



Section Ten

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED & ASSAULTED SUMMARY

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED AND ASSAULTED

The killing or assault of a police officer has a harmful effect on society that reaches far beyond the overt act. Such occurrences constitute an immediate threat to the well-being of the community and serious breach of the internal security of the country. Today a young person who considers a career in law enforcement must also consider the very strong possibility of being killed or assaulted by a member of the very same society they are sworn to protect. This deplorable situation should be a subject of serious concern, for in truth, an attack on a police officer is an attack on society. The violence directed against law enforcement officers acting in the line of duty is clearly demonstrated by the following information.

POLICE FELONIOUSLY KILLED

VOLUME/TREND

- In 2012, no police officers were feloniously killed while in the performance of duty.

Year	Police Officers Killed	Year	Police Officers Killed
2003	1	2008	-
2004	-	2009	1
2005	1	2010	-
2006	1	2011	1
2007	2	2012	-

ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS

Police assault statistics are important to the police administrator who attempts to identify the causative factors of this type of criminal activity. Many factors contribute to police assaults, and circumstances vary from place to place. Identifying specific reasons for these assaults is therefore extremely difficult. The following information illustrates the frequency of these events, and any attempt at analysis of these assaults should include consideration of the unique variables present in each jurisdiction. Due to the broad field of services performed by many state and county police agencies, no assault rates are computed for total police officers.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 2,209 police officers assaulted in 2012, a decrease of 4 percent when compared to 2011.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Twenty-eight percent (613) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 90 percent (1,984) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-five percent of police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls
- Fourteen percent of the assaults on police officers occurred during the 2-hour period of 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CLEARANCES

- The police of New Jersey were successful in clearing in 91 percent of the assaults directed at them.

ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- A total 1,956 of municipal police officers were assaulted during 2012, decrease of 1 percent when compared to 2011.
- The assault rate, for every 100 municipal officers, was 10.1, a 6.5 percent decrease compared to 2011.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

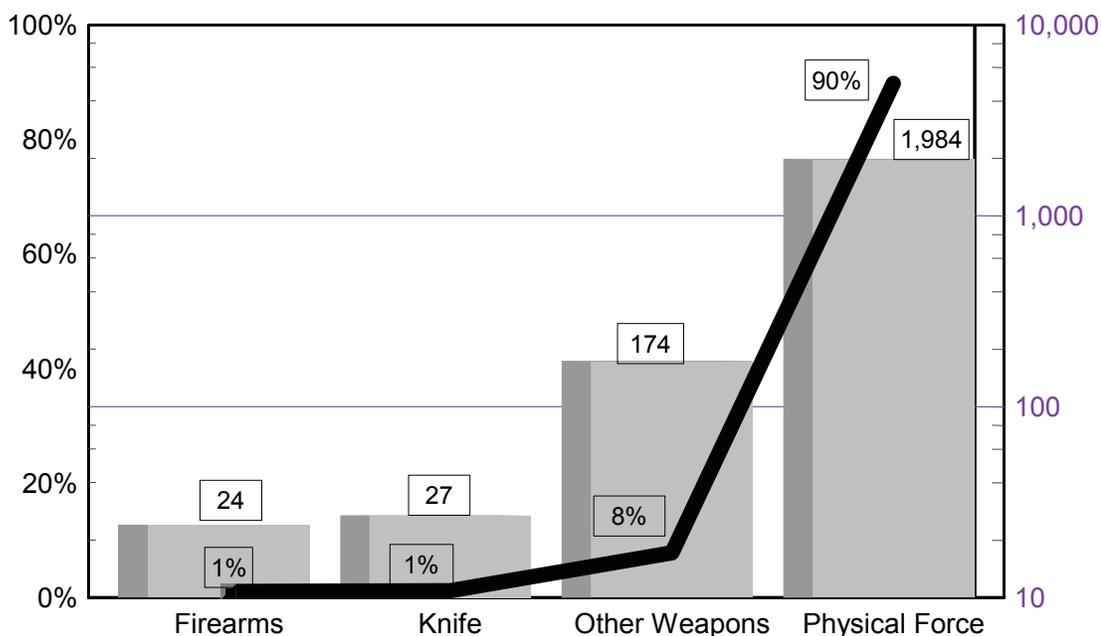
- Twenty-six percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 90 percent (1,752) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-nine percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting Other Arrests accounted for 14 percent of the municipal police assaults.

OTHER POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED

The following law enforcement agencies are dealt with separately and are not included when computing municipal assault rates; the services performed by these agencies vary greatly from the functions of municipal police agencies.

