**February 14, 2001**

Deputy Brandan Hinkle was killed after his police motorcycle was struck head-on by another vehicle while he was on routine patrol.   
  
Deputy Hinkle was training to be a motor officer and was riding behind his training officer when the accident occurred. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries a short time later.  
  
Deputy Hinkle had been employed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 11 years, and is survived by his wife.