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## FOREWORD

Publication of this annual report, the fifth in a series beginning in 1972, grew out of the concern expressed at a White House conference of major city Chiefs of Police, and other national law enforcement leaders, held in June 1971. The conference was called to discuss ways and means of reducing the assaults on, and felonious killings of, law enforcement officers in the line of duty. At the heart of this concern was the fact that these killings of law enforcement officers rose, for example, from 57 in 1966 to 100 in 1970. The alarm over this upward trend in the felonious killings of law enforcement officers proved well-founded when their numbers soared 67 percent for the five-year period (1971-1975) subsequent to the conference as compared with the five-year period (1966-1970) preceding it. In the face of mounting fatal assaults on law enforcement officers there was, and continues to be, widespread agreement among law enforcement officials over the need for uniform and comprehensive nationwide data which defines the extent, nature, circumstances, distribution, trends, victims, and offenders of these incidents.

Presentation of the data in this report is planned for use in developing and revising training programs and procedures, providing insight into the selection and assignment of personnel, furnishing guidelines for the design and adoption of equipment, and giving support for budgetary requests aimed at safeguarding law enforcement personnel.

While remedial efforts are often slow in achieving their goals in a profession as large and with so complex responsibilities as law enforcement, encouragement can be gained from the experience of the past three years when the felonious killings of law enforcement officers have declined steadily from the record high of 134 in 1973 to the 111 reported in 1976.

Beyond its value to law enforcement personnel, it is hoped the data in this report will be useful to the criminal justice community-at-large, to legislators concerned with the problem of crime in our society, to academicians studying the law enforcement process, and to the public in whose interests the law enforcement profession is dedicated.



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## METHODOLOGY

The data presented here concerns Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who were killed feloniously in the line of duty. This report does not include law enforcement officers who were killed accidentally or those murdered while engaged in other than official duties.

Information is obtained through two sources which serve to corroborate one another: from reports of offenses known to police which are submitted to the FBI by Uniform Crime Reporting Program participants, and from FBI Field and Legal Attache offices which have the responsibility to report any such incidents occurring within the United States, its territories, and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as any felonious killing of a United States law enforcement officer in the line of duty while abroad. Upon receipt of these reports, inquiries are then made of the victim officer's department for details of the incident.

Data relating to the criminal histories of known offenders in these killings are obtained from fingerprint records in the FBI Identification Division.

## COMMENTS

In the calendar year 1976, 111 law enforcement officers were killed feloniously in the line of duty, a significant drop of nearly 14 percent from the 129 slain in 1975. More important, however, is the fact that a reduction in these slayings has occurred each year since 1973 when a record 134 officers (over the period beginning in 1961 when such data has been uniformly collected nationally) were murdered at the hands of assailants.

Of all the data relating to these incidents, aside from the status of the victims themselves as law enforcement officers, four elements dominate among all others:

1. known assailants with a prior record of arrest (60 percent),
  2. the South as the region where the United States assaults occur (54 percent),
  3. nighttime as the period of the day when they occur (69 percent), and
  4. handguns as the death weapon (59 percent).
- These will be discussed later in the comments.

## Assailants

At the time of this printing, 110 of the 111 felonious killings of law enforcement officers during 1976 have been cleared. Of the 154 offenders identified with these crimes, seven committed suicide following the assault. Seventeen others were killed during the assault by their victims, their fellow officers, or after the assault while fleeing from pursuing police. In one instance, a deer hunter - who happened upon the slaying as the assailant allegedly stood over the victim officer firing a handgun at him - shot and killed the gunman with a rifle.

Significant among data concerning the offender is the fact that 60 percent had been arrested on some criminal charge prior to the assault and more than 40 percent of those had been arrested previously for a crime of violence.

While more than two of every five assailants had been convicted of a crime prior to the assault, all but one of these 67 killers had received some sort of leniency in connection with their conviction and sentence.

It has been hypothesized in the report by the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice (1967), that in the majority of all assault cases, the assailant is known to his victim. While this acquaintance factor between victim and assailant would not seem to be significant among the wide-ranging and largely circumstantial duties of law enforcement officers, it is surprising that in more than 27 percent of the 111 killings, the assailant was known to the slain officer. This relationship is strongest in the Puerto Rico incidents and those of the less urbanized regions of the United States. For example, in 50 percent of four killings in Puerto Rico; 35 percent of 57 killings in the South; 30 percent of ten killings in the West; and 25 percent of 24 killings in the North Central region of the country; the assailant was known to the victim officer. These regional experiences are compared with the slightly less than seven percent of 15 killings in the thickly populated Northeast region of the nation, in which the assailant was known to the victim officer.

The familiarity between victim and assailant suggests what every law enforcement officer should clearly understand, that his image and role in our society are distinct and unique. The impressions he leaves with persons arrested, detained, or interviewed in the course of his official duties are often



telling and could be the basis for some real or imagined grievance against him which later manifests itself, particularly in subsequent confrontations, in an assault on his person. This is not to say that a law enforcement officer should conduct himself in a timid or patronizing manner. In the main, law enforcement duties are harsh and require, at a minimum, firmness and decisiveness, but these should at all times be tempered by a sensitive regard for the impact an officer's actions have on many persons with whom he comes in contact.

Familiarity between victim and assailant also suggests, but certainly does not prove, that the victim officer may have been complacent in his dealings with his assailant. A strangeness with circumstances and individuals normally heightens a person's caution while familiarity with them tends to relax whatever safeguards the person might otherwise take.

### Places

Characteristic of the pattern established over the previous four years (1972-1975), the Southern states (as determined by the United States Bureau of Census in its regional designations) in 1976 suffered 57 of the 106 felonious killings of law enforcement officers in the line of duty reported in the United States, or 54 percent of that total. The North Central states reported 24 killings, or 23 percent of the total; the Northeast states 15, or 14 percent; and the Western states were the lowest with 10 killings, or 9 percent of the national total. Texas led all states with 12 killings, or 11 percent of the United States total.

Seventeen states; Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, reported no felonious killings of law enforcement officers during 1976. Rhode Island is of particular interest since it has never reported an officer killed feloniously in the line of duty during the period 1961 through 1976, when such data has been uniformly available.

### Times

When examining the statistics of these incidents in terms of time, it is striking that no hour of the day during 1976 was free from having a reported fatal incident. The hour between 11:00 p.m. and 12 midnight was higher than all

others in the day with 16 fatalities or 14 percent of the total officers killed - double the number (8) of officers killed in each of the next most dangerous hours, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The notion that crime and particularly harmful offenses against the person are primarily nocturnal crimes is also supported by the fact that 77 of the victim officers, or 69 percent of the total, were slain between the normal nighttime hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Additionally, each day of the week, as was each month of the year, was represented in those fatal assaults with Tuesday recording the highest number of killings, 22 or 20 percent of the total. January and March, with 13 deaths each, combined to account for 23 percent of the total. This distribution of fatal incidents by times of occurrence in 1976, supports what has long been recognized about law enforcement duty: it is a round-the-clock responsibility which can and has claimed officers' lives at any hour of the day, day of the week, or month of the year.

Although the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Crime Index offenses against persons (murder, negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are generally on the rise and at or near their peak during the summer months of June, July, and August, the felonious killings of law enforcement officers are curiously and proportionately low in those months during 1976, as well as in some recent years.

### Weapons

Firearms were the fatal weapons in the deaths of 94 officers during 1976, or 85 percent of the total slain. This proportion is noticeably lower than recent years (1972-1975) when the percentage of victim officers slain by firearms ranged from a low of 95 percent of all officers killed in 1973 to a high of 98 percent in 1975. Of all fatalities, 59 percent of the officers killed in 1976 were shot by assailants armed with handguns, which is also a decline from recent years (1972-1975) when incidents in which the handgun was the instrument of death ranged from a low of 66 percent of the total victims killed in 1972 to a high of 72 percent in 1974 and 1975.

Of the 15 officers who were killed with their own service weapons, all were slain by handguns. In 11 of the incidents the service weapons were obtained by the assailants in scuffles with the officers. In the four

remaining assault incidents, one officer was stabbed and then disarmed, a second officer was disarmed at gunpoint, a third had his service revolver taken from his holster by surprise while he was shopping in a supermarket, and in the fourth incident, there are no known witnesses so the circumstances are unknown.

Since handguns dominate among weapons in the fatal encounters between the slain officers and their assailants, there is a widespread belief among many persons concerned with these incidents that shooting assaults of all types are mainly carried out by assailants armed with the smaller caliber, cheaply manufactured, or homemade handguns. While this notion may be true overall, it is not supported by the circumstances in the fatal and felonious shootings of law enforcement officers in the line of duty during 1976. Of the 61 officers slain in the United States by handguns, 44 or more than 72 percent were killed by assailants armed with weapons of 9 millimeter and .357 magnum or larger caliber. Of all the handguns used in the slayings, .38-caliber and .357-magnum handguns dominated, accounting for 25 and 11 deaths respectively, for a combined total of 59 percent of all fatal handgun assaults.

### Training

Of all the remedial efforts a law enforcement agency might take to lessen fatal assaults on its officer personnel, adequate training in every aspect of police duties ranks foremost among them. Preparation through training offers the best hope of preventing, altering, or averting the many oversights and desperate situations that frequently set in motion the events leading to the killings of law enforcement officers. This remedial process, through the awareness developed by special programs like this incident study, is underway and has hopefully contributed to the decline of fatal assaults on law enforcement officers over the past three years.

Training or any other measure is not likely to prevent some fatal assaults on law enforcement officers. A determined or desperate felon armed with a weapon that can easily and critically harm a person will always find the opportunity and rationale to kill, even without unusual provocation, rather than submit to a law enforcement officer. This is indicated by the fact that so many officers killed had had some law enforcement training during the 36 months preceding their fatal assault. Indeed, some of these victim

officers had a full range of training in many law enforcement skills and problem areas during that three-year period and could have been expected to carry out their duties in a most professionally cautious manner.

