



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 2015, there were no police officers feloniously killed while in the performance of their duties.

Year	Police Officers Killed
2006	1
2007	2
2008	0
2009	1
2010	0
2011	1
2012	0
2013	0
2014	1
2015	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 1,735 police officers assaulted in 2015, a decrease of 3 percent when compared to 2014.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Thirty-one percent (541) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet, was used in 89 percent (1,540) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-four percent of police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Thirteen 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 91 percent of the assaults directed at them.

ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- A total of 1,539 municipal police officers were assaulted during 2015, a decrease of 5 percent when compared to 2014.
- The assault rate for every 100 municipal officers was 7.8, a 5 percent decrease compared to 2014.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

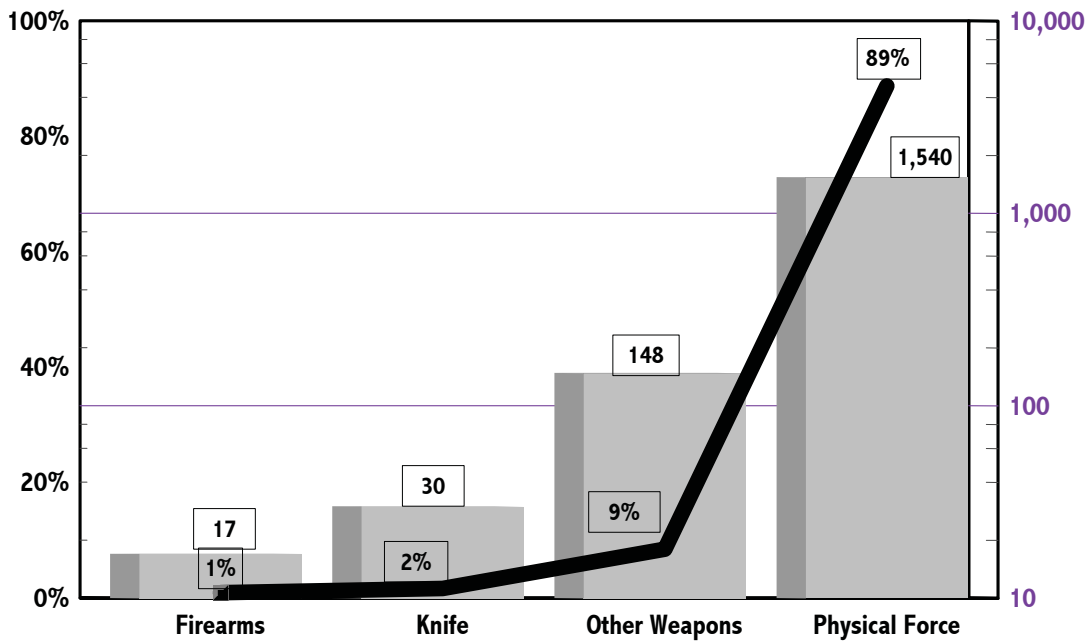
- Twenty-eight percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet, was used in 88 percent (1,357) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-seven percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting Other Arrests accounted for 11 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.

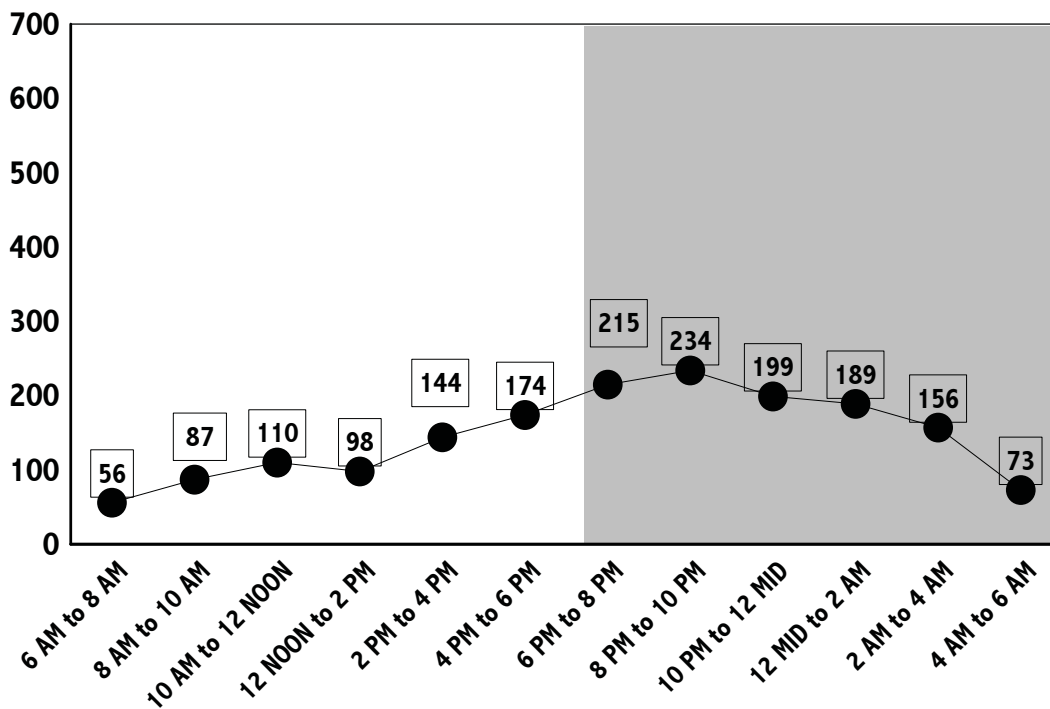
- County law enforcement agencies reported 22 police officers assaulted with 13 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 22 police officers assaulted with 1 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 127 police officers assaulted with 85 sustaining injury.
- University and college police agencies reported 25 police officers assaulted with 11 sustaining injury.

WEAPONS USED IN ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS



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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	562	36	1	5	10	45	5	4	5	20	583	34
Burglaries in Progress	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	18	1
Robberies in Progress	7	*	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	8	*
Attempting Other Arrests	165	11	5	23	4	18	1	1	3	12	178	10
Civil Disorder	49	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	3
Handling or Transporting Prisoners	133	9	12	55	4	18	115	91	2	8	266	15
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	192	12	0	0	2	9	1	1	4	16	199	11
Mentally Deranged Persons	63	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	65	4
Traffic Stops	124	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	16	130	7
All Other	227	15	3	14	1	5	3	2	4	16	238	14
TOTAL	1,539	100	22	100	22	100	127	100	25	100	1,735	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 2015

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
Atlantic	816	75	4.9	9.2
Bergen	2,101	82	5.3	3.9
Burlington	725	36	2.3	5.0
Camden	1,250	216	14.0	17.3
Cape May	323	42	2.7	13.0
Cumberland	262	42	2.7	16.0
Essex	2,446	123	8.0	5.0
Gloucester	556	39	2.5	7.0
Hudson	1,805	175	11.4	9.7
Hunterdon	194	3	0.2	1.5
Mercer	755	68	4.4	9.0
Middlesex	1,531	66	4.3	4.3
Monmouth	1,450	108	7.0	7.4
Morris	997	38	2.5	3.8
Ocean	1,136	68	4.4	6.0
Passaic	1,093	84	5.5	7.7
Salem	91	5	0.3	5.5
Somerset	605	18	1.2	3.0
Sussex	188	14	0.9	7.4
Union	1,324	234	15.2	17.7
Warren	151	3	0.2	2.0
TOTAL	19,799	1,539	99.9	7.8

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