



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 2010, No police officers were feloniously killed while in the performance of their duties.

Year	Police Officers Killed	Year	Police Officers Killed
2001	1	2006	1
2002	-	2007	2
2003	1	2008	-
2004	-	2009	1
2005	1	2010	-

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 2,418 police officers assaulted in 2010, a decrease of 3 percent when compared to 2009.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Twenty-nine percent (706) of the officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 87 percent (2,110) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-one percent of police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Eleven 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 85 percent of the assaults directed at them.

ASSAULTS ON MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- A total 2,138 of municipal police officers were assaulted during 2010, decrease of 1 percent when compared to 2009.
- The assault rate, for every 100 municipal officers, was 10.4, a 3.7 percent decrease compared to 2009.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

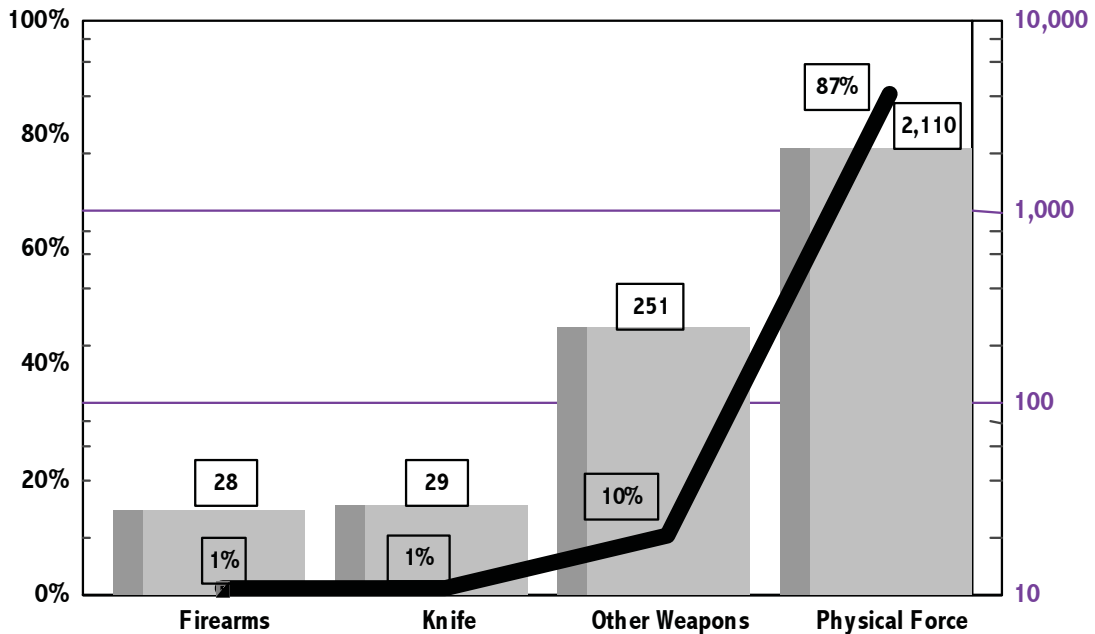
- Twenty-five percent of the municipal officers assaulted sustained injury.
- Physical Force, such as hands, fists and feet were used in 87 percent (1,858) of all police assaults.
- Thirty-four percent of the municipal police assaults occurred when officers responded to disturbance calls.
- Attempting 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.

