
October 24, 1974, Officer Ronald G. Roberts

Officer Ronald G. Roberts, 29, died from injuries received on May 1, 1972, when he was struck by an Omaha, Nebraska, police cruiser. Roberts had been on foot directing traffic at 35th and W. Broadway due to malfunctioning traffic signals when an Omaha Police officer pursued the driver of a car into Council Bluffs from I-480. The Omaha cruiser skidded while trying to turn the corner at 35th Street and struck Roberts. Roberts was hospitalized in critical condition and drifted in and out of a coma for months. Community support for Roberts was overwhelming, including fund raisers by Pizza Hut and State Bank and Trust Company. Roberts, unfortunately, succumbed to the injuries 29-months after the collision.

