



# Section Ten

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## **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 2008, No police officers were feloniously killed while in the performance of their duties.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Police Officers Killed</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Police Officers Killed</b>
1999	2	2004	-
2000	-	2005	1
2001	1	2006	1
2002	-	2007	2
2003	1	2008	-

# 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/TREND

- There were 2,572 police officers assaulted in 2008, a decrease of 14 percent when compared to 2007.

## ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Twenty-nine percent (747) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 87 percent (2,226) of all police assaults.
- Twenty-nine percent of police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Fifteen 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 89 percent of the assaults directed at them.

# ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

## VOLUME/TREND

- A total 2,336 of municipal police officers were assaulted during 2008, a decrease of 10 percent when compared to 2007.
- The assault rate, for every 100 municipal officers, was 10.8, a 44 percent increase compared to 2007.

## ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

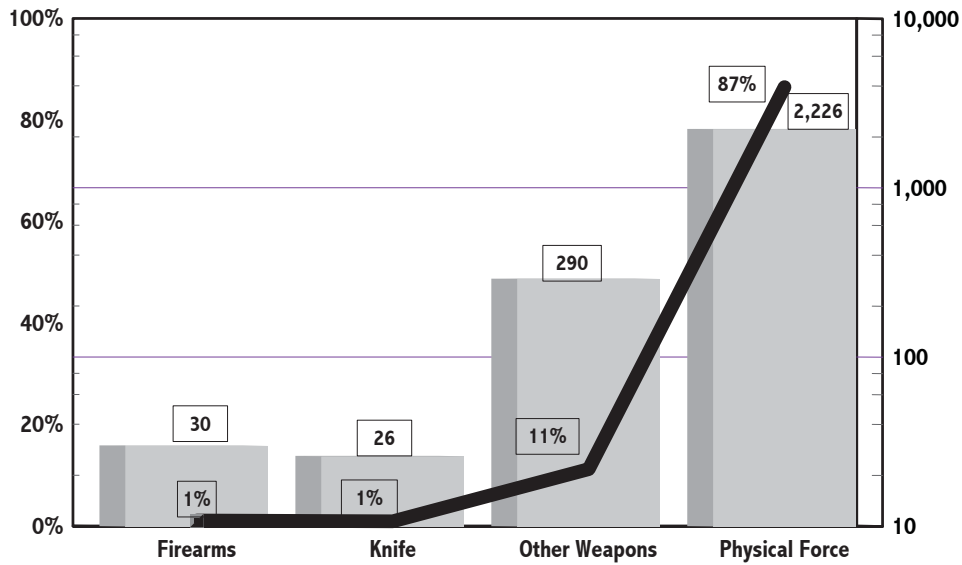
- Twenty-five percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 87 percent (2,025) of all municipal police assaults.
- Thirty-one percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting Other Arrests accounted for 17 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.

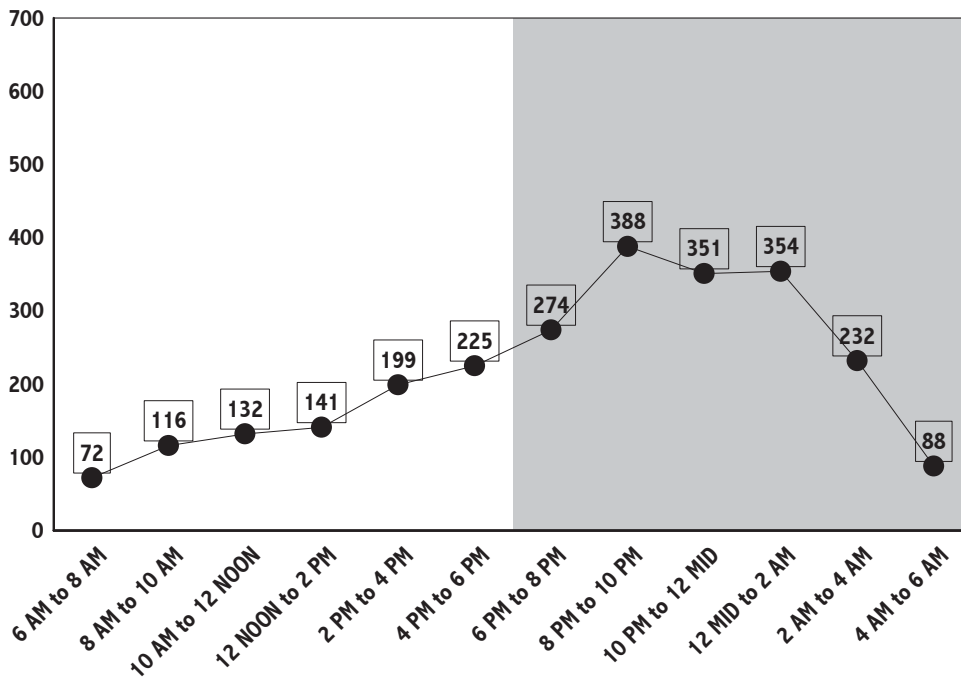
- County law enforcement agencies reported 6 police officers assaulted with 1 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 54 police officers assaulted with 22 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 169 police officers assaulted with 133 sustaining injury.
- University and college police agencies reported 7 police officers assaulted with 2 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
<b>Responding to "Disturbance" Calls</b>	735	31	-	0	9	17	7	4	1	14	752	29
<b>Burglaries in Progress</b>	31	1	-	0	-	0	1	1	-	0	32	1
<b>Robberies in Progress</b>	23	1	-	0	-	0	2	1	1	14	26	1
<b>Attempting Other Arrests</b>	402	17	1	17	9	17	20	12	-	0	432	17
<b>Civil Disorder</b>	63	3	-	0	-	0	1	1	-	0	64	2
<b>Handling or Transporting Prisoners</b>	194	8	3	50	8	15	127	75	3	43	335	13
<b>Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances</b>	313	13	1	17	13	24	-	0	-	0	327	13
<b>Ambush</b>	18	1	-	0	1	2	-	0	-	0	19	1
<b>Mentally deranged Persons</b>	59	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	1	14	60	2
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	203	9	-	0	11	20	6	4	-	0	220	9
<b>All Other</b>	295	13	1	17	3	6	5	3	1	14	305	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>100</b>

\* 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 2008

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
ATLANTIC	961	104	4.5	10.8
BERGEN	2,171	180	7.7	8.3
BURLINGTON	812	67	2.9	8.3
CAMDEN	1,364	194	8.3	14.2
CAPE MAY	333	28	1.2	8.4
CUMBERLAND	302	79	3.4	26.2
ESSEX	2,925	313	13.4	10.7
GLOUCESTER	595	78	3.3	13.1
HUDSON	1,966	306	13.1	15.6
HUNTERDON	175	10	0.4	5.7
MERCER	921	127	5.4	13.8
MIDDLESEX	1,630	122	5.2	7.5
MONMOUTH	1,534	138	5.9	9.0
MORRIS	1,084	48	2.1	4.4
OCEAN	1,139	98	4.2	8.6
PASSAIC	1,236	159	6.8	12.9
SALEM	109	17	0.7	15.6
SOMERSET	634	33	1.4	5.2
SUSSEX	216	17	0.7	7.9
UNION	1,451	200	8.6	13.8
WARREN	157	18	0.8	11.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,715</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>

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