



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK - OFFICER SAFETY RESOURCES 2025

In 2024, 147 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty, a 25% increase over 2023¹. As law enforcement agencies commemorate [National Police Week](#), 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 2025 to focus on measures and actions to help keep officers safe.

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

- [First Responder Communication Capabilities in New Buildings](#)
 - This bulletin addresses key considerations and actions for the Chief of Police in engaging with local building officials to ensure that officers can effectively utilize radio communication platforms to communicate in large buildings.
- [Animal Calls for Service – Essential Policy Guidance to Keep Officers and the Community Safe](#)
 - Research continues to affirm the nexus between animal abuse and violence against humans, including police officers. Furthermore, officers exposed to rabies can result in costly and inconvenient vaccinations. This bulletin provides an Animal Control Sample Policy and encourages the Chief of Police to address key policy and training considerations to keep officers safe.
- [Medical Care Policy and Training – Essential for Officer Safety and Wellness](#)
 - This bulletin outlines key considerations for the Chief of Police and includes a Medical Care Sample Policy. A key tenet of officer safety and wellness entails providing policy guidance concerning medical equipment and supplies for officers and police vehicles, a clear understanding of critical definitions, procedures for requesting EMS, an officer's role in providing medical care, and specifying minimal training standards.

Chiefs of Police should also review the [2024 Law Enforcement Bulletin, National Police Week Officer Safety Resources](#) which contains additional officer safety and wellness considerations.

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

¹National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. (2025, January 7). *National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund*. Retrieved from: <https://nleomf.org/2024-law-enforcement-fatalities-report-reveals-law-enforcement-deaths-increased/>