During 1976, for instance, 77 of 111 officers killed feloniously in the line of duty, or 69 percent of the total, had attended some law enforcement training course during the 36 months prior to their fatal assault. However, 27 or 24 percent of the total killed had no known law enforcement training during the 36-month period and seven more, or six percent of the total, all of whom had been law enforcement officers for less than three years, had had no law enforcement training whatever. Combined, those officers who had no training at all or none within the 36 months before their fatal assaults, represent almost 31 percent of the total slain feloniously in the line of duty during 1976.

Regionally, there were five of 15 officers in the Northeast, or one-third of the total; three of 24 in the North Central, or 13 percent; 21 of 57 in the South, or 37 percent; two of ten officers in the West, or 20 percent; and three of four officers in Puerto Rico, or 75 percent; who either had no law enforcement training during their careers or none within the 36 months preceding their fatal assault.

#### Equipment

Protective equipment, such as bulletproof or bullet-resistant vests, is another important consideration in preventing fatal injuries to law enforcement personnel. The limitations of such equipment, however, become obvious when one recognizes, for example, that over the past five years (1972-1976) gunshot wounds to the head were responsible for the fatalities of 238 officers, ranging from a low of 32 percent of the total killed by firearms in 1976 to a high of 47 percent of the total killed by firearms in 1973. These limitations become more restrictive by the fact that 53 additional officers slain during that period died from gunshot wounds inflicted below the waist, representing critical areas of the body only marginally, if at all, protected by conventional bulletproof vests. Together, gunshot wounds to the head and below the waist accounted for the deaths of nearly half of the law enforcement officers slain during the period 1972 through 1976.

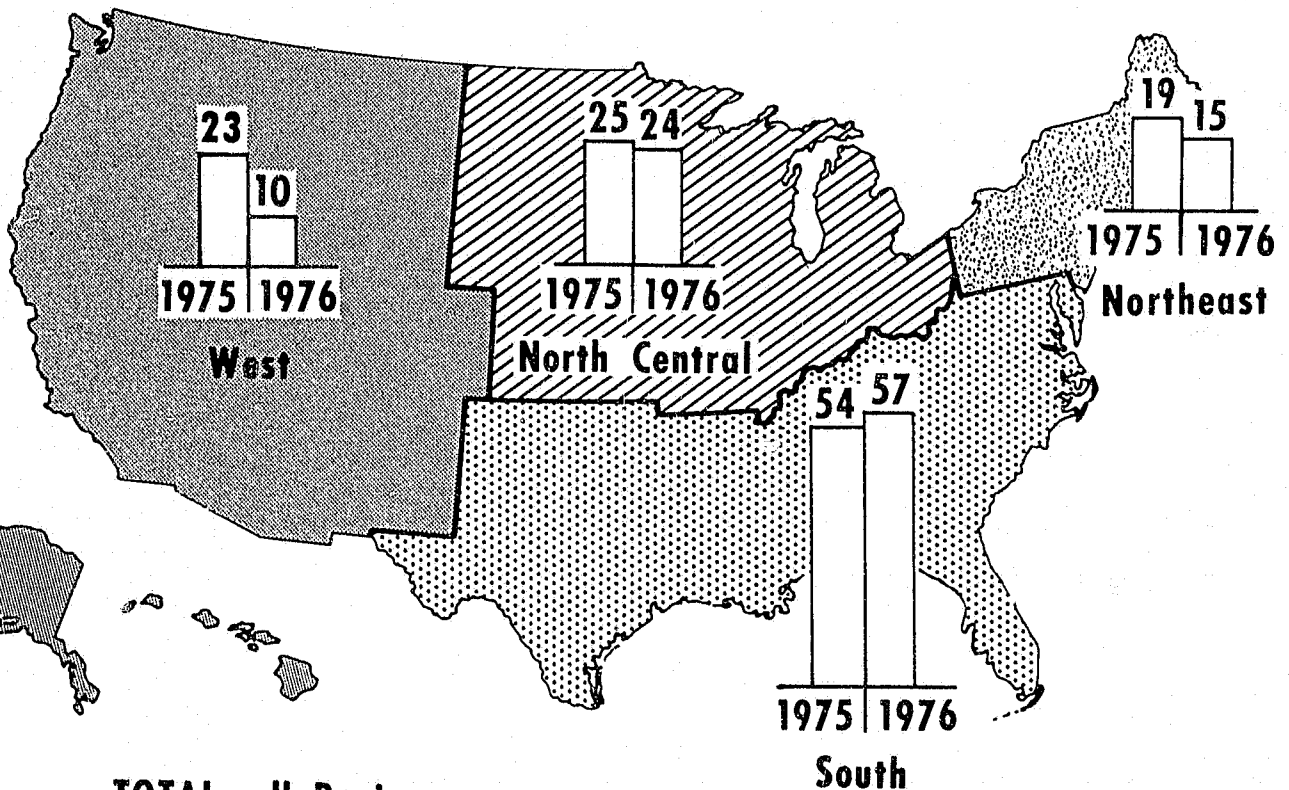
# CHARTS

CHART 1

# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

by Region

1975 and 1976



**TOTAL, all Regions**

**1975: 129**

**1976: 110\***

**\* DOES NOT INCLUDE 1 OFFICER KILLED  
AT BOGOTA, COLOMBIA**

**8 4**  
**1975 1976**

**Puerto Rico  
U.S. Virgin Islands  
Guam**

CHART 2

# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED by Hour of Day 1976

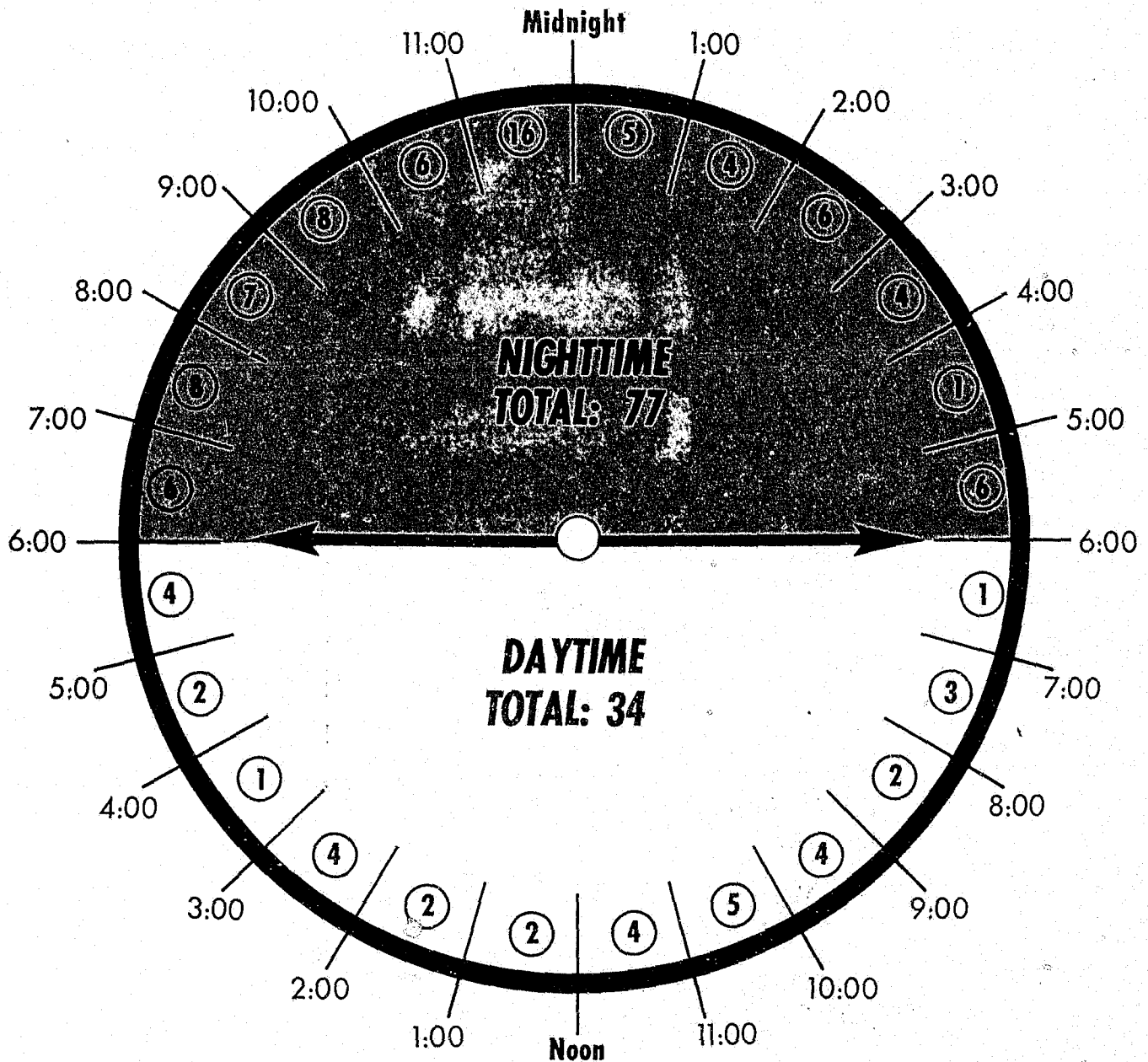
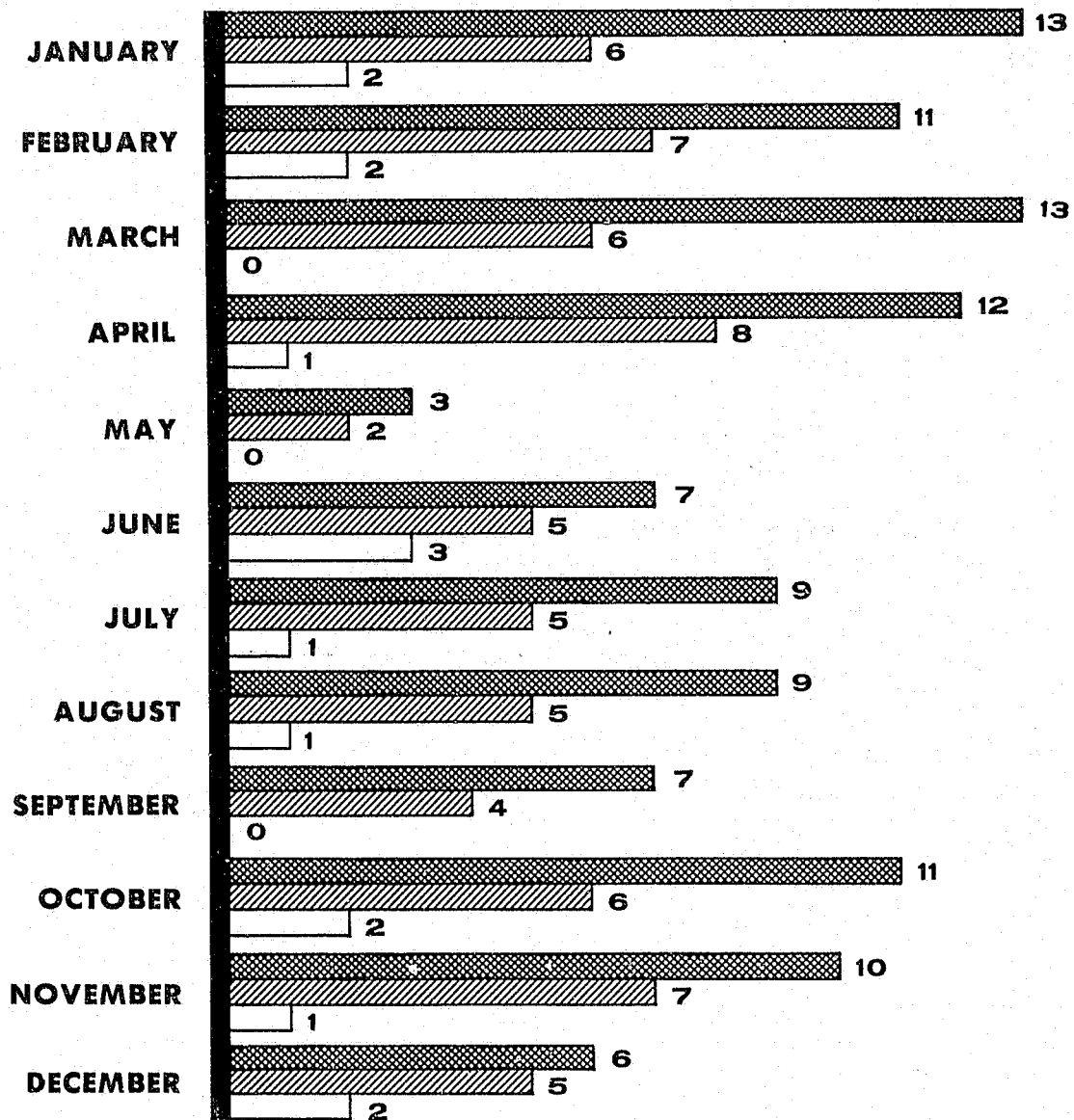


