



**Melissa Foster:** End of Watch: Saturday, December 4, 2004

Officer Foster was killed in an automobile accident when her patrol car was struck head-on by a vehicle that crossed the center line on Gender Road. The vehicle was being driven by a suspected drunk driver.

At approximately 0130 hours, Officer Foster was responding to a non-emergency call involving a prowler and was following another patrol car. When the other vehicle crossed the center line, the first patrol car swerved to avoid a collision. However, Officer Foster was unable to take evasive action and her patrol car was struck. She was flown to Grant Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries a short time later.

The driver of the vehicle that struck her patrol car was charged with aggravated vehicular homicide. The suspect had a previous conviction of involuntary manslaughter from 1997. On August 9, 2005, the suspect was sentenced to 13 years in prison and the life time suspension of his driver's license.

Officer Foster had served with the Columbus Division of Police for 7 years. She is survived by her two children.



**Chris Edward Clites:** End of Watch: Friday, December 10, 1993

Officer Chris Clites was shot in the head and killed as he and his partner attempted to stop fleeing robbery suspects.

In the early morning hours of December 10th, Officer Clites and his partner responded to a call for assistance from another officer who had reported suspects fleeing on foot from a routine traffic stop in a high crime area.

Officer Clites had joined two other officers in searching for the suspects when he was confronted by one of the armed perpetrators. He shot the suspect once in the lower chest and the suspect fell to his knees but was able to return fire first, striking Officer Clites in the right elbow causing him to drop his duty pistol. As Officer Clites bent over to retrieve his pistol he was struck in the face by the suspect's last gun shot. Officer Clites died later that day at The Ohio State University Medical Center

with his family by his side.

As a fellow officer attempted to locate Officer Clites, he heard Officer Clites give voice commands and then gun shots. As the fellow officer cornered a building he witnessed officer Clites fall from the last gunshot. The suspect then attempted to pick up Officer Clites duty pistol but the officer fired at the suspect who was shot several times and died at the scene.

It was later discovered that the fleeing individuals had been on a crime spree including home invasion robberies, robbing a convenience store and numerous individuals on the street. The suspects had extensive criminal histories and were driving a stolen vehicle.

After his death vandals defaced his grave on several occasions.

Officer Clites had served with the agency for three and a half years. He was survived by his wife.



William Wells: End of Watch: Tuesday, December 21, 1965

Patrolman Wells was struck by a vehicle and killed while directing traffic.

He had been with the agency for 12 years and was survived by his wife and three children.



Harry Campbell: End of Watch: Thursday, December 24, 1908

Patrolman Harry Campbell was shot and killed as he arrived at a home on West Rich Street, near the old city prison, to investigate a domestic disturbance involving a mother and her 19 year-old son. As Patrolman Campbell entered their yard, the youth opened fire with a shotgun, killing him. The suspect was sentenced to life but was later paroled as a trustee.

Patrolman Campbell had served with the agency for two years.