



Patrolman John Laufhutte - Tuesday, August 22nd, 1916:

Patrolman John Laufhutte came into the department June 10, 1916. On August 22, 1916, he stepped from a business place at Beck and High Streets and noticed two suspicious men in an auto parked at the curb. As he walked over to investigate, he was shot down by one of the men, the bullet striking the officer in the lung. He died 45 minutes later and no clues were ever found to identify his assailants.

Patrolman Laufhutte had only been with the agency for 18 months.



Patrolman Thomas E. Webb - Friday, August 17th, 1956

Officer Thomas Webb, son of retired Sergeant George Webb, was killed by a bullet during a routine investigation of a domestic quarrel at 683 East Capital Street the morning of August 17, 1956. With Webb was his partner, Officer Melvin Grimm. Within minutes after the officers' arrival, Bennie Franklin, 25, estranged husband of the woman at the address, had turned the place into bloody shambles. Officer Webb was fatally wounded with one shot in the head. Grimm was shot in the back, the bullet traveling up through the shoulder, neck and jaw. After lengthy hospitalization, Officer Grimm recovered. Franklin, trapped in an upstairs bedroom, turned the gun upon himself and committed suicide.

Patrolman Webb had been with the agency for six and a half years. He was survived by his wife, son, daughter, his parents, brother, and sister and is buried at Eastlawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.



Patrolman Joseph Edwards – Monday, August 28th, 1972:

Patrolman Joseph Edwards was shot and killed when he was ambushed while responding to a call for help.

Patrolman Edwards and his partner Charles McFadden were responding to a domestic violence call. When they arrived at the given address, on Franklin Park south east of Nelson Road, they realized it was a fake call. As the the patrolmen were driving through the area, the suspect walked around the patrol car to the driver's side and shot Patrolman Edwards with a 12 gauge shotgun, causing Patrolman Edwards to lose control of the vehicle.

The suspect was apprehended in Beaumont, Texas, January 9, 1973. He was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to life. On August 9, 1978, he was released from prison when evidence surfaced that showed the investigation was mishandled. The State of Ohio decided not to retry him.

Patrolman Edwards had been with the agency for two years and was survived by his wife and two children.



Officers Roger Lee Brown & Michael Smith – Wednesday, August 11th, 1976:

Officer Brown and Officer Michael Smith were killed while responding to the aid of other officers who were involved in a vehicular chase on the City's far east side, the fleeing vehicle intentionally crashed head-on into the officer's cruiser at the intersection of Livingston Avenue and Hamilton Road. Both officers were killed instantly. The suspect also died in the collision.

Officer Brown had been with the agency for nine years and was survived by his wife and three children. Officer Smith had been with the agency for four years.



Timothy Allen Haley - Tuesday, August 26th, 2008:

Police Officer Timothy Haley died from brain hemorrhage that he suffered while taking part in department training.

Officer Haley was a member of the SWAT team and was engaged in a SWAT physical excursion training exercise when he began to suffer from pain in the head and fell unconscious.

He was taken to the hospital, where it was determined that a blood vessel in his brain had ruptured, and that he was brain dead. Officer Haley remained on life support for five days so that his organs could be donated.

Officer Haley had served with the Columbus Division of Police for 21 years. He is survived by his wife, three children, mother, brother, and sisters.