

Is your agency doing all it can to keep officers SAFE?

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to learn more about
SAFE Driving!

2010 is set to be the 13th year in a row that more law enforcement officers die from traffic-related incidents than any other cause. The good news? Together we can fix this...



FACT:

The single greatest threat our officers face today is the use of their own patrol vehicles.

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CalPOST SAFE Driving Campaign

What is the goal?

The SAFE Driving Campaign is aimed at reducing fatal and serious injury law enforcement traffic collisions nationwide. The first benchmark is a 15% reduction by 2015.

Who participates?

Dozens of law enforcement agencies across the nation have signed on to SAFE Driving. Your agency could be next. All it takes is a commitment to saving lives and the will to make tough policy, training, and cultural decisions that make a difference.

Is it really a problem?

Yes it is. Cars are safer than ever. Traffic fatality rates in the general public are at all-time lows. But for officers, the roads have never been more dangerous. It's hard to stop bad people from behaving badly, but we can control how we drive.

How Does It Work?

The campaign has three membership components to assist CalPOST in achieving its goal:

1. an **Advisory Board** concerned with national awareness efforts;
2. a **Research Team** tasked with the data-driven identification of officer-involved collision causes and interventions; and
3. a **Vehicle Operations and Training Advisory Council** focused on the advancement of best policy and training practices.



*Partial year 2010 deaths through 10/19/10

SAFE By the Letters:

“**Situation-Appropriate**” recognizes the need for officers to modify their driving for varied situations and for trainers, supervisors, and chiefs or sheriffs to establish and reinforce what is appropriate for their agency. “**Focused**” addresses the many concerns related to roadway position, distraction, fatigue, and multi-tasking. “**Educated**” refers to both training and policy and the need for officers to apply learning from these areas to their driving.

A Start to SAFE Driving:

- Limits on Speed
- Mandatory Seat Belt Use
- Basic & Refresher Training
- Consistent Supervision
- Committed Leadership

Critical Driving Errors:

- Fatigue, Distraction, & Tunnel Vision
- Unsafe Speed & Turning Movements
- Failure to Clear Intersections
- Failure to Wear Seatbelts
- Overdriving Headlights & Emergency Equipment
- Failure to Recognize Hazards
- Lack of Proper Mindset/Personal Assessment

These deaths are **NOT** the cost of doing business. They are the cost of not taking care of business.