CHART 3

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED** by Month, Handgun, and Own Service Weapon 1976



LEGEND: TOTAL OFFICERS KILLED  
 NUMBER OF OFFICERS KILLED BY HANDGUNS  
 NUMBER OF OFFICERS KILLED BY OWN SERVICE WEAPON  
 \* ALL SERVICE WEAPONS IN 1976 WERE HANDGUNS



CHART 4  
**LOCATION of FATAL FIREARMS WOUNDS**  
**by Number of Victim Officers**  
**1976**

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**Head: 30**

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**Torso: 56**

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**Total: 94**

**Below Waist: 8**

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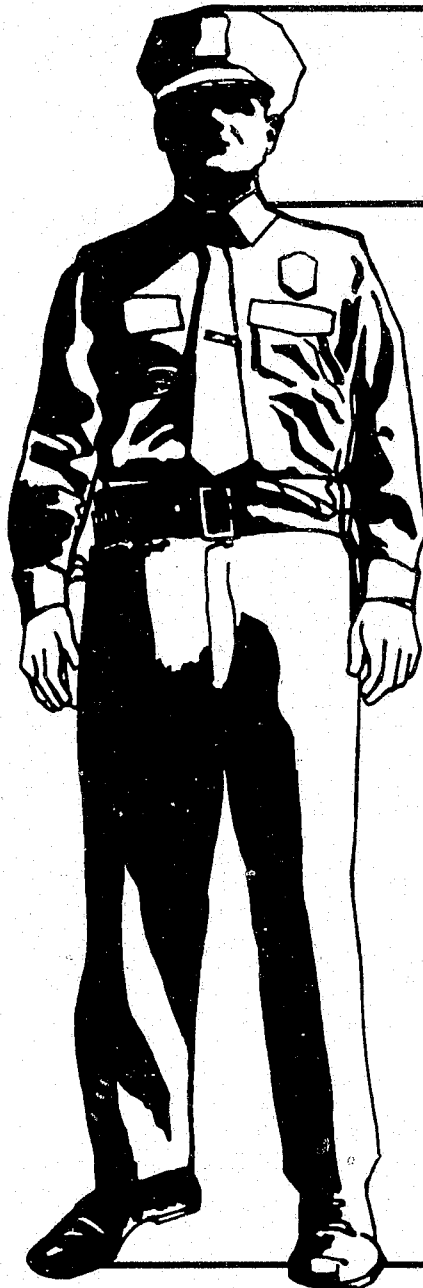
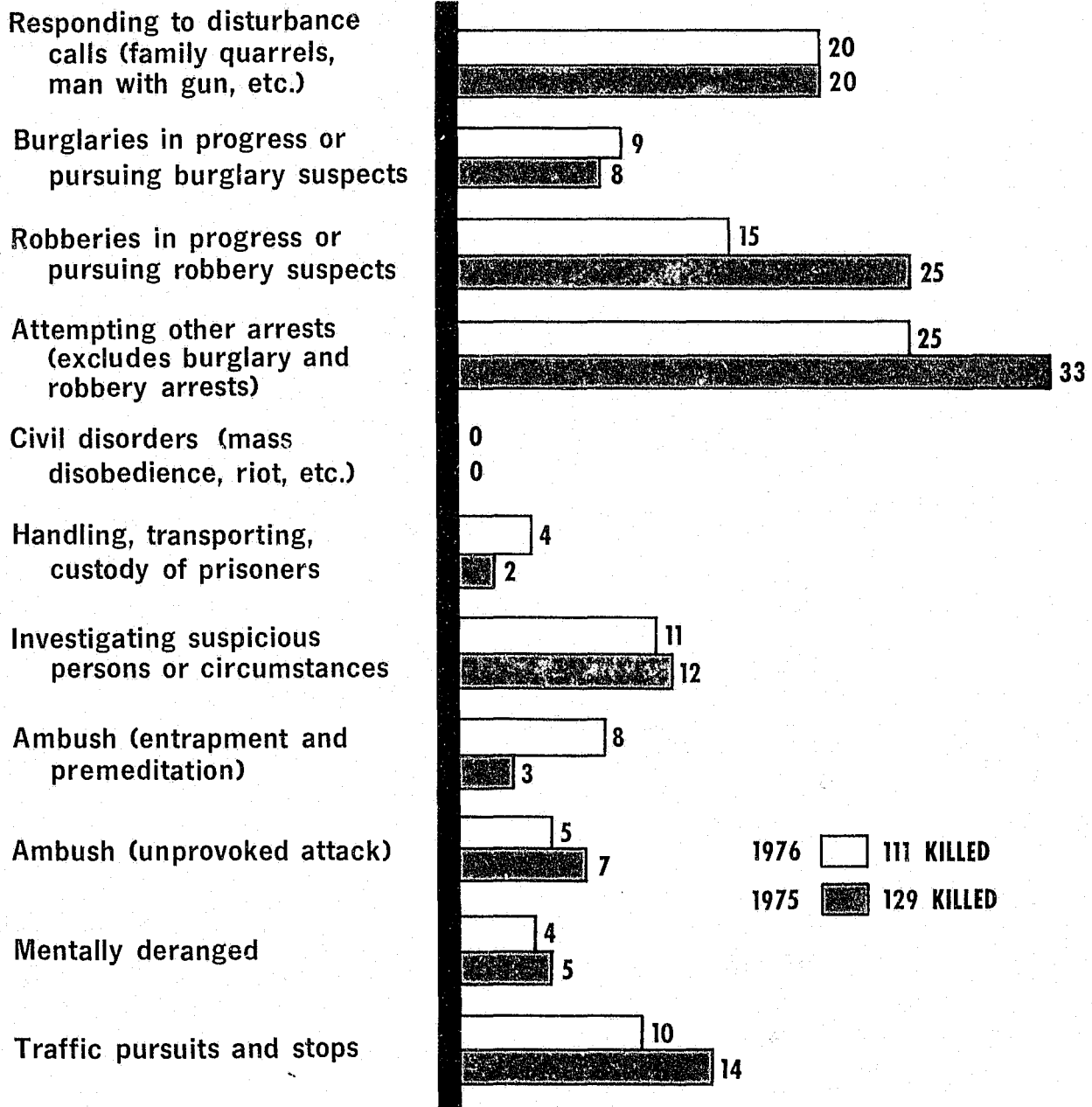


