

Fallen Officers of San Jose Police Department

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Sergeant Morris Van Dyck Hubbard

Killed on July 12, 1924, by a hostage-taking gunman in a close range shoot-out.



Officer John Buck

Died on April 5, 1933, from gunshot wounds suffered five weeks earlier while attempting to apprehend armed robbery suspects in a car.

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Officer John J. Covalesk

Shot and killed on November 15, 1950, by an armed burglar who Covalesk found burglarizing a business.





Officer Richard E. Huerta

Killed on August 6, 1970. Shot by a gunman intent on randomly killing any officer he encountered that evening.



Officer Robert A. White

Killed on January 27, 1985, by electrocution while investigating an accident in which a motorist struck a high voltage transformer.



Officer Henry Bunch

Killed on July 29, 1985, by an intoxicated arrestee who wrestled the officer's weapon away and shot him.



Officer Robert Wirht

Killed on September 8, 1988, while on a police motorcycle pursuing a speeding motorist, and then being struck by another errant motorist in traffic.





Officer Gene R. Simpson

Killed on January 20, 1989, by a mentally ill pedestrian who wrestled away the officer's handgun and shot him.



Officer Gordon A. Silva

Killed on January 20, 1989, by gunfire in the same firefight with the mentally ill pedestrian who had just mortally wounded Officer Simpson.



Officer Desmond J. Casey

Killed on October 25, 1999, when the police helicopter he was piloting crashed.



Officer Jeffery Fontana

Shot on October 28, 2001, while initiating a car stop during the early morning hours in the Almaden Valley area of San Jose.

