

February

9 February 1958 – Deputy David Alois Horr, Gunfire

Deputy Horr succumbed to a gunshot wound received two months earlier after responding to a disturbance call. After receiving no response at the front door he went to the back door. When he knocked again he was shot from inside the home by a man with a 16-gauge shotgun. He was transported to the hospital with wounds to his stomach and hand. The suspect fired through a rusty screen door. The bullet wound wasn't fatal but the bullet pushed a piece of screen into the deputy's body which resulted in fatal blood poisoning

The suspect was apprehended a short time later. He was convicted of second degree murder and served 7 years in prison.

Deputy Horr had served with the agency for 3 years and was assigned to the Montrose Station. He was survived by his wife and three sons.

14 February 2001 – Deputy Brandan Garrett Hinkle, Motorcycle Accident

Deputy Brandan Hinkle was killed after his police motorcycle was struck head-on by another vehicle while he was on routine patrol.

Deputy Hinkle was training to be a motor officer and was riding behind his training officer when the accident occurred. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries a short time later.

Deputy Hinkle had been employed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 11 years, and is survived by his wife.

17 February 1938 – Deputy Marshal T. Dwight Crittenden & Deputy Marshal Leon William Romer (Los Angeles City Municipal Court), Gunfire

Deputy Marshal Crittenden and Deputy Marshal Leon W. Romer were shot and killed while attempting to serve an eviction warrant at a home on East 23rd Street. The suspect opened fire on the two deputy marshals when he was told he would have to leave the home.

Deputy Marshal Romer was able to stumble outside, where he collapsed in the front yard. The suspect then shot Deputy Marshal Crittenden in the back as he retreated into the street to seek cover.

Responding officers engaged the suspect in an hour-long gun battle until wounding him four times. The man was eventually convicted of two counts of manslaughter and sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison.

21 February 1993 – Officer Edward Everett Reed Jr. (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority), Automobile Accident

Officer Reed was killed when a drunk driver ran a red light and struck his patrol car at the intersection of 42nd Street and Central Avenue. The impact pushed the patrol car into a utility pole. Officer Reed was the passenger and was killed instantly. The drunk driver fled the scene on foot but was apprehended by members of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Reed and his partner were returning to the Transit Police Headquarters from the Rail Central Control Facility at the time of the incident.

Officer Reed was assigned to the Bus Operations Bureau. He had originally been a member of the Southern California Rapid Transit District Police Department, which at the time of his death, was undergoing a merger with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to form the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. In 1997 the MTA Police was merged into the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Police Department.

Officer Reed was survived by his parents and fiance.

22 February 1993 – Officers Kevin Michael Burrell & James Wayne MacDonald (Compton PD), Gunfire

Officer Kevin Burrell and Officer James MacDonald were shot and killed while making a traffic stop. The suspect was a parolee and was in possession of a handgun. As the officers attempted to handcuff him, he somehow got loose. The suspect fired at them with a gun he had concealed on his person. The man was arrested and convicted of two counts of murdering a police officer and received the death penalty.

Officer MacDonald had been with the agency for 18 months and was survived by his parents and brother. Officer Burrell had served with the agency for 5 years.

26 February 1978 – Deputy Gregory L. Low, Automobile Accident

Deputy Low and Reserve Deputy Charles Plumleigh were killed in an automobile accident. The two deputies were responding to a burglary in progress call when their patrol car collided with a second patrol car.

Deputy Low had been with the agency for just under 9 years.