CHART 5

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED**

## *Circumstances at Scene of Incident*

### **1975 and 1976**



# TABLES

Table 1  
Law Enforcement Officers Killed  
by Location  
1976

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
TOTALS	111	66	12	16	17
<u>NORTHEAST</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>
<u>New England</u>					
New Hampshire	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		
Manchester	1		1		
<u>Middle Atlantic</u>					
New Jersey	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>1</u>
Bradley Beach	1	1			
Jersey City	1				1
Montclair	1	1			(knife)
Newark	1	1			
Riverton	1	1			
New York	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
Larchmont	1	1			
Mechanicville	1		1		
Nassau County	1	1			
New York City	1				1
					(bomb)
Pennsylvania	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		
Montgomery					
County	1	1			
Philadelphia	3	2	1		
Upland	1	1			

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
<u>NORTH CENTRAL</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>East North Central</u>					
Illinois	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>1</u>
Chicago	2	2			
Danville	1				1
					(club)
Lake County	1	1			
State Police	1	1			
Indiana	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Indianapolis	1	1			
Michigan	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>			
Pontiac	1	1			
South Haven	1	1			
Wayne County	1	1			
Ohio	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Butler Township	1				1
					(auto)
Cleveland	1	1			
Columbus	2				2
					(auto)
Coshocton	1			1	
Mansfield	1	1			
<u>West North Central</u>					
Iowa	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Keota	1	1			
Kansas	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Leoti	1	1			
Minnesota	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	
Waseca County	1			1	

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
Missouri	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>	
Arnold	1	1			
Kansas City	1	1			
Lincoln	1	1			
St. Charles	1	1			
University City	1			1	
South Dakota	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Highway Patrol	1	1			
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>South Atlantic</u>					
District of Columbia	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Washington	1	1			
Florida	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	
Columbia County	2		2		
Dade County	3			3	
Highway Patrol	1	1			
Lee County	1	1			
Georgia	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Atlanta	1	1			
Chatham County	1			1	
Columbus	2	2			
Ray City	1	1			
Savannah	1		1		
Maryland	<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	
Baltimore	1		1		
Montgomery County	2			2	

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
North Carolina	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Durham	1	1			
Fair Bluff	1				1
Saluda	1			1	(auto)
South Carolina	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
Charleston County	1				1
Clio	1	1			(auto)
Virginia	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	
Bridgewater	1			1	
Salem	1	1			
State Police	1	1			
West Virginia	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>3</u>
Calhoun County	1		1		
Mason County	3				3
					(bomb)
<u>East South Central</u>					
Alabama	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		
Alexander City	1		1		
Winston County	1	1			
Kentucky	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	
Harlan County	1	1			
Salyersville	1	1			
State Police	1			1	
Mississippi	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Bureau of Indian Affairs	1		1		
McComb	1	1			
Tallahatchie County	1	1			

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
Tennessee Nashville	<u>2</u> 2	<u>1</u> 1			<u>1</u> 1 (knife)
<u>West South Central</u>					
Arkansas	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Alcoholic Bev- erage Commis- sion	1			1	
Benton	1				1 (knife)
Fort Smith	1	1			
Polk County	1	1			
Louisiana	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
Jefferson Parish	1		1		
Orleans Parish	1				1 (fire)
Texas	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Anthony	1	1			
Dallas	2	2			
Department of Public Safety	2	2			
Houston	2	1			1 (knife)
Laredo	1	1			
Motley County	1			1	
Port Arthur	1	1			
Waco	1	1			
Yorktown	1	1			



Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
<u>WEST</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Mountain</u>					
Idaho	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		
Osburn	1		1		
Utah	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	
Narcotics and Liquor En- forcement Division	1			1	
<u>Pacific</u>					
California	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Cypress	1	1			
Long Beach	1			1	
Los Angeles	2	2			
Sacramento County	1				1 (club)
Hawaii	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Honolulu	1	1			
Oregon	<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>
Pendleton	1				1 (knife)
Washington	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Seattle	1	1			
<u>COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>			
<u>FOREIGN</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Drug Enforcement Administration	1	1			

**TABLE 2**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED**  
**BY DAY OF WEEK**

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	TOTALS
<b>Monday</b>	19	17	22	17	11	86
<b>Tuesday</b>	7	16	11	17	22	73
<b>Wednesday</b>	20	21	15	15	11	82
<b>Thursday</b>	17	18	24	17	17	93
<b>Friday</b>	15	19	23	23	18	98
<b>Saturday</b>	20	19	25	19	16	99
<b>Sunday</b>	18	24	12	21	16	91
<b>TOTALS</b>	116	134	132	129	111	622

**TABLE 3**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED**  
**BY MONTH**

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	TOTALS
January	13	19	8	12	13	65
February	9	10	13	10	11	53
March	8	11	8	9	13	49
April	8	10	10	8	12	48
May	9	11	12	13	3	48
June	9	10	10	12	7	48
July	9	8	16	9	9	51
August	8	15	13	12	9	57
September	11	7	6	10	7	41
October	10	9	11	10	11	51
November	9	13	12	9	10	53
December	13	11	13	15	6	58
TOTALS	116	134	132	129	111	622

**TABLE 4**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED  
BY TYPE OF WEAPON**

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	TOTALS
Handgun	77	93	95	93	66	424
Rifle	16	21	12	21	12	82
Shotgun	18	13	21	13	16	81
Total Firearms	111	127	128	127	94	587
Knife or Cutting Instrument	3	2	1		5	11
Bombs	1				4	5
Personal Weapons						
Other (clubs, etc.)	1	5	3	2	8	19
TOTALS	116	134	132	129	111	622

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY FIREARMS**  
**TABLE 5**  
**LOCATION OF FATAL WOUNDS**  
**SUFFERED BY VICTIM OFFICER**

POINT OF ENTRY	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
TOTALS	111	127	128	127	94
Front Head	34	49	45	43	26
Rear Head	11	11	9	6	4
Front Upper Torso	41	48	57	54	48
Rear Upper Torso	13	10	8	9	8
Front Below Waist	10	8	8	15	8
Rear Below Waist	2	1	1	0	0

**TABLE 6**  
**DISTANCE BETWEEN VICTIM OFFICER AND OFFENDER**

FEET	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
0 - 5	61	66	71	62	53
6 - 10	25	30	28	24	17
11 - 20	14	13	14	18	14
21 - 50	5	8	9	14	4
Over 50	6	10	6	9	6

Table 7  
Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the United States  
by Handguns; by Region and Size of Weapon  
1976

Handgun Size	Total by Weapon Size	Victims			
		North- east	North Central	South	West
.22 Caliber	8			6	2
.25 Caliber	1			1	
.30 Caliber	1		1		
.32 Caliber	6	1	1	4	
7.65 Millimeter	1		1		
9 Millimeter	6	1	2	3	
.357 Magnum Caliber	11	1	5	4	1
.38 Caliber	25	7	6	10	2
.41 Magnum Caliber	1		1		
.45 Caliber	1			1	
Totals by Regions	61	10	17	29	5

Table 8  
Law Enforcement Training Experience  
of Victim Officers by Region  
and Division  
1976

Region Division	36 Months Prior to Fatal Assault		
	Training	No Training	
		Less than 36 months service	36 months or more service
Northeast	10	1	4
New England	1		
Middle Atlantic	9	1	4
North Central	21	1	2
East North Central	14		1
West North Central	7	1	1
South	36	4	17
South Atlantic	18	1	10
East South Central	7	1	2
West South Central	11	2	5
West	8		2
Mountain	2		
Pacific	6		2
Puerto Rico	1	1	2
Foreign	1		
Bogota, Columbia	1		
TOTALS	77	7	27

**TABLE 9**  
**PROFILE OF VICTIM OFFICERS**  
**1976**

Percent white	90
Percent Negro	8
Percent other race	2
Percent male	100
Percent female	--
Percent under age 25	11
Percent 25 through 30	32
Percent 31 through 40	28
Percent 41 and over	29
Median years of law enforcement service	5 1/2
Percent 1 year or less of service	13
Percent less than 5 years of service	43
Percent 5 through 10 years of service	28
Percent over 10 years of service	29
Average height	5' 11"
Percent in uniform	71



**TABLE 10**  
**PROFILE OF OFFENDERS**  
**1976**

Total Known Offenders	TOTALS	Percent of Total
	154	
Under age 18	16	10
From 20 to 30 years of age	69	45
Male	145	94
Female	9	6
White	83	54
Negro	66	43
Other race	5	3
Prior criminal arrest	92	60
Convicted on prior criminal charge	67	44
Prior arrest for crime of violence	38	25
Convicted on criminal charges-granted leniency	66	43
On parole or probation at time of killing	35	23
Arrested on prior murder charge	8	5
Prior arrest on narcotic drug law violation	27	18
Prior arrest for assaulting policeman or resisting arrest	6	4
Prior arrest for weapons violation	25	16

Table 11  
Circumstances at Scene of Fatal  
Assaults by Region  
1972 - 1976

Circumstances at scene of incident	Totals	North-east	North Central	South	West	Foreign, Puerto Rico and U. S. Territories
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, man with gun)	117	15	24	55	19	4
Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	42	5	10	18	8	1
Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	119	29	33	42	12	3
Attempting other arrests	133	9	25	66	26	7
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	3			2	1	
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	25	2	5	17		1
Investigating suspicious persons and circumstances	50	7	10	24	8	1
Ambush (entrapment and premeditation)	21	5	5	8	2	1
Ambush (unprovoked attack)	25		6	10	6	3
Mentally deranged	13	2	3	8		
Traffic pursuits and stops	74	7	16	37	13	1
TOTALS	622	81	137	287	95	22

**TABLE 12**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED**  
**CIRCUMSTANCES BY TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT**  
**1976**

