

01-26-1969 LA Co CA – Charles D. Rea – LEO Flash Flood Rescue Attempt



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### Charles D. Rea

<https://www.odmp.org/officer/11052-reserve-deputy-sheriff-charles-d-rea>



Bio & Incident Details
<b>Age:</b> 35
<b>Tour:</b> 11 months
<b>Badge #</b> Not available
<b>Cause:</b> Drowned

Reserve Deputy Sheriff

### Charles D. Rea

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California

End of Watch: Sunday, January 26, 1969

Reserve Deputy Rea drowned after falling into a stream while attempting to rescue civilians trapped in Big Tujunga Canyon during a flash flood.

Reserve Deputy Rea had been with the agency for 11 months and was assigned to Crescenta Valley Station, Montrose Search and Rescue Team.



<https://camemorial.org/1961-1970/rea.php>

### Search And Rescue Reserve Deputy Charles D. Rea

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Date of Birth: March 20, 1934

Date Appointed: February 6, 1968

End of Watch: January 26, 1969

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Reserve Deputy Charles Rea was killed while assigned to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crescenta Valley Station, Montrose Search and rescue team.

Deputy Rea was attempting to cross a stream on a makeshift log bridge to rescue trapped civilians during a flash flood in Big Tujunga Canyon. Deputy Rea fell into the raging waters which carried him downstream.

He drowned before comrades could pull him out.