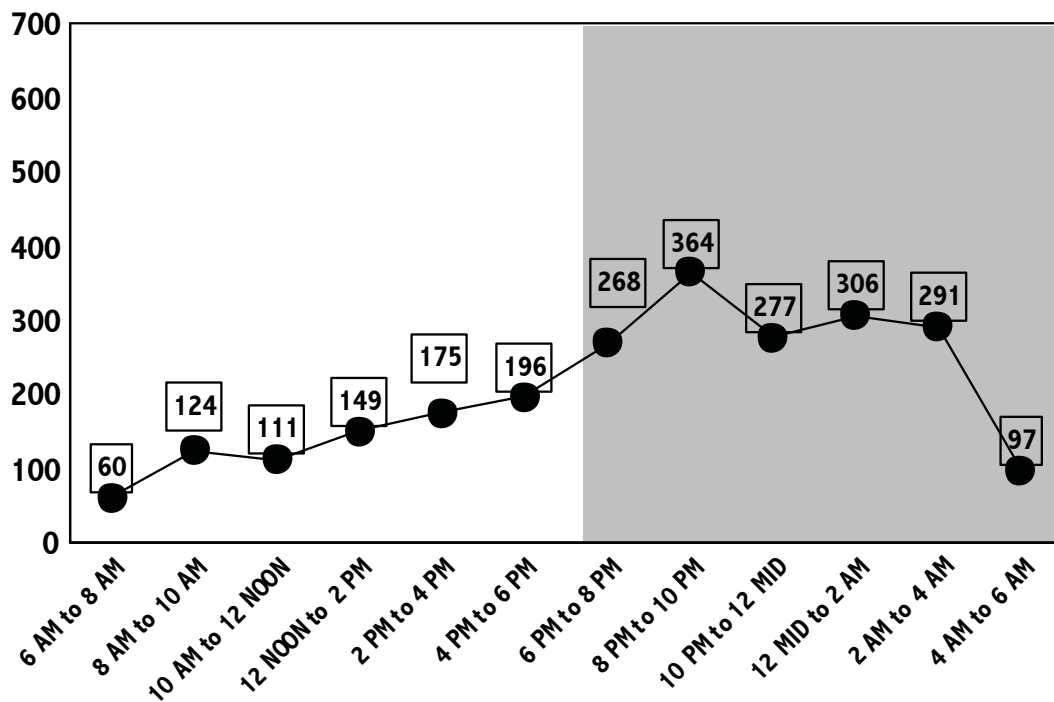
- County law enforcement agencies reported 68 police officers assaulted with 26 sustaining injury.
- The New Jersey State Police reported 50 police officers assaulted with 20 sustaining injury.
- Other state agencies with police powers reported 152 police officers assaulted with 129 sustaining injury.
- 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	735	34	2	3	9	18	5	3	3	30	754	31
Burglaries in Progress	36	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	36	1
Robberies in Progress	22	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	22	1
Attempting Other Arrests	365	17	30	44	6	12	10	7	4	40	415	17
Civil Disorder	49	2	5	7	-	0	-	0	-	0	54	2
Handling or Transporting Prisoners	215	10	28	41	14	28	117	77	2	20	376	16
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	240	11	-	0	4	8	-	0	1	10	245	10
Ambush	9	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	9	0
Mentally Deranged Persons	43	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	43	2
Traffic Stops	110	5	1	1	9	18	3	2	-	0	123	5
All Other	314	15	2	3	8	16	17	11	-	0	341	14
TOTAL	2,138	100	68	100	50	100	152	100	10	100	2,418	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 2010

COUNTY	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	NUMBER OF ASSAULTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	ASSAULT RATE PER 100 POLICE OFFICERS
ATLANTIC	823	118	5.5	14.3
BERGEN	2,036	153	7.2	7.5
BURLINGTON	761	72	3.4	9.5
CAMDEN	1,260	178	8.3	14.1
CAPE MAY	325	20	0.9	6.2
CUMBERLAND	293	67	3.1	22.9
ESSEX	2,817	255	11.9	9.1
GLOUCESTER	574	68	3.2	11.8
HUDSON	1,859	248	11.6	13.3
HUNTERDON	196	10	0.5	5.1
MERCER	896	116	5.4	12.9
MIDDLESEX	1,529	77	3.6	5.0
MONMOUTH	1,462	154	7.2	10.5
MORRIS	1,026	56	2.6	5.5
OCEAN	1,083	104	4.9	9.6
PASSAIC	1,200	142	6.6	11.8
SALEM	99	7	0.3	7.1
SOMERSET	602	22	1.0	3.7
SUSSEX	198	13	0.6	6.6
UNION	1,387	249	11.6	18.0
WARREN	152	9	0.4	5.9
TOTAL	20,578	2,138	100.0	10.4

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