Circumstances at scene of incident	TOTALS	Type of Assignment							
		2-Officer Vehicle	1-Officer Vehicle		Foot Patrol		Det., Special Assignment		Off Duty
			Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, man with gun)	20	4	5	7					4
Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	9	3	3	1			1		1
Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	15	2	3	3			1		6
Attempting other arrests	25	4	5	5		1		10	
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0								
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	4	1					1	2	
Investigating suspicious persons and circumstances	11		4	1				5	1
Ambush (entrapment and premeditation)	8	1	1					3	3
Ambush (unprovoked attack)	5	1	1				1		2
Mentally deranged	4	1	1				1	1	
Traffic pursuits and stops	10	4	5					1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>

TABLE 13

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED  
POPULATION GROUP BY TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT  
1976**

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency	TOTALS	Type of Assignment							
		2-Officer Vehicle	1-Officer Vehicle		Foot Patrol		Det., Special Assignment		Off Duty
			Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	
Group I Cities over 250,000	27	12	1	3				5	6
Group II 100,000 to 250,000	4		2					1	1
Group III 50,000 to 100,000	7	1	2	2			1	1	
Group IV 25,000 to 50,000	5	1	1	2					1
Group V 10,000 to 25,000	7		4	1				1	1
Group VI Under 10,000	19	1	13	1		1			3
Rural Counties	12	3	1	2				4	2
Suburban Counties	15	1		5			1	7	1
State Agencies	9	1	3	1				2	2
Puerto Rico and U. S. Territories	4	1					2	1	
Federal Agencies	2		1				1		
TOTALS	111	21	28	17	0	1	5	22	17

Table 14  
Familiarity Between Victims and Known  
Assailants by Regions and Circumstances  
at Scene of Incident  
1976

Circumstances at scene of incident	Assailants Known to Victims					Assailants Unknown to Victims				
	North- east	North Central	South	West	Puerto Rico and Abroad	North- east	North Central	South	West	Puerto Rico and Abroad
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, man with gun)			5	1		4	5	5		
Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects					1	1	2	2	2	
Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects				1		3	2	8		1
Attempting other arrests		1	4	1		2	4	11	2	1
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)										
Handling, transporting custody of prisoners			1			1	1	1		
Investigating suspicious persons and circumstances			1			3		7		
Ambush (entrapment and premeditation)		2	5						1	
Ambush (unprovoked attack)		1	1		1			2		
Mentally deranged	1	1	1		1					
Traffic pursuits and stops		1	2				4	1	2	
TOTALS	1	6	20	3	3	14	18	37	7	2



# **SUMMARIES OF INCIDENTS**

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED  
1976

JANUARY

Alabama

After stopping a motorist suspected of driving while intoxicated, a deputy with the Winston County, Alabama, Sheriff's Department was shot and killed by an assailant who happened upon the scene. While the 24-year-old deputy and his partner were questioning the motorist, the subject approached the officers and inquired if another deputy was in their patrol vehicle. When the deputy's partner replied that they were alone, the subject shot the deputy in the head with a .22-caliber handgun. The deputy's partner returned the gunfire, but the male subject escaped. The victim, a law enforcement officer for one year, was dead upon arrival at a local hospital. The subject, 32 years of age, later returned to the scene of the shooting and was apprehended by other officers.

A patrolman with the Alexander City, Alabama, Police Department for two years was shot and killed in an ambush attack while he was off duty. Investigation indicates the patrolman, 43 years of age, stopped the subject for a traffic violation several days prior to the attack. At this time, the 53-year-old male subject, who was known to the officer, fled the scene on foot. The patrolman obtained an arrest warrant for the subject who was subsequently taken into custody by other officers and released after paying a fine. Later, he confronted the victim patrolman at the latter's residence. As the patrolman sat alone in his vehicle, the subject allegedly fired at him with a .22-caliber rifle striking the officer fatally in the chest. The subject was apprehended shortly thereafter.

California

A request to investigate a prowler at a local residence led to the fatal shooting of a ten-year veteran officer with the Long Beach, California, Police Department. The 34-year-old officer and his partner were dispatched to the scene. The officers parked their patrol vehicle near the residence and approached on foot. The officer walked toward the front of the residence while his partner went to the side. As the victim officer approached the front porch of the residence, he was felled without warning by a blast from a .410-gauge shotgun. The shotgun blast came from within the residence and struck the victim officer in the head. The officer's partner returned the gunfire and called for assistance. During the ensuing gun



battle, one male subject, 33 years of age, was shot and killed. A second male subject, 29 years of age, was shot and killed while attempting to flee on foot. Subsequent investigation indicates the complaint of a prowler was a decoy to ambush the police.

#### Illinois

A Danville, Illinois, Police Department patrolman died as the result of wounds received after stopping a speeding motorist in a housing project. Investigation indicated the patrolman, 25 years of age, stopped the vehicle driven by a male subject, 23 years of age, and radioed for a backup unit. The patrolman removed the subject from the vehicle and handcuffed him. The subject's brother observed the arrest from nearby and approached the scene on foot. He seized the patrolman's flashlight and struck the officer repeatedly in the face with it. Other officers arrived at the scene and found the patrolman lying on the ground behind his police vehicle. The victim, with over two years of law enforcement service, was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to the wounds several days later. Both subjects were subsequently apprehended.

#### Kentucky

While attempting to serve an arrest warrant arising from a domestic disturbance, a trooper with the Kentucky State Police for over three years was shot and killed. The 26-year-old trooper and two other officers arrived at the subject's residence and knocked on the front door. The 33-year-old male assailant, armed with a 20-gauge shotgun, answered the door. When informed of the warrant, he refused to respond and closed the door in the officers' faces. The victim trooper obtained a shotgun from his patrol vehicle and returned to the front door of the residence. As the subject's wife opened the door in an attempt to flee the residence, the subject allegedly fired the shotgun through the doorway striking the trooper in the abdomen. One officer returned the gunfire striking the subject in the left side and arm, after which he was taken into custody.

#### Michigan

An eight-year veteran patrolman with the South Haven, Michigan, Police Department was shot and killed while responding to a complaint of gunfire in a local neighborhood. The 39-year-old patrolman, followed by a second officer, proceeded to the scene and confronted a suspicious male whom he began to search. Without warning the subject allegedly shot the patrolman in the abdomen and back with a 9-millimeter handgun. After threatening

the second officer by pointing the handgun in his direction, the 35-year-old subject fled the scene on foot and was apprehended shortly thereafter. Subsequent investigation determined the assailant was wanted on charges of air piracy and kidnaping.

### Mississippi

After responding to a domestic disturbance call at a local residence, a McComb, Mississippi, Police Department patrolman was shot and killed. The police department received a call from a female stating her former husband was creating a disturbance at her residence. The 39-year-old patrolman, a law enforcement officer for two years, was dispatched to the scene. Although the female refused to sign a complaint against her former husband, the patrolman requested he leave the residence. When the subject refused, the patrolman attempted to arrest the subject, who resisted and drew a firearm from his back pocket. In the ensuing struggle, the subject was wounded in the arm, but grabbed the patrolman's .38-caliber service weapon beating him repeatedly in the face and knocking the officer to the floor. The 47-year-old assailant, who allegedly shot the patrolman in the back with the officer's service weapon, was apprehended shortly thereafter.

### New Jersey

A 21-year veteran officer with the Jersey City, New Jersey, Police Department was stabbed to death while attempting to thwart a burglary of a vehicle. The off-duty patrolman, 45 years of age, was returning to his residence after work when he observed two males burglarizing a parked vehicle. The patrolman drew his service weapon, approached the two subjects, and identified himself. After placing the two subjects against a wall, one began struggling with the patrolman while the second one fled the scene. During the struggle, the patrolman wounded his assailant in the leg, but was stabbed in the arm, chest, and back. The 19-year-old assailant and his 21-year-old accomplice were apprehended at a nearby residence.

While attempting to thwart an armed robbery of a savings and loan company, a Montclair, New Jersey, Police Department sergeant was shot and killed. The 48-year-old sergeant, a 26-year veteran of law enforcement, was employed as a guard at the savings and loan company on a part-time basis. A male subject, 17 years of age, entered the savings and loan company and approached the sergeant. The subject drew a .38-caliber handgun and disarmed the sergeant of his service weapon. When the subject turned to speak to a teller, the sergeant attempted

to regain possession of his service weapon. During the ensuing struggle, the subject allegedly shot the sergeant in the back. As the sergeant fell to the floor, the subject allegedly shot him two more times. While the subject was demanding money from the teller, the sergeant attempted to get up and was shot a fourth time. The subject obtained an undetermined amount of money, fled the scene on foot, and was subsequently apprehended.

A Riverton, New Jersey, Police Department patrolman was shot and killed with his own .357-magnum service weapon while attempting to stop a former mental patient from maiming himself with a paring knife. The 29-year-old patrolman and an officer with the Palmyra Police Department, who responded to the scene as a backup unit, attempted to persuade the subject to put down his knife. Instead, the subject ran out of the residence into the yard where the officers attempted to place him under arrest. He resisted and obtained the victim patrolman's service weapon allegedly shooting him in the back while wounding the other officer, who returned the gunfire killing the subject. The patrolman, an eight-year veteran of law enforcement, was dead upon arrival at a local hospital. Subsequent investigation determined the assailant was being treated as an outpatient at a local hospital.

#### Puerto Rico

After responding to a robbery-in-progress call at a restaurant, a patrolman with the Police of Puerto Rico for two years was shot and killed. Investigation indicates three male subjects, carrying firearms, entered the restaurant and announced a holdup. The bandits forced the owner and the employees to lie on the floor of the restaurant. The 24-year-old patrolman and a second officer were the first officers to arrive at the scene. As the officers observed the people lying on the floor, the subjects began shooting at the officers. During the exchange of gunfire, the patrolman wounded one subject in both legs and was himself fatally wounded in the abdomen with a bullet fired from a .38-caliber handgun. Other officers responded to the scene and apprehended the three subjects, 29, 28, and 25 years of age, as they attempted to escape out the rear of the restaurant.

