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# OFFICER SAFETY

## RECENT 2009 POLICE AMBUSHES

Police Officers are increasingly becoming targets of ambush style attacks. Listed below are recent incidents where police officers were targeted in surprise attacks:

- On March 20<sup>th</sup> four police officers in Oakland, California, were shot and killed after a man pulled over for a routine traffic stop opened fire and then battled SWAT officers at a nearby building.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> a 911 call brought two Pittsburgh Police Officers to a home where they were ambushed and killed, A third officer was also later killed during a four-hour siege.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup> two Florida Sheriff's Deputies were fatally shot at a shooting range by a suspect. The sheriffs were responding to a domestic violence call at the location.
- On October 31<sup>st</sup> two Seattle Police Officers were shot while sitting in a marked police vehicle. One of the officers was killed in the attack.
- On November 29<sup>th</sup> four uniform police officers were slain as they sat in a coffee shop in Parkland, Washington.
- FBI Newark reports that five identified individuals from Pleasantville, New Jersey, apparently planned to ambush local police officers. According to the FBI Newark bulletin, the five planned to call a local police department with a fictitious call for service during a shift change and shoot the responding officer(s).

**Police officers should attempt to avoid any routine or predictable patrol activities that may allow someone to anticipate where you will be at certain times of the day or on certain days.**

**While engaged in activities like writing reports, issuing traffic citations, utilizing your compute, etc... ensure you or your partner remain aware of your surroundings and individuals who are in close proximity.**

**Be aware of your surroundings and remain observant at all times.**

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