

## **November**

### **7 November 1964 – Deputy John M. Slobojan, Heart Attack**

Deputy Slobojan suffered a fatal heart attack during a foot pursuit of a juvenile robbery suspect. During the chase Deputy Slobojan collapsed. CPR was administered and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Deputy Slobojan had been with the agency for five years and was assigned to the Temple Sheriff's Station.

### **9 November 1919 – Deputy Harold D. Broadwell, Motorcycle Accident**

Motor Deputy Harold Broadwell was killed while pursuing a vehicle. Motor Deputy Broadwell was pursuing a speeding vehicle when the suspect vehicle suddenly braked. Motor Deputy Broadwell took evasive action by turning his motorcycle into the opposite lane. He collided with a car traveling in the other direction. He was thrown approximately seventy feet. Motor Deputy Broadwell was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries a few hours later.

### **9 November 1920 – Deputy Gordon H. Glidden, Motorcycle Accident**

Constable Glidden was shot and killed by an auto thief. The suspect had stolen a car in San Francisco and driven it to Lancaster. The suspect had painted the car a different color and attached stolen plates. Constable Glidden and other Deputies from the LA County Sheriff's Department stopped the suspect and started to question him.

The suspect panicked and got into the stolen car and started to drive away. Constable Glidden jumped on the running board as the car drove away and drew his service revolver. A curtain in the car prevented Constable Glidden from seeing the suspect draw a weapon. The suspect fired his weapon striking Constable Glidden causing him to fall from the moving car. Constable Glidden died at the scene from his injuries.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department started a large manhunt for the suspect that included teams of Deputies on horseback and airplanes. The suspect was shot and killed in a gun battle with a Los Angeles County Special Deputy Sheriff.

### **12 November 1932 – Deputy Rudolph Vejar, Gunfire**

Deputy Rudolph Vejar was shot and killed while working undercover at a speakeasy. Two men entered the establishment at dawn and attempted to rob it. During the robbery Deputy Vejar drew his revolver and shot and killed one of the suspects. He then exchanged shots with the second suspect and both men were struck. Deputy Vejar was struck in the mouth and died a short time later.

The second suspect was convicted of Deputy Vejar's murder and hanged February 8, 1935.

Deputy Vejar was assigned to the Sheriff's Headquarters at the time.

#### **14 November 1949 – Deputy Elbert Jay Hall, Automobile Accident**

Deputy J. Elbert Hall was killed in an automobile accident during the pursuit of a vehicle. During the pursuit a dump truck loaded with gravel pulled out in front of him. The impact pushed the truck about 100 feet and caused it to overturn. The driver of the truck stated he did not see the patrol car or hear its siren. Deputy Hall was transported to a local hospital where he died.

Deputy Hall had been with the agency for seven years.

#### **20 November 1918 – Deputy Michael V. Van Vliet, Gunfire**

Deputy Michael Van Vliet was shot and killed by two suspects wanted in connection with the murders of Chief of Detectives John Rowan, of the Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado, and Policeman Luther McMahill, of the Denver Police Department, Colorado.

Deputy Van Vliet and his partner were staking out a service station for the suspect when the man and his wife arrived at the scene. When the deputies called on them to surrender, the two opened fire, fatally wounding Deputy Van Vliet. The deputies were able to return fire and kill both suspects.

#### **20 November 1923 – Deputy Robert E. Magee, Gunfire**

Deputy Magee was shot and killed while assisting two Los Angeles Police officers respond to a burglary in progress. He was shot with a Colt .45 semi-automatic handgun while ascending a stair case at the location. Two suspects, a husband and wife, were apprehended in connection with his murder. The husband was sentenced to life in prison and the wife was sentenced to ten years.

Deputy Magee was assigned to the Wilshire Area.

#### **22 November 1961 – Deputy Timothy J. Harnett, Heart Attack**

Detective Timothy Harnett died from a heart attack while pursuing a suspect. Detective Harnett was assigned to the Vice Bureau. While on duty, he started a foot pursuit of a suspect. During the pursuit Detective Harnett suffered from a heart attack and later died.

#### **25 November 1977 – Deputy Didier M. Hurdle (Deputy) Gunfire**

Deputy Didier Hurdle was shot and killed after stopping suspected gang members. When Deputy Hurdle and a cadet trainee stopped the suspect's car, the suspect exited and opened fire. The Cadet was wounded in the leg, but was able to return fire. Deputy Hurdle was shot and killed. During the gun battle, the deputies were able to wound one of the suspects. Responding deputies

were able to follow the suspects' blood trail. The suspects were apprehended and charged with murder of a police officer and possession of PCP.

### **30 November 2002 – Deputy David Alan Powell, Gunfire**

Deputy David Powell was shot and killed after he and his partner responded to reports of gunshots near 166th Street and Elaine Avenue in Artesia at 1030 hours.

When the officers arrived, they observed a man run into a home and take a woman hostage. As Deputy Powell attempted to kick the door open, the man fired two shots from inside. One of the rounds struck Deputy Powell in the right arm, passed through the opening in his vest, and entered his chest. Deputy Powell's partner returned fire and dragged Deputy Powell to his patrol car. He then drove Deputy Powell one block away where he was met by paramedics.

Deputy Powell was transported to St. Francis Medical Center where he succumbed to his wound 90 minutes after the shooting. The suspect was shot and killed by responding officers.

Deputy Powell had been employed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 18 year, and is survived by his wife, four daughters, parents, brother, and seven grandchildren.