



Sergeant Marc Muncy – EOW: Wednesday, April 5th, 1995

Sergeant Muncy was killed after his patrol car collided with a tractor trailer and burst into flames as he was responding to a call for backup.

Sergeant Muncy was posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant.

He had served with the Columbus Police Department for 6 years and had previously served with the Reynoldsburg Police Department for 2 years and as a military policeman for 3 years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son and mother.



Officer Gordon Rich – EOW: Saturday, April 5th, 1986

Officer Gordon Rich was shot and killed with his own weapon while making a traffic stop. Unbeknownst to Officer Rich, the men had just committed a robbery. He had placed both men in the back seat of his cruiser. One of them was able to gain control of his weapon and shot him. He attempted to call for help on his police radio but was unable to speak to the dispatcher. A witness to the shooting followed the suspects who were later apprehended. The shooter was convicted and sentenced to prison for 33 years to life. He has his first parole hearing in February, 2019.

Officer Rich had been with the agency for 23 years. He is survived by his wife, two children, and two step children.



Officer Steven M. Smith - EOW: Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Police Officer Steven Smith succumbed to a gunshot wound sustained three days earlier as the SWAT team attempted to serve a felony arson warrant at an apartment at 14 West California Avenue.

Officer Smith was riding in the turret of an armored vehicle as it approached the apartment building when he was struck by one round. He was transported to a local hospital where he remained until succumbing to the wound.

The wanted subject was taken into custody following the shooting.

Officer Smith had served with the Columbus Division of Police for 27 years. He is survived by his wife and two adult children.



[Patrolman Troy Stewart – EOW: Tuesday, April 22nd, 1924](#)

Patrolman Stewart was shot and killed after responding to a fight. The suspect was convicted of murder and executed on March 27, 1925.

Patrolman Stewart had been with the agency for six months.



[Officer Raymond Radel – EOW: Thursday, April 25th, 1991](#)

Officer Raymond Radel succumbed to injuries received five days earlier when his car was struck head-on on I-70 just outside of Columbus. Officer Radel was returning from an assignment to the Police Athletic League Classic Car Show in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the time of the accident.

Officer Radel had served with the agency for 25 years, and had previously served with the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife and two children.



[Officer Cyrus Beebe – EOW: Thursday, April 27th, 1854](#)

Officer Cyrus Beebe was shot and killed while assisting officers from the Newark Police Department arrest a robbery suspect in Columbus.

The man was located at a place known as the Scioto House, on Friend Street near the canal, by the officers. As they attempted to arrest him he opened fire with a revolver while fleeing. One of the shots struck Officer Beebe in the head, causing a fatal wound.

The subject fled the area but was located in Wisconsin in 1857. He admitted murdering Officer Beebe to two undercover officers who were investigating him for robbing a farmer of \$1,500 worth of gold. He was returned to Columbus where he was convicted of murdering Officer Beebe. The man was sentenced to life in prison but was pardoned in 1875.



[Lieutenant Christopher Claypool – EOW: Sunday, April 29th, 2001](#)

Lieutenant Christopher Claypool was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver while at the scene of another accident.

As he walked across the intersection with his flashlight to check on one of the victims of the initial accident, he was struck by the suspected drunk driver, who then fled the scene. The incident occurred at approximately 0030 hours.

The suspect was eventually apprehended and charged with vehicular homicide. The suspect pled guilty to leaving the scene of an accident.

Lieutenant Claypool had been employed with the Columbus Division of Police for 13 years, and is survived by his wife and two children. He was three days shy of his 40th birthday.