#### Tennessee

An officer with the Metropolitan Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee, died as the result of knife wounds received after responding to a domestic disturbance call at the residence of his assailant's mother. The victim officer, 28

years of age, and his partner arrived at the scene and entered the residence. The male subject, 20 years of age, became angry, told the officers that he would not leave, and began struggling with them. After the subject allegedly stabbed the victim officer in the abdomen with a pocketknife, the officer's partner apprehended him at the scene. The officer, with four years of law enforcement service, was transported to a local hospital where he died a few days later.

### Texas

While attempting to stop an argument at a local restaurant, an off-duty patrolman with the Houston, Texas, Police Department was stabbed to death. The 29-year-old patrolman was attending a social event at the restaurant when an argument developed between the subject and another individual. The patrolman, a seven-year veteran of law enforcement, succeeded in stopping the argument. However, while walking away from the scene of the altercation, the 34-year-old male subject approached the patrolman and threatened him with a knife. After the patrolman drew his service weapon, the subject withdrew but threatened the officer verbally as he did. Later, the argument erupted again between the assailant and his antagonist. When the patrolman attempted to intervene, the subject allegedly slashed the patrolman's throat with a carpet knife. Mortally wounded, the patrolman nonetheless drew his service weapon and attempted to pursue the subject before collapsing on the floor. The subject then picked up the patrolman's service weapon and fled the scene only to surrender to the police the next day.

## FEBRUARY

### Arkansas

An Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control investigator was slain in a premeditated attack while sitting in his residence with his wife. The 48-year-old investigator was mortally wounded in the head by a shotgun blast fired from outside the residence. The victim had been involved in a bootlegging investigation of individuals, who are suspects in his killing. The investigator was a 16-year veteran of law enforcement.

### California

A Los Angeles, California, Police Department patrolman and his partner responded to a silent alarm at a restaurant. The patrolman was fatally wounded by a bullet from a .22-caliber

handgun which had been fired from inside the restaurant as he approached the building. The lone male subject, 22 years of age, had barricaded himself in the restaurant with a hostage. Prior to the officers arrival, he bound and forced two employees into a walk-in refrigerator and forced the assistant manager to open the safe, after which he held her as a hostage. During an exchange of gunfire between the police and the subject, two hostages escaped. Police fired tear gas into the restaurant, at which time, the subject committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The 33-year-old victim patrolman had six years of law enforcement experience.

### Florida

While on patrol, a trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol, accompanied by a friend who was a Canadian Police Officer, observed a suspicious vehicle parked at a rest area. The 29-year-old trooper exited his patrol vehicle to investigate the vehicle's occupants and observed a 9-millimeter handgun inside on the floor. The trooper removed the handgun and requested the 25-year-old male driver for identification. The trooper returned to his vehicle to query the National Crime Information Center. The dispatcher notified the trooper the driver was wanted as a parole and probation violator. As the trooper returned to the suspect vehicle, a second male subject, aged 29, apparently shot him with projectiles fired from an electric-shock-generating weapon. A 28-year-old female subject, in the parked vehicle, then allegedly fired three shots from a 9-millimeter pistol which fatally struck the trooper in the mouth, throat, and chest. The second subject allegedly took the pistol from the female and fired one shot striking the trooper and two shots fatally wounding the Canadian officer, who had exited the patrol car to aid the trooper. The suspects then fled the scene in the trooper's patrol vehicle. After commandeering another getaway vehicle, the suspects attempted to run a roadblock and were apprehended when they collided with four other vehicles.

### Georgia

The Chief of Police of the Ray City, Georgia, Police Department was killed after stopping a vehicle containing suspects of an armed robbery in Adel, Georgia. Investigation indicates the 28-year-old Chief, who had three years of law enforcement experience, was overpowered and abducted by three male subjects. The subjects, 45, 21, and 19 years of age, drove to a remote area and ordered the Chief from the vehicle. As he attempted to flee he was shot with his own .357-magnum service weapon and a .22-caliber handgun. Later, all subjects were apprehended by two deputies with the Brooks County Sheriff's Department.

## Hawaii

After responding to a disturbance call at a local discotheque, a patrolman with the Honolulu, Hawaii, Police Department was shot to death with his own weapon. The 27-year-old officer with four other officers became involved in a scuffle with seven individuals at the nightclub. One male individual, 23 years of age, pulled the victim's .38-caliber service weapon from its holster and shot him. This assailant was immediately shot and killed by other officers at the scene. The patrolman, an officer with two years of law enforcement experience, died the following day.

## Missouri

A 42-year-old patrolman with the University City, Missouri, Police Department was shot and killed after he and another officer responded to a domestic disturbance call. Both officers entered the residence of the reported disturbance and were conversing with the subject and his wife who had made the call. The subject momentarily went into an adjoining room and returned carrying a 12-gauge shotgun which he allegedly fired three times at the officers. The victim, who had over five years of law enforcement experience, was fatally wounded in the chest. The other officer was seriously wounded. The subject, 33 years of age, was taken into custody.

## Ohio

A Mansfield, Ohio, Police Department patrolman, with nearly three years of law enforcement experience, was slain after responding to the scene where a male suspect reportedly had attempted to cash a stolen check. When the 29-year-old patrolman and an auxiliary patrolman entered the store, the manager identified the subject, who was then leaving the store. The auxiliary patrolman attempted to apprehend the subject outside the store, but a struggle ensued. The 32-year-old subject gained control of the officer's .357-magnum service weapon and then allegedly wounded the patrolman before killing the victim officer. The subject fled in a vehicle subsequently described by a witness, and he was apprehended by officers of the Ohio Highway Patrol a short time later.

## Oregon

While assisting two occupants of a disabled vehicle, a 16-year law enforcement veteran with the Pendleton, Oregon, Police Department was stabbed to death. The 39-year-old victim

sergeant was unaware that the 15-year-old female occupant of the car was an escapee. When he received a radio broadcast of the escape, she fled on foot and he gave chase. While attempting to take the female into custody, her 15-year-old male companion allegedly attacked the sergeant with a hunting knife. The sergeant received knife wounds to the leg and chest, but managed to drive himself to the hospital where he died the following day. The two subjects were apprehended shortly thereafter.

#### Pennsylvania

A five-year veteran officer with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department was shot and killed after responding to a radio call to investigate a report of gunshots at a local housing project. After arriving at the scene of the gunfire, the 29-year-old officer was standing in a doorway with other officers when a shot fired from a .22-caliber rifle struck him fatally in the head. Three male subjects, one aged 16 and two aged 15, were subsequently apprehended without incident.

#### Tennessee

A Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Police Department officer, with little more than a year of law enforcement experience, was slain with a 9-millimeter handgun while investigating a theft of a radio from a vehicle. As the 24-year-old officer and his partner approached two suspects identified with the theft, they fled the scene. The officers separated and pursued the subjects into the woods where gunshots rang out fatally wounding one of the officers who subsequently died at a local hospital. A diligent search of the area surrounding the crime scene led to the apprehension of two subjects, aged 17 and 16.

#### Virginia

A 36-year-old patrolman with the Salem, Virginia, Police Department was shot and killed while on surveillance at the parking lot of a local motel where numerous larcenies from vehicles had occurred. The patrolman observed two suspicious persons looking into certain vehicles. He then radioed his partner at the opposite end of the lot to join him in approaching the suspects. Investigation indicates the victim patrolman confronted the first male subject, aged 17, and there was an exchange of gunfire. A third male subject, of whom the patrolman was unaware, exited a vehicle nearby and

allegedly fired one shot from a .25-caliber handgun striking the patrolman in the chest. The patrolman returned the gunfire wounding his assailant in the leg. This subject, aged 17, then fled the scene, but was subsequently apprehended by deputies of the Roanoke County Sheriff's Department. The first of the two other subjects managed to escape while the second, aged 22, was found hiding underneath a vehicle parked near the scene of the slaying.

## MARCH

### Florida

A Lee County, Florida, Sheriff's Department deputy, a law enforcement officer for over two years, was slain during a gun battle with two robbery suspects. Two males accosted an employee as he was entering his company's office. While the subjects were forcing the employee to open a safe, the manager of the company arrived unseen and observed that a robbery was in progress. He notified a deputy, who along with other officers, was dispatched to the robbery scene. After the 24-year-old deputy and other officers surrounded the building, the subjects emerged with the employee as a hostage. As the deputy, armed with a shotgun, walked around a corner of the building, he encountered both subjects with the hostage, and a brief struggle ensued. While attempting to disarm one subject, who was involved in a struggle with the hostage, the deputy was fatally wounded in the chest with a .45-caliber handgun, and two other officers were slightly wounded. One subject, 39 years of age, was shot and killed, and the other subject, 36 years of age, was wounded and taken into custody at the scene by the other officers. Subsequent investigation determined the subjects had planned to commit an armed robbery of an armored vehicle when it arrived at the office.

### Georgia

After responding to a man-with-gun call at a local residence, a 23-year-old officer with the Chatham County, Georgia, Police Department was shot and killed. The officer and other policemen arrived at the residence and were confronted by a male subject, 23 years of age, and several other individuals, who demanded to know if the officers had a warrant. The subject threatened the officers and went inside a nearby residence. Four of the officers entered the residence to search for the subject while the victim officer went to the rear of the house. One officer observed the subject with a shotgun inside the house, at



which time, the subject allegedly fired the 12-gauge shotgun wounding two of the officers. He allegedly fired the shotgun a second time striking the victim officer in the chest. He had been standing outside the rear entrance of the residence. Upon the arrival of police reinforcements, a gun battle ensued, and tear gas was subsequently utilized. The subject was wounded and taken into custody at the scene. The victim officer, a law enforcement officer for three months, was dead upon arrival at a local hospital.

