



# LEO NEAR MISS

LESSONS LEARNED BECOME LESSONS APPLIED



The Police Foundation is pleased to announce the LEO Near Miss system, developed with support from the U.S. DOJ COPS Office. This system will allow law enforcement personnel to share “close calls” in order to prevent tragedies and help their peers stay safe.

Our mission is to encourage law enforcement personnel to share their near miss incidents and lessons learned so that they can be used to shield other law enforcement personnel from accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

## WHAT IS A NEAR MISS?

**A near miss is a close call and/or unsafe occurrence** that could have resulted in a serious injury, fatality, significant property damage, and/or crisis if not for a fortunate break in the chain of events. Examples of near misses could include violent encounters, equipment failures, experiences with new suspect tactics, roadway incidents, and other close calls.

## HOW CAN SHARING YOUR NEAR MISS HELP OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL?

**If you share an incident in which you escaped a serious injury or accident or otherwise averted a more serious incident, what you learned can save a life** by preparing others. As we have learned in aviation, medicine, and other industries, sharing these incidents in a voluntary, non-punitive, anonymous, and confidential manner can foster learning and greatly improve the culture of safety in law enforcement.

## HOW WILL REPORTING NEAR MISSES IMPROVE OFFICER SAFETY?

**The LEO Near Miss system uses artificial intelligence software to identify and report common characteristics of near miss incidents**—characteristics that may not appear to be related but, in fact, do have commonalities. As more near misses are entered, these common characteristics become known and can be used to improve training, policies, procedures, and strategies in order to reduce risk, improve officer safety, and save lives.

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



Help prevent more names from being added to this wall.

Share your near miss and view others at [www.LEOnearmiss.org](http://www.LEOnearmiss.org)

Voluntary and Anonymous Reporting System

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