators do <u>not</u> interview family members as part of their investigation, but will share information and findings upon request.

# How do we conduct investigations?

Investigators travel to the site of the crash





Investigators meet with law enforcement department leaders, officers, and other investigative agencies to identify factors that contributed to the death



Using the information collected, investigators prepare a report that includes prevention recommendations



The report is given to the police department where the death occurred and posted to the NIOSH website to share lessons learned

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