### Illinois

An 18-year veteran trooper with the Illinois State Police was shot and killed after making a traffic stop. The trooper, 50 years of age, stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and ascertained one of the two occupants was wanted for a prior offense. Witnesses indicate an altercation developed between the trooper and the subjects. Both subjects began struggling with the trooper, and one subject allegedly shot the trooper in the chest with a .357-magnum handgun. The male subjects, 26 and 25 years of age, fled the scene in a vehicle which they later abandoned. They commandeered another vehicle and took the driver hostage. After evading a roadblock, the subjects were apprehended following a high-speed chase by responding officers.

### Indiana

While attempting to execute a search warrant at a local residence, an Indianapolis, Indiana, Police Department patrolman was slain. The 29-year-old patrolman and two other officers from the narcotics division attempted to gain entrance to the residence. Gunshots were fired from within the residence, and the patrolman was fatally wounded in the head and arm with bullets from a .32-caliber handgun. The other officers returned the gunfire killing the 19-year-old male assailant. Three other suspects were apprehended at the scene. The five-year veteran patrolman was dead upon arrival at a local hospital.

### Maryland

A captain and a corporal of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Police died from gunshot wounds received while attempting to apprehend a bank robbery suspect. The male suspect, 19 years of age, allegedly robbed a Montgomery County, Maryland, bank and fled the scene in a vehicle. The description of the suspect and his vehicle was broadcast over the police

radio. The 43-year-old captain and the 32-year-old corporal, both veteran officers, observed the suspect driving his vehicle near a local shopping center. The officers, in separate vehicles, stopped the suspect's car. Before the officers could confront him, the suspect suddenly drove away with the officers in pursuit. The suspect stopped his vehicle in a nearby wooded area and began firing a 20-gauge shotgun at the officers. They took cover behind one patrol vehicle and returned the gunfire. During the brief gun battle, the suspect allegedly shot both officers in the head with the shotgun and then fled the scene on foot. The suspect, in possession of the money from the bank robbery, was apprehended two days later in South Carolina by a highway patrolman.

### Missouri

While working as a security guard at a local bank, an off-duty officer with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department was slain. Three males entered the bank, announced a holdup, and began shooting. The 29-year-old officer was shot several times with a 9-millimeter handgun and a .303-caliber sawed-off rifle. The officer, who had nearly five years of law enforcement service, returned the gunfire before collapsing on the floor. His three assailants fled the scene in a vehicle. Five male suspects in the robbery and shooting, one each aged 25, 23, 22, and two aged 17, were subsequently apprehended.

### Pennsylvania

An eleven-year veteran officer with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department was shot and killed after a suspect was brought to the police station for questioning. The suspect was observed loading plywood in a truck at a local construction site by a passing motorist. The motorist, thinking that a theft was taking place, notified the police who stopped the suspect's truck and took him to the police station for further investigation. At the station, the victim officer and another officer attempted to handcuff the suspect, who lunged at the other officer pulling his service weapon from its holster. The male suspect, 31 years of age, allegedly fired the .38-caliber handgun striking the victim officer in the chest. As a third officer came out of an adjoining room, the suspect fired at him. The third officer returned the gunfire wounding the suspect, who fled from the building, collapsed on the front steps, and was immediately taken into custody. The 30-year-old victim officer was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds two days later.

## South Carolina

After making a traffic stop, a 28-year-old Charleston County, South Carolina, Police Department detective was run over by the motorist's car. The detective and two other officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old male, who was known to be driving without a license. He was accompanied by a 27-year-old male passenger. The two other officers went to each side of the vehicle. As the detective walked to the front of the vehicle, the driver allegedly accelerated the car throwing the detective onto the hood. The driver then swerved the vehicle from side-to-side for approximately two hundred feet until the detective fell off the hood and was run over fatally by the wheels of the car. The subjects fled the scene in the vehicle which was found later abandoned behind a local restaurant. Shortly thereafter, both subjects were taken into custody.

## South Dakota

A 34-year-old trooper with the South Dakota Highway Patrol was shot and killed in an ambush attack. The off-duty trooper, a 13-year law enforcement veteran, was found dead in the street lying behind his personally-owned vehicle which was parked near his residence. Investigation indicates the assailant drove to the trooper's residence and confronted him in his vehicle. The assailant fired a .357-magnum handgun striking the trooper in the chest. The male assailant, 39 years of age, fled the scene in his vehicle and shortly thereafter committed suicide. He had been arrested by the trooper on traffic offenses resulting in the suspension of his driver's license. Earlier in the day of the slaying, he was stopped by two other troopers for driving with his license under suspension.

## West Virginia

The sheriff and two deputies of the Mason County, West Virginia, Sheriff's Department were killed in an explosion at the county jail. After visiting hours, the male subject, 19 years of age, entered the jail to see his wife, who was being held as a suspect in the death of their infant daughter. Carrying a small suitcase and brandishing a sawed-off shotgun, he ordered the jailer to let him see his wife in her cell. The jailer complied and then contacted the sheriff and several other officers to inform them of the situation. After the sheriff and the other officers arrived at the scene, the subject's wife requested to speak to one of the officers. As the sheriff approached her cell door, the subject fired the shotgun into the

suitcase, which contained approximately 30 sticks of dynamite. The resulting explosion killed the 48-year-old sheriff, one 35-year-old deputy, the subject, and his wife. The other victim deputy, 71 years of age, died several days later. Numerous other officers and civilians were injured in the explosion. Later, a note written by the subject indicating his intentions to commit suicide was found at his residence. The sheriff had three years of law enforcement service, and the two deputies had eight years and 20 years of service, respectively.

#### APRIL

##### Arkansas

While attempting to serve a summons, a Polk County, Arkansas, Sheriff's Department deputy, with one year of law enforcement experience, was shot to death. Following a domestic disturbance-type complaint by the subject's mother-in-law, the sheriff and the 42-year-old deputy drove to the subject's residence. When the subject's wife opened the door in response to the sheriff's knock, the subject, standing behind his wife, allegedly shot the deputy in the chest with a .38-caliber handgun. The sheriff grabbed the subject's arm and subdued the 37-year-old assailant before taking him into custody.

##### Georgia

An off-duty detective with the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department was shot and killed attempting to stop an armed robbery. The 37-year-old detective, while working as a security guard at a parking lot, walked into an adjacent service station as it was being robbed. He was allegedly shot in the neck by a 25-year-old male subject armed with a .32-caliber handgun. As the assailant left the service station, he allegedly shot the detective in the back as he lay wounded on the floor. The subject then fled with a male and female accomplice, both aged 27, who were waiting in a vehicle nearby. All three were subsequently apprehended. The detective was a 13-year veteran of law enforcement.

After stopping a vehicle containing a robbery suspect a Columbus, Georgia, Police Department patrolman, with six years of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed. Investigation indicates that when the 45-year-old patrolman exited his patrol car, the subject allegedly fired three quick shots from a .22-caliber handgun hitting the officer in the head. The 19-year-old male assailant was spotted by another patrol unit which gave

chase as he fled the scene. The police unit rammed the subject's vehicle. The subject threatened this officer with a handgun and was killed instantly with a shotgun fired by the approaching officer.

#### Florida

Three Dade County, Florida, Public Safety Department detectives, aged 32, 31, and 28, were shot and killed while investigating a suspicious vehicle. Two officers, each with over seven years of law enforcement experience, were approaching an apartment in the vicinity of the vehicle when they were felled in succession by blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun. The 41-year-old male subject fled the scene and allegedly shot his pursuer, a third officer who was a ten-year veteran of law enforcement. The subject was apprehended a short time later hiding in some bushes. He was suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound and died the next day.

#### Kentucky

An off-duty deputy with the Harlan County, Kentucky, Sheriff's Office was shot and killed in an unprovoked attack while buying groceries at a store. Without warning or provocation, the male subject approached the fully-uniformed deputy from behind and obtained his .38-caliber service weapon. After shooting the officer in the head and back, the 34-year-old subject escaped from the scene, but was killed several days later in a shoot-out with officers of the Lee County, Virginia, Sheriff's Office. The 50-year-old deputy was a 16-year veteran of law enforcement.

#### Maryland

A seven-year veteran officer with the Baltimore, Maryland, Police Department was shot and killed during a sniper attack. Investigation indicates an 18-year-old male subject at a local residence began firing at two police vehicles traveling through the area. As the 32-year-old victim officer arrived at the scene, a bullet from an 8-millimeter rifle pierced the roof of the police vehicle striking the victim officer in the throat. After approximately an hour of gunfire exchange between the police and the sniper, during which four other police officers were wounded, the subject surrendered.

## North Carolina

While attempting to execute a search warrant, a Durham, North Carolina, Police Department investigator was slain. After knocking on the door and identifying themselves several times, the 25-year-old investigator and other officers of the narcotics unit heard someone running inside. As the investigator forced his way into the residence, the 20-year-old male subject allegedly fired a .32-caliber handgun hitting the investigator in the chest. The subject was taken into custody by officers at the scene. The investigator had been a law enforcement officer for over two years.

## South Carolina

A sergeant with the Clio, South Carolina, Police Department was shot and killed while investigating a report from an alarmed complainant, who informed the officer that his father-in-law was after him with a .22-caliber handgun. Just then the complainant's 52-year-old father-in-law appeared in a car. In an effort to investigate the son-in-law's allegation, the 23-year-old sergeant pursued and stopped the subject. A struggle ensued resulting in the sergeant being shot in the head. The sergeant was able to radio his dispatcher to notify him that he had been shot, and the subject was apprehended by responding officers. The sergeant, who had one year of law enforcement experience, died shortly after arrival at a local hospital.

