



# 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 2009, 1 police officer was feloniously killed while in the performance of their duties.
- In the early hours of July 16, 2009, Jersey City Police personnel were surveilling an automobile used in an armed robbery. During the surveillance, a female actor was observed entering the auto alone. The officers began moving towards the auto. When the officers reached the auto's location, they discovered a male actor had been lurking nearby. The two actors quickly crossed the roadway as the unmarked police car came into view. The male actor pulled a Mossberg shotgun from under his robe-like garment and began firing at the police vehicle striking the detective operating the car. The two actors then fled into 24 Reed Street, a 21 multi-unit dwelling.

An entry team comprised of Jersey City Police and Port Authority of NY & NJ police responded to the scene. Attempts to have the actors surrender were made. The actors, who secreted themselves in an unknown apartment, failed to respond to police attempts to elicit surrender.

The entry team entered 24 Reed Street and began a floor by floor, unit by unit search. Detective Marc Anthony DiNardo was a member of the entry team. The team successfully cleared fourteen units. When they reached the fifteenth unit, their knocks at the door went unanswered, but the officers heard activity inside the apartment. The officers prepared to breach the door and the male actor began firing the Mossberg shotgun. Four officers were struck with the salvos and returned fire. Both, the male and female actors were fatally shot by return fire. Detective Marc Anthony DiNardo suffered a shotgun blast to the head and neck. He succumbed to his injuries a few days later.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Police Officers Killed</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Police Officers Killed</b>
2000	-	2005	1
2001	1	2006	1
2002	-	2007	2
2003	1	2008	-
2004	-	2009	1

# 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 2,497 police officers assaulted in 2009, an increase of 24 percent when compared to 2008.

## ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Thirty-two percent (794) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 86 percent (2,154) of all police assaults.
- Twenty-nine percent of police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Twelve percent of the assaults on police officers occurred during the 2-hour period of 10:00 p.m. to 12 midnight.

## CLEARANCES

- The police of New Jersey were successful in clearing in 87 percent of the assaults directed at them.

# ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

## VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- A total 2,156 of municipal police officers were assaulted during 2009, decrease of 8 percent when compared to 2008.
- The assault rate, for every 100 municipal officers, was 10.1, a 6.5 percent decrease compared to 2008.

## ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

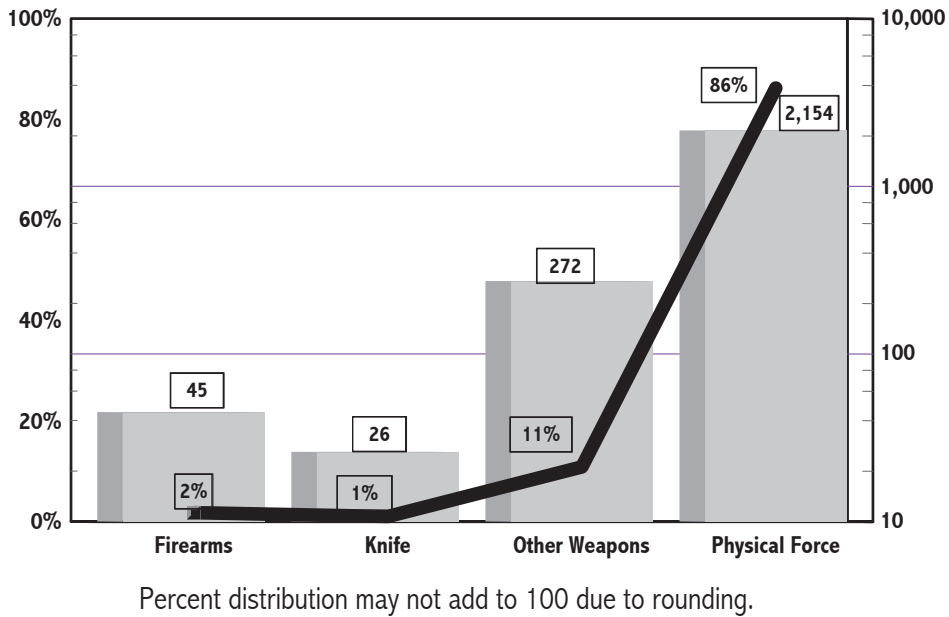
- Twenty-four percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 86 percent (1,852) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-three percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting Other Arrests accounted for 17 percent of the municipal police assaults.

