



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 2016, there were no police officers feloniously killed while in the performance of their duties.

Year	Police Officers Killed
2007	2
2008	0
2009	1
2010	0
2011	1
2012	0
2013	0
2014	1
2015	0
2016	0

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 range of services performed by many state and county police agencies, no assault rates are computed for total police officers.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 1,873 police officers assaulted in 2016, an increase of 8 percent when compared to 2015.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Thirty-two percent (593) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet, was used in 88 percent (1,655) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-six 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 10:00 p.m.

CLEARANCES

- The police of New Jersey were successful in clearing in 90 percent of the assaults directed at them.

ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- A total of 1,526 municipal police officers were assaulted during 2016, a decrease of 1 percent when compared to 2015.
- The assault rate for every 100 municipal officers was 7.6, a 3 percent decrease compared to 2015.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

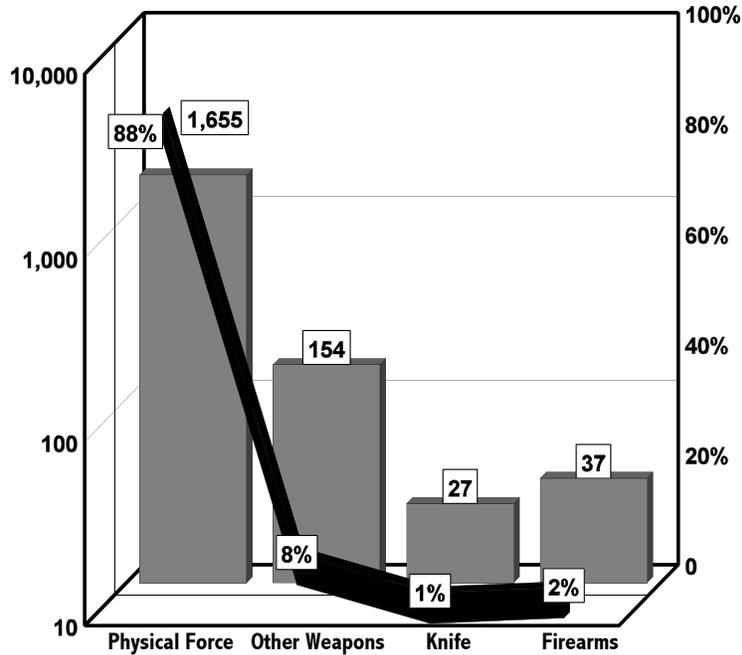
- Twenty-five percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet, was used in 88 percent (1,336) of all police assaults.
- Forty-two percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting other arrests accounted for 12 percent of the municipal police assaults.

OTHER POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED

The following law enforcement agencies are handled 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.

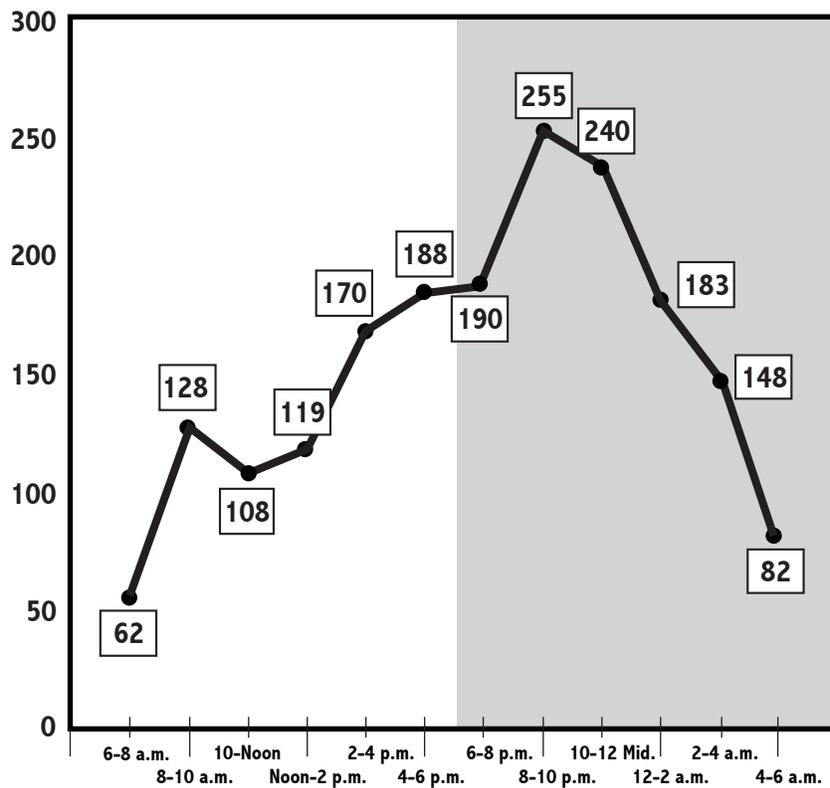
- County law enforcement agencies reported 21 police officers assaulted with 14 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 124 police officers assaulted with 37 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 188 police officers assaulted with 160 sustaining injury.
- University and college police agencies reported 14 police officers assaulted with 8 sustaining injury.

WEAPONS USED IN ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS



Due to rounding, the percentage may not add to 100.

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	634	42	0	0	26	21	4	2	3	21	667	36
Burglaries in Progress	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1
Robberies in Progress	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1
Attempting Other Arrests	185	12	4	19	23	19	3	2	0	0	215	11
Civil Disorder	33	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	7	35	2
Handling or Transporting Prisoners	126	8	10	48	26	21	167	89	1	7	330	18
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	180	12	0	0	8	6	1	1	0	0	189	10
Ambush	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Mentally Deranged Persons	64	4	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	66	4
Traffic Stops	101	7	0	0	29	23	0	0	2	14	132	7
All Other	160	10	5	24	11	9	13	7	7	50	196	10
TOTAL	1,526	100	21	100	124	100	188	100	14	100	1,873	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 2016

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
Atlantic	786	95	6.2	12.1
Bergen	2,122	77	5.0	3.6
Burlington	727	47	3.1	6.5
Camden	1,329	212	13.9	16.0
Cape May	324	26	1.7	8.0
Cumberland	266	16	1.0	6.0
Essex	2,527	145	9.5	5.7
Gloucester	566	35	2.3	6.2
Hudson	1,853	189	12.4	10.2
Hunterdon	194	2	0.1	1.0
Mercer	723	61	4.0	8.4
Middlesex	1,571	47	3.1	3.0
Monmouth	1,451	103	6.7	7.1
Morris	1,010	43	2.8	4.3
Ocean	1,125	70	4.6	6.2
Passaic	1,083	89	5.8	8.2
Salem	93	7	0.5	7.5
Somerset	607	33	2.2	5.4
Sussex	191	9	0.6	4.7
Union	1,323	216	14.2	16.3
Warren	152	4	0.3	2.6
TOTAL	20,023	1,526	100	7.6

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