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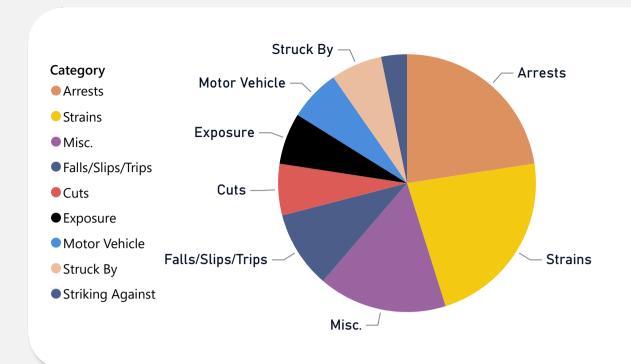
Law Enforcement Workers' Compensation Claims Count of Claims

Cause	Information					
Arrests	An officer suffered abrasions and contusions to his right hand, left cheekbone, and left hand. He also hyperextended his left knuckles. The officer was directing traffic at the north end of a scene, with his cruiser blocking the road and barrels and barricades. A car approaching at high speed made a sharp cut to the left. The officer was about 45 feet left of his cruiser, between two plastic orange barrels, and had to run and dive face-first to avoid the car. The officer's face went into the asphalt. The speeding car corrected and went on.					
Arrests	An officer suffered a broken left hand, redness, and bruising. The supervisor stated that an officer trying to catch a subject tackled the suspect, causing both to fall against a concrete wall.					
Arrests	A supervisor stated that an employee locating a subject with an active arrest warrant suffered pain and difficulty lifting his left shoulder after slipping and falling on gravel when the subject took off running.					
Arrests	An on-call employee was taking a suspect into custody when she pulled away, causing the officer to feel something pull in his rib cage.					
Arrests	A suspect pulled away from an employee trying to detain her, causing the officer's left shoulder to pop.					
Arrests	An officer trying to arrest a subject suffered soreness and tenderness to the right forearm, scratches on both hands and arms, and bruising and swelling on the right arm when the subject tried to flee.					
Arrests	An employee trying to restrain a man during an arrest jammed his right thumb, resulting in swelling, bruising, and soreness.					
Cuts	A cap came off of a needle when an officer searched a purse, and the needle pricked the officer's left ring finger, exposing the officer to bodily fluids.					
Cuts	An employee responding to a loose livestock call had to wrestle a calf to the ground. The employee's hand scraped the concrete while trying to secure the animal's legs, resulting in swelling and a small cut to his left index finger. He reported no pain but a little bit of tightness in the finger.					
Exposure	An employee destroying evidence was exposed to something that resulted in blurred vision and an elevated heart rate and blood pressure.					
Exposure	An employee cleaning a suspect's phone noticed a white substance on the phone and immediately placed it in a bag. The employee reported being light-headed, with high blood pressure and nausea.					
Falls/Slips/Trips	An employee slipped off a ladder and landed oddly on his right heel, causing pain and bruises.					
Falls/Slips/Trips	An employee chasing a suspect tripped over a curb and fell onto the asphalt, resulting in a scrape to the left forearm and shin and a cut on the right palm.					
Falls/Slips/Trips	An employee doing course training tripped on the gravel and fell, resulting in swelling in the top of the right knee and pain when bending it.					
Misc.	An employee dispatched for a patient said to be having a fit or seizure was exposed to blood in his left eye, face, and arm. The individual appeared to be under the influence of PCP and spit blood in the employee's face. The officer also noticed blood spots on his pants and left arm. He estimated he was in contact with the individual for 10-15 minutes.					
Misc.	An employee chasing a suspect to arrest him went through barriers and fences, cutting the officer and suspect. When the employee came in contact with the suspect, he learned the man had Hepatitis C, causing the officer to be possibly exposed.					
Misc.	An employee's legs gave out when he went to get out of a chair. The employee made it up to his feet and walked down the hallway before falling again. The employee could not move his legs at this time.					
Misc.	N/A					
Misc.	A supervisor stated that an employee had an unknown allergic reaction, resulting in swelling to the tongue and numbness to the lips.					
Motor Vehicle	A car side-swiped a city vehicle on the driver's side as the employee drove up a road with an incline. The airbags did not deploy, but the employee was not injured.					
Motor Vehicle	An employee and coworker in a patrol vehicle were not hurt after a car side-swiped the driver's side of the vehicle when it reached the top of a hill on a road with an incline. The patrol vehicle's airbag did not deploy.					
Strains	N/A					
Strains	An employee in defensive tactics training rotated her left shoulder, which popped three times. As a result, she can't raise it.					
Strains	An employee in a field near a creek was assisting the fire department in detaining two aggressive dogs when he stepped off the truck onto an uneven part of the ground and rolled his left ankle. He has pain and swelling to the left ankle and pain with walking.					
Strains	An employee turning the corner heard a pop, and his left foot gave away when he pivoted on it.					
Strains	An employee exiting his car rolled his ankle and felt a pop, causing left ankle pain and a limp while walking.					
Strains	An employee getting out of his vehicle injured his lower back.					
Strains	After kneeling down to repair a GPS cord, an employee raised up and felt a sharp pain in the lower back.					
Striking Against	An employee doing defensive tactics hurt her right elbow while striking a bag with her baton. She had previously injured it. The officer reported nerve and muscle pain, tingling, burning, and numbness in her fingers.					
Struck By	An employee doing defensive tactic training hurt his lower back when he moved to take down a coworker.					

An employee in the hallway near the x-ray area was called for an intoxicated, uncooperative patient threatening staff. The employee had to go "hands-on" with the patient. The employee was elbowed in the lip, resulting in a cut,

and had pain and swelling to the left hand.

Struck By



Category	Count of Claim ID
Arrests	7
Cuts	2
Exposure	2
Falls/Slips/Trips	3
Misc.	5
Motor Vehicle	2
Strains	7
Striking Against	1
Struck By	2
Total	31

Five Year Overview



Remember Wear Your Vest, Wear Your Seatbelt, and Slow Down!!

▼ Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Struck By	56	50	52	57	42	257
Striking Against	9	16	8	5	8	46
Strains	60	38	55	55	57	265
Motor Vehicle	41	25	28	26	18	138
Misc.	35	58	51	33	34	211
Falls/Slips/Trips	51	30	52	38	30	201
Exposure	24	11	15	12	13	75
Cuts	22	20	23	13	10	88
Covid-19		59	52	28	1	140
Caught Between	3	3	5	1	2	14
Burns	2		1	2	2	7
Arrests Total	107 410	46 356	68 410	70 340	60 277	351 1 793

