

## IN MEMORIAM

### Detective Elizabeth Butler and Sergeant Loran "Butch" Baker Santa Cruz Police Department

On February 26, 2013 two lives were violently taken in the Line of Duty. Sergeant Loran "Butch" Baker and Detective Elizabeth Butler fought until the end with a man set against being arrested. These two warriors are Too Soon Gone.

Sergeant Baker and Detective Butler are the 11th and 12th officers to loss their lives in the Line of Duty in the month of February. They are the 16th and 17th Line of Duty Deaths for 2013 in the United States. Detective Butler is the third female officer internationally to lose her life in the line of duty and one of five female (current and retired) Law Enforcement Deaths I have shared this month. Please pray for the friends, family and colleagues of all the officers who have had their lives cut short in public service and due to accident or illness. I ask for prayer for the families of Sergeant Baker and Detective Butler and for their colleagues and friends as they prepare to celebrate their lives and commitment to service.

Condolences can be sent to Chief of Police Kevin Vogel, Santa Cruz Police Department, 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, Phone: (831) 420-5800

Please know that weekly prayer is held to pray for the safety of officers worldwide.  
I am available at [ChaplainDow@yahoo.com](mailto:ChaplainDow@yahoo.com).

Stay Safe, Stay Alert, Go Home to your loved ones every night; these things I pray for you.

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**Links:**

- Officers Down Memorial Page  
Detective Butler, <http://www.odmp.org/officer/21742-detective-elizabeth-butler>  
Sergeant Baker, <http://www.odmp.org/officer/21741-sergeant-loran-butch-baker>
- Slain Officers Remembered, <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Slain-Santa-Cruz-Police-Officers-Remembered-193660961.html>



Detective Elizabeth Butler, left, and Sgt. Loran "Butch" Baker were slain in a shootout in Santa Cruz on Feb. 26, 2013. The alleged gunman was later killed by responding officers.