



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 2013, no police officers were feloniously killed while in the performance of duty.

Year	Police Officers Killed	Year	Police Officers Killed
2004	-	2009	1
2005	1	2010	-
2006	1	2011	1
2007	2	2012	-
2008	-	2013	-

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 2,163 police officers assaulted in 2013, a decrease of 2 percent when compared to 2012.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Thirty percent (654) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 87 percent (1,884) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-two 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 1,858 of municipal police officers were assaulted during 2013, decrease of 5 percent when compared to 2012.
- The assault rate, for every 100 municipal officers, was 9.6, a 11.1 percent decrease compared to 2012.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

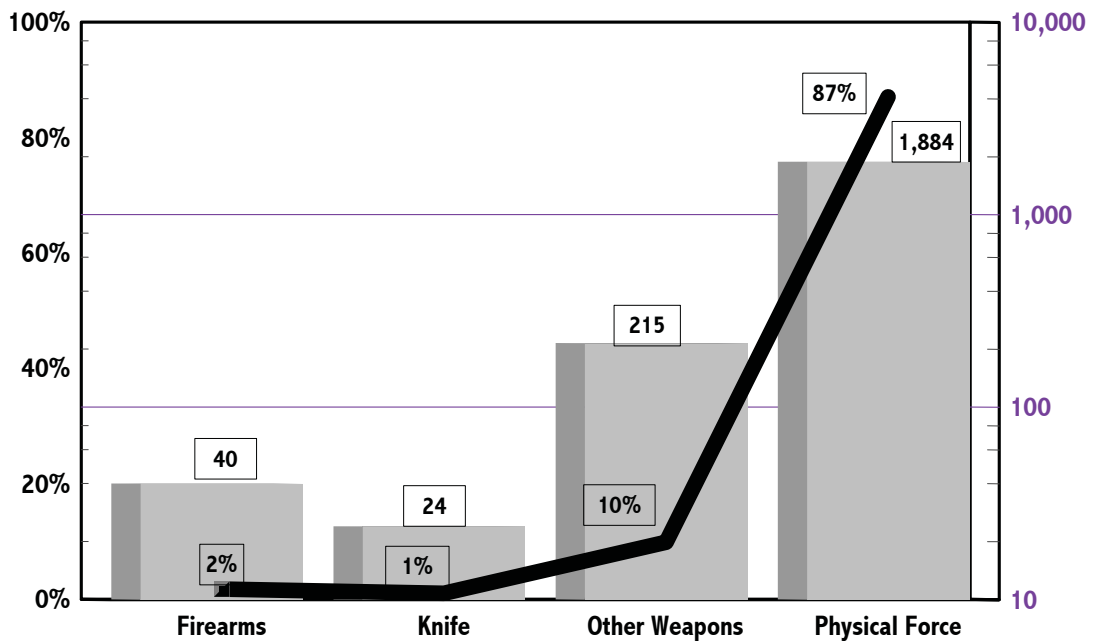
- Twenty-seven percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 86 percent (1,597) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-six percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting 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.

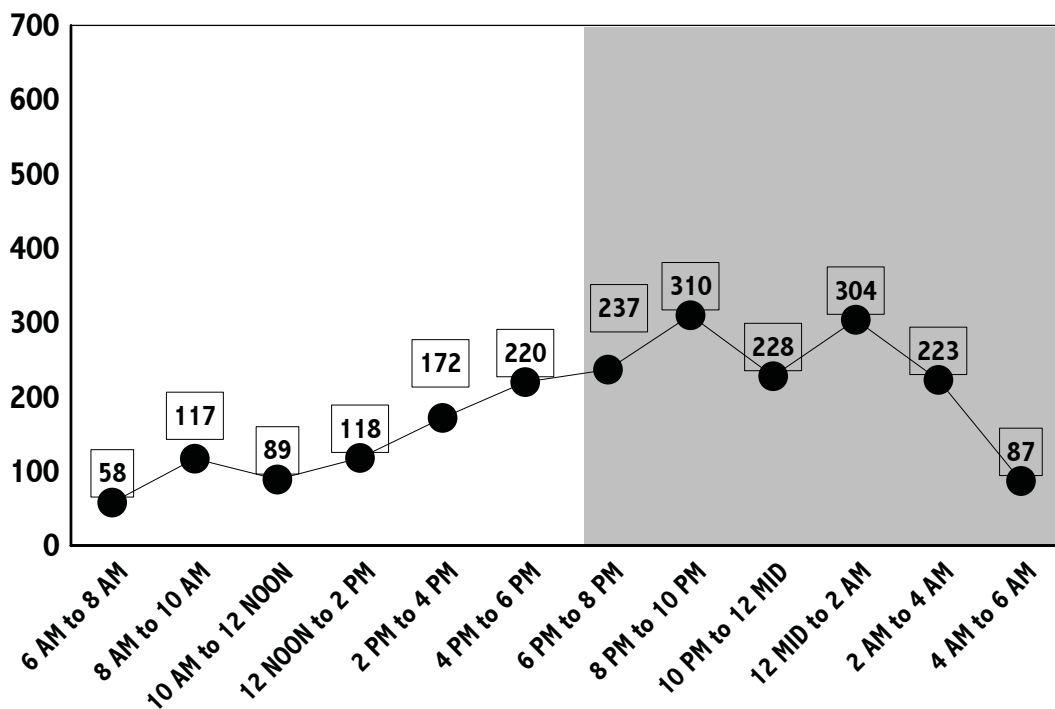
- County law enforcement agencies reported 15 police officers assaulted with 4 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 106 police officers assaulted with 26 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 174 police officers assaulted with 113 sustaining injury.
- University and college police agencies reported 10 police officers assaulted with 6 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	666	36	-	0	22	21	10	6	1	10	699	32
Burglaries in Progress	30	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	30	1
Robberies in Progress	33	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	33	2
Attempting Other Arrests	265	14	3	20	30	28	3	2	-	0	301	14
Civil Disorder	55	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	55	3
Handling or Transporting Prisoners	140	8	2	13	15	14	124	71	1	10	282	13
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	260	14	3	20	9	8	1	1	7	70	280	13
Ambush	3	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	3	0
Mentally Deranged Persons	53	3	-	0	7	7	1	1	-	0	61	3
Traffic Stops	148	8	1	7	7	7	1	1	-	0	157	7
All Other	205	11	6	40	16	15	34	20	1	10	262	12
TOTAL	1,858	100	15	100	106	100	174	100	10	100	2,163	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 2013

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
ATLANTIC	810	85	4.6	10.5
BERGEN	2,027	163	8.8	8.0
BURLINGTON	690	57	3.1	8.3
CAMDEN	1,295	176	9.5	13.6
CAPE MAY	302	20	1.1	6.6
CUMBERLAND	270	55	3.0	20.4
ESSEX	2,427	191	10.3	7.9
GLOUCESTER	555	42	2.3	7.6
HUDSON	1,709	304	16.4	17.8
HUNTERDON	187	2	0.1	1.1
MERCER	745	50	2.7	6.7
MIDDLESEX	1,490	67	3.6	4.5
MONMOUTH	1,462	106	5.7	7.3
MORRIS	982	22	1.2	2.2
OCEAN	1,118	66	3.6	5.9
PASSAIC	1,061	98	5.3	9.2
SALEM	93	14	0.8	15.1
SOMERSET	588	37	2.0	6.3
SUSSEX	184	8	0.4	4.3
UNION	1,335	286	15.4	21.4
WARREN	147	9	0.5	6.1
TOTAL	19,477	1,858	100.0	9.5

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