



**[EOW: Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1991 – Police Officer Robin H. Nye](#)**

Officer Nye was killed when his patrol car was broadsided at the intersection of Cassidy Street and Airport Drives while responding to a call for help. Officer Nye's partner was critically injured and forced to give up his career as a law enforcement officer.

Officer Nye had served with the agency for 26 years. He was survived by his wife and five children.



**[EOW: Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Police Officer Bryan Scott Hurst](#)**

Police Officer Bryan Hurst was shot and killed during the robbery of a bank on East Broad Street.

Officer Hurst was working special duty inside the bank when the suspect, upon seeing the officer, immediately began advancing on and firing at him. Officer Hurst moved to a different position in the lobby in order to protect the bank's employees and customers and returned fire, striking the suspect in the arm and hand. Officer Hurst took cover behind the front counter, but the suspect leaned over the counter and fatally shot him just above the protective bulletproof vest that he was wearing, damaging several major vessels and severing his aorta.

Despite being mortally wounded, Officer Hurst was able to return fire and wound the suspect in the chest. The wound prevented the suspect from obtaining any money or injuring anyone else.

The suspect fled but was apprehended three days later. He was charged murder and three counts of bank robbery. He was convicted of murdering Officer Hurst with intent shot and subsequently sentenced to death sentence.

Officer Hurst was a U.S Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Columbus Division of Police for eight years. He is survived by his wife and 6-month-old daughter.



**[EOW: Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1926 - Patrolman William Sweinsberger](#)**

Patrolman William Sweinsberger, who entered the department February 11, 1903, was working his district January 7, 1926. He had just left a patrol call box and started to cross the street at Livingston Avenue and 4th Street when he was struck and killed by an auto. The identity of the hit skip motorist was never learned.



**[EOW: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1939 - Patrolman Campbell K. Jenkins](#)**

Patrolman Campbell K. Jenkins entered the police department August 23, 1937, and died January 9, 1939. Mystery still surrounds the death of Patrolman Jenkins who was found unconscious and badly injured on Cleveland Avenue near the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing shortly after midnight. It was presumed that Patrolman Jenkins was crowded off the road by a motorist or crashed while chasing a speeder. His badly damaged motorcycle was found nearby. The officer died without regaining consciousness.



**[EOW: Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1942 - Patrolman John M. McCullough](#)**

Patrolman John M. McCullough came into the department March 5, 1941, and lost his life January 18, 1942. A member of the department only a short time, he was assigned to motorcycle duty and was apparently chasing a speeder at Neil and 4th Avenues at night when his cycle collided with an automobile. He died in University Hospital.



**[EOW: Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1963 - Patrolman Richard E. Taylor](#)**

Patrolman Richard E. Taylor, 38, was the 30th officer killed in the line of duty. In the early morning hours of January 18, 1963, Officer Taylor, assigned to cruiser patrol, was in pursuit of a speeding motorist when his cruiser crashed into a stone wall on East Livingston Avenue. Taylor suffered injuries from which he died the following day.



**[EOW: Thursday, January 20, 2011 - Police Officer Thomas Raymond Hayes](#)**

Officer Tom Hayes succumbed to complications of a gunshot wound sustained 31 years earlier while attempting to arrest two teens on a curfew violation.

He had responded to a local convenience store after receiving reports of a disturbance by the two teens. The boys had been drinking, smoking marijuana and had taken LSD. As Officer Hayes attempted to arrest them a scuffle ensued in which one of the boys pulled out a handgun and shot him in the back. The wound caused him to become paralyzed below the waist.

Officer Hayes' continued to suffer serious health issues as the result of the wound, including the amputation of one of his legs six years prior to his death.

In March 2011 Officer Hayes' death was ruled a homicide by the Franklin County Coroner.

Despite his wounds and health issues, Officer Hayes continued to work as a civilian sketch artist for the Columbus Division of Police. Prior to being shot, he had served with the agency for seven years. He is survived by his wife.



**[EOW: Saturday, January 28, 1928 - Patrolman Leroy W. Wade](#)**

Patrolman Leroy Wade was shot and killed from ambush by a fellow officer who was under the mistaken belief that Officer Wade was having an affair with his wife.

The other officer called police headquarters and requested that Officer Wade assist him regarding an ongoing robbery investigation. When Patrolman Wade arrived at the location the officer confronted him and shot him in the abdomen.

The officer who shot him was charged with first-degree murder but was found not guilty due to mental insanity. He was subsequently committed to a state hospital.

Patrolman Wade was survived by one child.