

Patrolman Leslie Green - End of Watch: October 4th, 1931

Patrolman Leslie Green was shot and killed by an auto theft suspect.

He and another officer responded with the patrol wagon to where the suspect had been arrested and was being held by another officer. The man was given permission to retrieve his coat from his car. Instead he grabbed a pistol and opened fire killing Patrolman Green and wounding his partner. The arresting officer subdued the suspect.

The suspect was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison on January 15th, 1932.

Patrolman Green had been with the agency for three years.



Auxiliary Police Officer Lawrence Kipfinger - End of watch: October 13th, 1969

Auxiliary Police Officer Lawrence Kipfinger was shot and killed while attempting to intervene in a robbery in progress.

Auxiliary Officer Kipfinger was off duty when he heard a call about the robbery on his scanner. Realizing he was close to the store he went to the location to offer assistance. As he entered the store he was shot by the suspect, who was attempting to flee.

The 16 year-old suspect was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to death June 11, 1970. Two years later the Ohio Supreme Court commuted his sentence to life. He was paroled in 1988. On October 19, 2009, he was arrested when he punched a woman who confronted him when he took her purse and cell phone from her car in Franklinton, Ohio. It was his 7th felony charge since his release. On December 10, 2010, he pleaded guilty to one count of robbery and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Auxiliary Officer Kipfinger had served with the Columbus Police Department for 12 years. He is survived by his wife and four children.



Detective Charles E. Tiller - End of Watch: October 28th, 1920

Detective Charles Tiller was shot and killed by suspected bootleggers at a saloon on Maple and Armstrong Streets. As the bootlegger entered the place, Tiller asked to see the contents of a basket the man was carrying. At that moment, the suspect drew a gun and pumped two shots into the officer's body.

Detective Tiller died in Protestant Hospital just as he was being placed on the operating table. His assailant fled after the shooting. One of the suspects was convicted of Detective Tiller's murder and was executed on September 30, 1921.

Detective Tiller had served with the agency for 3 years. He was survived by his wife, son, daughter, and stepdaughter.