

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK - OFFICER SAFETY RESOURCES

In 2023, 378 law enforcement officers were shot in the line of duty, a 14% increase over 2022¹. As law enforcement agencies commemorate [National Police Week](#), May 11th – 16th, it is essential to honor the sacrifices of those who have served by striving to improve the safety and well-being of law enforcement personnel and their communities.

In addition to sponsoring community events, organizing and attending vigils to honor the fallen, and building key partners to help commemorate those who have been lost, we urge Chiefs of Police during National Police Week and throughout 2024 to focus on measures and actions to help keep officers safe.

Below are links to brief separate Law Enforcement Bulletins concerning valuable officer safety considerations for the Chief of Police:

- **Monday, [Violent Person File: Critical to Officer Safety](#)**
Policy and training considerations for the utilization of the NCIC Violent Person File so that officers can be informed of critical safety information. A sample policy template is included.
- **Tuesday, [Foot Pursuits: Risk Mitigation Strategies](#)**
Officers involved in foot pursuits are often injured and vulnerable to deadly ambushes. Important policy considerations are provided, including a sample policy template.
- **Wednesday, [Seatbelts: Critical to Officer Safety](#)**
Officers involved in fatal crashes are often not wearing their seatbelts, and any effort to promote the use of seatbelts by law enforcement will likely save lives. Included are essential resources to promote seatbelt use and a sample policy template.
- **Thursday, [Ambush Attacks: Mitigation Considerations](#)**
Ambushes have become a growing threat to law enforcement officers, and it's critical that agencies prepare their officers through effective training strategies and consider implementing an ambush threat mitigation plan. A sample policy template is included.
- **Friday, [Officer Wellness: Critical to Performance and Officer Survival](#)**
It is essential that law enforcement officers are guided by an agency policy concerning "wellness," and a sample policy template is included.

If you have any questions, please contact your Law Enforcement Risk Control Consultant.

¹(2024, January 2). *378 Officers Shot in the Line of Duty in 2023*. Retrieved from Fraternal Order of Police: <https://fop.net/2024/01/378-officers-shot-in-the-line-of-duty-in-2023/>