# OTHER POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED

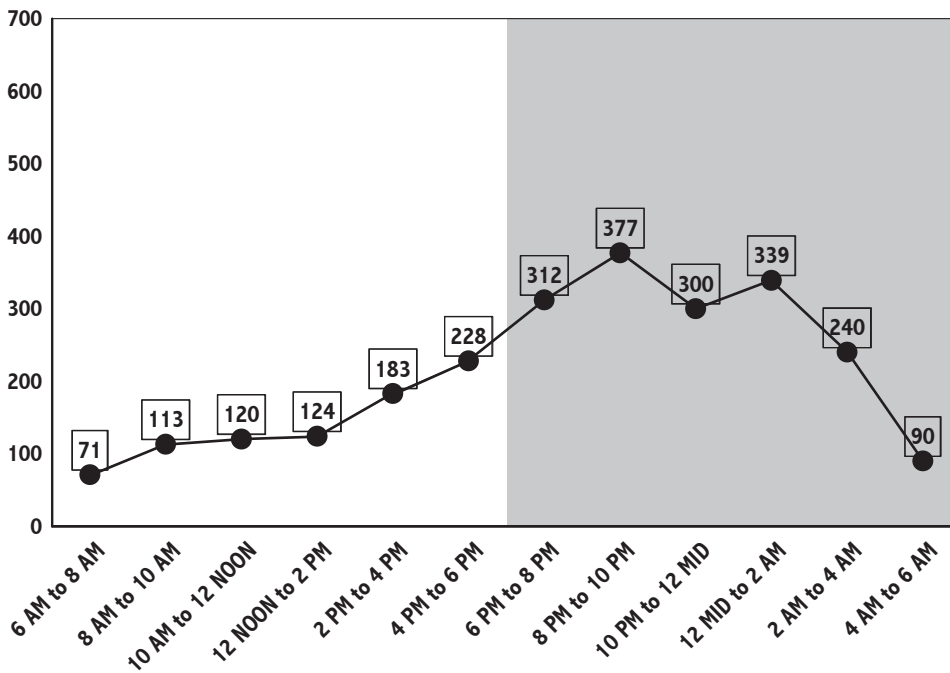
The following law enforcement agencies are dealt with separately and are not included when computing municipal assault rates; the services performed by these agencies vary greatly from the functions of municipal police agencies.

- County law enforcement agencies reported 47 police officers assaulted with 30 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 41 police officers assaulted with 14 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 232 police officers assaulted with 211 sustaining injury.
- University and college police agencies reported 21 police officers assaulted with 12 sustaining injury.

# WEAPONS USED IN ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS



# 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>	704	33	-	0	8	20	3	1	6	29	721	29
<b>Burglaries in Progress</b>	44	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	44	2
<b>Robberies in Progress</b>	25	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	25	1
<b>Attempting Other Arrests</b>	371	17	11	23	7	17	10	4	3	14	402	16
<b>Civil Disorder</b>	69	3	1	2	2	5	4	2	1	5	77	3
<b>Handling or Transporting Prisoners</b>	208	10	28	60	4	10	197	85	-	0	437	18
<b>Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances</b>	248	12	4	9	8	20	-	0	7	33	267	11
<b>Ambush</b>	4	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	4	0
<b>Mentally Deranged Persons</b>	55	3	-	0	1	2	-	0	-	0	56	2
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	136	6	1	2	6	15	9	4	1	5	153	6
<b>All Other</b>	292	14	2	4	5	12	9	4	3	14	311	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Percent distribution may not total 100 due to rounding.

# ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS NUMBER - RATE PER 100 OFFICERS BY COUNTY 2009

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
ATLANTIC	941	107	5.0	11.4
BERGEN	2,141	161	7.5	7.5
BURLINGTON	797	63	2.9	7.9
CAMDEN	1,298	176	8.2	13.6
CAPE MAY	339	25	1.2	7.4
CUMBERLAND	302	74	3.4	24.5
ESSEX	2,857	254	11.8	8.9
GLOUCESTER	582	76	3.5	13.1
HUDSON	1,942	244	11.3	12.6
HUNTERDON	203	10	0.5	4.9
MERCER	926	96	4.5	10.4
MIDDLESEX	1,603	86	4.0	5.4
MONMOUTH	1,524	136	6.3	8.9
MORRIS	1,069	61	2.8	5.7
OCEAN	1,142	112	5.2	9.8
PASSAIC	1,232	143	6.6	11.6
SALEM	107	7	0.3	6.5
SOMERSET	630	37	1.7	5.9
SUSSEX	206	20	0.9	9.7
UNION	1,413	251	11.6	17.8
WARREN	154	17	0.8	11.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,408</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.1</b>

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