



## LAW ENFORCEMENT MESSAGE



### Resource Considerations for Reducing Officer-Involved Motor Vehicle Crashes

Line of duty motor vehicle crashes remains a constant threat for law enforcement. Forty-four officers were killed in motor vehicle crashes in the line of duty in 2020, and in the first half of 2021, 38 officers lost their lives due to a collision.<sup>1-2</sup> Additionally, an estimated 38,680 people were killed in crashes in the United States in the year 2020, which is the largest increase since 2007.<sup>3</sup> These sobering statistics affirm the need for law enforcement leaders to be aware of every available resource that may help prevent motor vehicle crashes involving law enforcement officers.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) collaborated on a study of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's *Safe Driving Program*, which found the program significantly reduced collisions and injuries.<sup>4</sup> The Centers for Disease Control has made available this program which includes a toolkit, daily safety messaging for officers, and more:

[Law Enforcement – How to Prevent Collisions](#)

[Toolkit – Law Enforcement Officer Motor Vehicle Safety](#) (Including officer safety messages and decals)

[Graphics – Law Enforcement Officer Motor Vehicle Safety](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Law Enforcement Risk Control Consultant.

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