



# Salt River PD Officer Clayton Townsend

EOW: 1/08/2019

- Officer Townsend was conducting a traffic stop on the 101 just south of McDowell.
- While he was outside of his car he was struck by another driver who was texting at the time.
- Officer Townsend was transported to the hospital where he died.
- Officer Townsend was with Salt River PD for 5 years.

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# Phoenix PD Officer Paul Rutherford

EOW 3/21/2019

- Officer Rutherford was investigating an accident at 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Indian School at approximately 0830.
- While at the scene, there was an emergency call of an armed subject across the street from his location.

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# Phoenix PD Officer Paul Rutherford

- Officer Rutherford attempted to respond to the call and when crossing the street, was struck by a vehicle.
- He was transported to the hospital and died a short time later.
- He had been with Phoenix Police Department for 23 years.

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# Border Patrol Agent Robert Hotten

EOW 10/06/2019



- Agent Hotten and two other agents responded to a ground sensor activation in the area of Mount Washington south of Patagonia, AZ at approx. 1300 hrs.
- During the ensuing search a subject was taken into custody.
- Agent Hotten failed to respond to radio contact and agents began to search for him.

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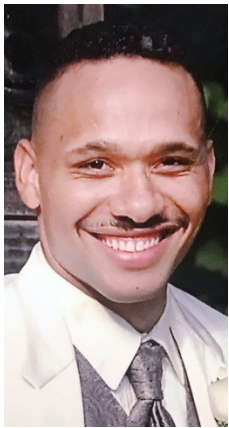


# Border Patrol Agent Robert Hotten

- When Agent Hotten was found at 1645 he was unresponsive with a head injury, possibly from falling.
- Due to the remote location, they were unable to immediately move him to transport.
- Agents started CPR and provided aid for two hours before he was flown to Nogales Hospital where he was pronounced dead.
- He had been an Agent for 10 years.

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# U.S. Border Patrol Agent

## Luis Pena

EOW 12/23/19

- On 10/18/2007 Agent Pena was on duty driving a USBP vehicle. He was on his way to back up another Border Patrol Agent when he was involved in an accident.
- As a result of the accident Agent Pena suffered a spinal cord injury causing quadriplegia.
- In June, 2019 he endured a prolonged hospitalization for illnesses related to his quadriplegia.

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# U.S. Border Patrol Agent Luis Pena

- During his hospital stay he developed an infection along with respiratory failure, heart condition and kidney disease.
- He died on 12/23/2019.
- His physician concluded that his death was a direct result of the spinal cord injury he sustained in the line of duty as a Border Patrol Agent.

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# Border Patrol Agent James Epling

EOW 12/16/2003

- Agent Epling was a Border Patrol Agent at the Office in Yuma AZ which covers Arizona and part of California.
- Agent Epling was an Arizona Peace officer who reported to duty in Yuma, AZ.
- He and other agents were in foot pursuit of Mexican and Chinese nationals they spotted on the California side of the river.

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# MCSO Detention Officer

## Gene Lee

EOW: 10/30/2019



- While working as a detention officer in the lower buckeye jail, Officer Lee was attacked by an inmate.
- The inmate grabbed him by the neck and swept his legs out from under him causing him to fall and strike his head.
- He was transported to the hospital and died the following day.
- Officer Lee served 6 years with MCSO.

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# MCSO Detention Officer Gene Lee

- There is a prior non-sworn “jailer” on the memorial. PPD Jail Guard John MacInnis EOW 2/22/1976. MacInnis suffered a heart attack while chasing a prisoner.
- See A.R.S. §41-1661 “Correctional officer means a person, other than an elected official, who is employed by this state or a county, city or town and who is responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody or control of inmates in a state, county or municipal correctional institution, including counselors, but excluding secretarial, clerical and professionally trained personnel.”

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