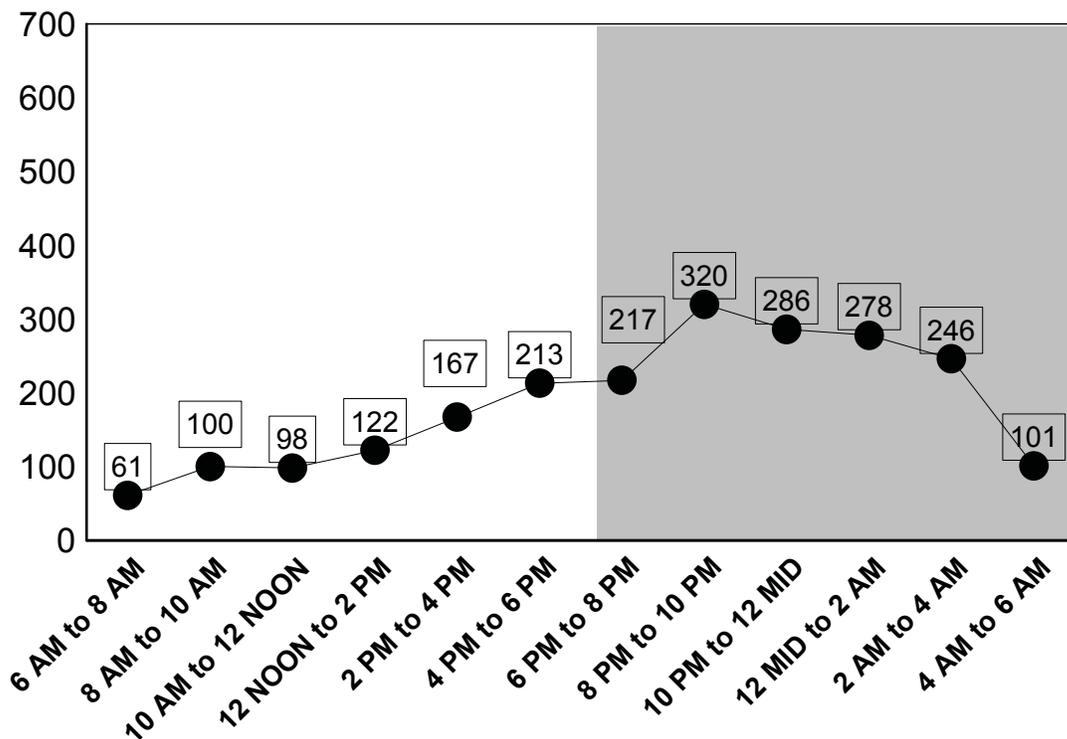
- County law enforcement agencies reported 55 police officers assaulted with 14 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 32 police officers assaulted with 14 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 151 police officers assaulted with 72 sustaining injury.
- University and college police agencies reported 15 police officers assaulted with 3 sustaining injury.

WEAPONS USED IN ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS



Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

NUMBER OF ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS BY HOUR OF DAY



ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY

NUMBER - PERCENT DISTRIBUTION

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Municipal Police		County Agencies		State Police		Other State Agencies		Universities and Colleges		Total	
	Number	Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution
Responding to "Disturbance" Calls	761	39	1	2	6	19	2	1	4	27	774	35
Burglaries in Progress	23	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	23	1
Robberies in Progress	18	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	18	1
Attempting Other Arrests	269	14	22	40	2	6	16	11	4	27	313	14
Civil Disorder	52	3	1	2	-	0	-	0	1	7	54	2
Handling or Transporting Prisoners	169	9	17	31	18	56	118	78	2	13	324	15
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	228	12	3	5	3	9	3	2	2	13	239	11
Ambush	1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	1	0
Mentally Deranged Persons	62	3	1	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	63	3
Traffic Stops	156	8	5	9	3	9	3	2	-	0	167	8
All Other	217	11	5	9	-	0	9	6	2	13	233	11
TOTAL	1,956	100	55	100	32	100	151	100	15	100	2,209	100

* Percent is less than one-half of one percent.

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ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS NUMBER - RATE PER 100 OFFICERS BY COUNTY 2012

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
ATLANTIC	869	119	6.1	13.7
BERGEN	2,012	129	6.6	6.4
BURLINGTON	704	52	2.7	7.4
CAMDEN	1,144	197	10.1	17.2
CAPE MAY	303	21	1.1	6.9
CUMBERLAND	280	53	2.7	18.9
ESSEX	2,466	177	9.0	7.2
GLOUCESTER	547	51	2.6	9.3
HUDSON	1,754	301	15.4	17.2
HUNTERDON	157	6	0.3	3.3
MERCER	749	57	2.9	7.6
MIDDLESEX	1,492	62	3.2	4.2
MONMOUTH	1,397	141	7.2	10.1
MORRIS	968	50	2.6	5.2
OCEAN	1,071	107	5.5	10.0
PASSAIC	1,053	117	6.0	11.1
SALEM	95	9	0.5	9.5
SOMERSET	589	14	0.7	2.4
SUSSEX	178	12	0.6	6.7
UNION	1,368	271	13.9	19.8
WARREN	142	10	0.5	7.0
TOTAL	19,365	1,956	100.0	10.1

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