



POLICING IN CALIFORNIA: MYTH VS. FACT

Issue 1: Fatal Officer Involved Shooting Incidents 2015–2018

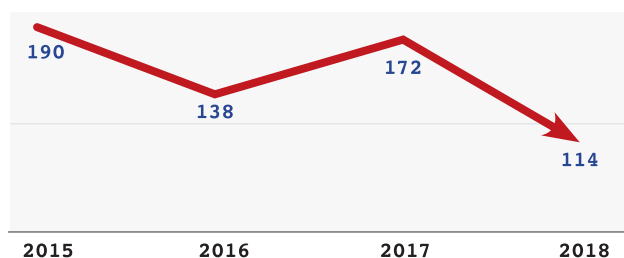
MYTH:

The ACLU's Lizzie Buchen recently wrote:

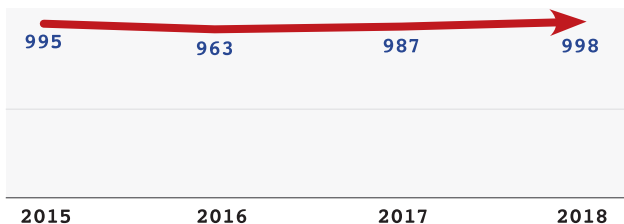
“...every day that goes by without addressing California’s **epidemic**^{1,2} of police violence is another day that a police officer may violently take another life.³”

FACT:

California Fatal OIS Incidents 2015-2018⁴



National Fatal OIS Incidents 2015-2018⁴



According to the Washington Post’s Fatal Force Database, California has experienced a **40% DECREASE** in Fatal OIS incidents since 2015.

Protect California’s comprehensive plan to create safer neighborhoods addresses the systemic issues contributing to crime and strives to ensure each interaction between California public safety officers and the communities they serve is grounded in mutual respect.

See Protect California’s Plan to achieve these goals at www.Protectca.com

¹ Emphasis added

² Definition of Epidemic: affecting or tending to affect a disproportionately large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time, Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

³ Source: <https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-law-reform/reforming-police-practices/new-bill-limits-when-california-police-can-use>

⁴ Sources: Washington Post, https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/national/police-shootings-2019/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.c429f46727f5, Los Angeles Times, <https://homicide.latimes.com>