## Texas

A Texas Department of Public Safety patrolman, with over five years of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed while approaching a suspect's car. Earlier, the patrolman and his partner received a report from a local motel concerning a 24-year-old male attempting to use a stolen credit card. The officers observed the subject in his car along the highway and stopped him. As the 25-year-old victim approached the driver's side of the vehicle, the subject allegedly shot him in the chest. The subject managed to flee the scene, but a diligent search by local and state officials led to his apprehension.

An eleven-year veteran patrolman with the Houston, Texas, Police Department was slain attempting to make an arrest of a narcotics suspect. The 35-year-old patrolman and three other officers, all assigned to the narcotics division, were staked out at a local motel parking lot awaiting the arrival of the subject.

As the 46-year-old male subject approached the motel, the patrolman identified himself. The subject immediately turned and allegedly fired a .32-caliber handgun striking the patrolman fatally in the chest. The other three officers returned the gunfire killing the subject.

#### MAY

##### Kansas

The City Marshal of Leoti, Kansas, was shot and killed after arresting a 31-year-old male for parole violation. The 42-year-old City Marshal observed the suspect, accompanied by his four children, driving a vehicle. After stopping the vehicle, the Marshal arrested the suspect and handcuffed him, but permitted the suspect to return to his vehicle to speak to the children. There, the suspect obtained a .357-caliber handgun which he allegedly fired twice at the Marshal while his hands were cuffed behind him. The City Marshal, a law enforcement officer for one year, was fatally wounded in the chest. Taking the victim's service weapon, the suspect fled the scene with his daughter driving his vehicle. He left his children with friends and was apprehended in Colorado shortly thereafter.

##### New Jersey

An off-duty patrolman with the Bradley Beach, New Jersey, Police Department was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend two robbery suspects. The 29-year-old patrolman, in uniform, was in a local grocery store when he observed two suspicious males entering the front door of the store. Investigation indicates that the two males, one of whom was armed, saw the patrolman inside and fled the scene on foot. The patrolman pursued both suspects to their vehicle which was parked nearby. While he detained one suspect on one side of the car, he ordered the other suspect to walk around the car to the same side. As this suspect approached the patrolman, he allegedly fired a .38-caliber handgun striking the patrolman in the chest. The patrolman returned the gunfire before falling to the ground where he was shot again in the back. Both suspects, 28 and 23 years of age, escaped the scene and were subsequently taken into custody. The patrolman had 18 months of law enforcement service.

## Virginia

A Bridgewater, Virginia, Police Department patrolman, a law enforcement officer for over three years, was shot and killed in an ambush attack. Approximately two weeks before the slaying, the 26-year-old patrolman arrested his assailant for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The assailant, in an attempt to learn the identity of the person who called in the complaint resulting in his arrest, telephoned the patrolman at his residence several times. On the day of the shooting, the male assailant, aged 40, drove to the patrolman's residence and knocked on the front door. The patrolman's wife looked through a window and recognized the assailant. She called her husband, who was off duty, at the local fire department. The patrolman arrived at his residence and exchanged gunfire with the assailant who had obtained a 12-gauge shotgun from his vehicle. During the gun battle, the patrolman was fatally wounded in the head while the assailant, after suffering a self-inflicted shotgun wound, was apprehended at the scene by responding officers.

## JUNE

## California

An off-duty Sacramento County, California, Sheriff's Department deputy was slain while attempting to thwart an armed robbery of a tavern. The 45-year-old deputy was seated at the bar when the subject, armed with a sawed-off .22-caliber rifle, entered and announced a holdup. Drawing his .38-caliber handgun, the twelve-year veteran of law enforcement shot the robber in the chest. A struggle between the two then ensued during which the 25-year-old bandit allegedly beat the deputy to death with the rifle before succumbing to his own wounds a short distance from the tavern.

## Georgia

While responding to a domestic disturbance call, a Savannah, Georgia, Police Department patrolman, with seven years of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed. Investigation indicates that for some unknown reason the 27-year-old patrolman stopped and exited his patrol vehicle approximately five blocks from the disturbance where he was found fatally shot in the chest. There had been no radio communication by the victim patrolman. A search of the crime scene revealed he had fired all six rounds from his .38-caliber service weapon. Nine empty .22-caliber rifle casings were found about 97 feet from the patrolman. A 57-year-old male suspect was apprehended in connection with this incident.



## Illinois

A Lake County, Illinois, Sheriff's Department deputy was slain answering a disturbance complaint. The 29-year-old deputy and his partner responded with other officers to a report that a 51-year-old female was firing a gun in the vicinity of a playground. The first deputies at the scene were shot at by the subject from inside a residence with a .38-caliber handgun. Several attempts to talk her out of the residence failed, but tear gas eventually forced her from the house. When the victim, his partner, and two other deputies attempted to apprehend the subject, a struggle ensued during which she fatally wounded the deputy in the abdomen and shot his partner in the arm. She was subsequently subdued and taken into custody at the scene. The deputy had been a law enforcement officer for over three years.

## Iowa

The body of a Keota, Iowa, Police Department patrolman was found lying along a highway shortly after he radioed the Keokuk County Sheriff's Office and advised them he was stopping a vehicle. The 22-year-old patrolman had been shot several times in the head, chest, and abdomen with his own .38-caliber service weapon. Investigation determined the patrolman, with one month of law enforcement experience, was in the process of issuing a summons when he was attacked. An intensive investigation led to the apprehension of a 19-year-old male subject who was charged with the killing.

## Pennsylvania

A Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department lieutenant, with over 22 years of law enforcement service, was slain while attempting to arrest a suspect who had commandeered a car at gunpoint and was attempting to steal it. The officer was attending church services prior to reporting for duty when he was summoned by citizens who witnessed the crime. As the 45-year-old victim approached the vehicle, the subject allegedly fired one shot from a .38-caliber handgun striking the lieutenant in the chest. The 39-year-old male subject was killed in an encounter with other officers responding to the scene.

## Texas

While conducting an investigation of an attempted burglary, a patrolman with the Anthony, Texas, Police Department was shot and killed. The 27-year-old patrolman, a four-

year veteran of law enforcement, approached the subject to question him, and a struggle ensued. During the scuffle, the subject seized the patrolman's .357-magnum service weapon and allegedly shot him in the chest. The 27-year-old male subject was apprehended near the scene by a deputy of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

A sergeant, an 18-year veteran of law enforcement, with the Waco, Texas, Police Department was slain attempting to make an arrest. The police received a call concerning a knifing at a local bus depot. The 42-year-old sergeant was the first officer to arrive at the scene where he attempted to apprehend the 23-year-old male knifing suspect who resisted. In the ensuing struggle, the sergeant was stabbed in the back and then shot with his own .357-magnum service weapon. Other officers arriving at the scene engaged in a gun battle with the suspect and wounded him before taking him into custody.

## JULY

### Florida

Two deputies with the Columbia County, Florida, Sheriff's Department were shot and killed while investigating a rape and beating complaint. The deputies, 35 and 33 years of age, met the complainant who was accompanied by her brother and a friend. The officers then drove, along with the complainant who rode in a separate vehicle, to the suspect's residence. Upon arrival at the scene, the deputies, who had been joined by a third officer, instructed this officer to remain with the complainant. The deputies approached the front door of the residence and spoke with the suspect's uncle. When the suspect refused to leave the residence for questioning, one deputy attempted to enter the residence and was shot in the head and chest with a .22-caliber rifle. The other deputy was shot in the back as he attempted to seek cover. In an apparent attempt to wound the third officer, the suspect allegedly continued to fire the rifle striking the patrol vehicle. As the third officer radioed for assistance, the male suspect, 23 years of age, fled the scene in his vehicle. He was apprehended shortly thereafter by responding officers. One deputy had ten years of law enforcement service, and the other deputy had over one year of service.

### Missouri

A Lincoln, Missouri, Police Department officer was slain in a premeditated ambush attack. The 58-year-old officer, with one year of law enforcement service, was found slumped

over the steering wheel of his patrol vehicle. The officer had been shot in the head with a bullet fired from a .30-caliber handgun. Investigation indicates the officer was on patrol where he was followed by his 77-year-old male assailant. The assailant and his 15-year-old grandson, who was driving, stopped their vehicle next to the officer's patrol car. After the officer requested them to move their vehicle, the assailant allegedly shot the officer. Both subjects fled the scene in their car and were apprehended the next day. Subsequent investigation determined the assailant, who was known to have a mental problem, had threatened to kill the officer approximately three weeks before because the officer had talked to the subject's friend about complying with a local dog ordinance.

### Ohio

A 16-year veteran patrolman with the Coshocton, Ohio, Police Department was shot and killed in an unprovoked attack. The 46-year-old patrolman was standing outside the rear door of the police station when a 32-year-old male approached in a pickup truck. No sooner had the driver stopped the truck when he allegedly fired a 12-gauge shotgun at the patrolman striking him in the chest. Critically wounded, the patrolman attempted to flee through the police station, but was pursued by the subject who allegedly fired several more shots from a .22-magnum handgun. The subject, who was under the influence of alcohol, was immediately taken into custody at the scene by other officers. The victim officer collapsed on the street in front of the police station and later died at a local hospital.

### Puerto Rico

While assigned to an undercover role in a narcotics investigation, a 23-year-old agent with the Police of Puerto Rico was shot and killed. The agent and another individual were seated in a car when an automobile containing two occupants stopped nearby. Abruptly, the driver walked toward the agent's vehicle shouting that he knew the agent was an undercover agent, and the man who was accompanying him was an informant. He proceeded to strike the agent several times with his fists. When the agent attempted to obtain his service weapon from beneath the car seat, the 26-year-old male subject allegedly drew a .38-caliber handgun and shot the agent in the chest. Although the agent returned the gunfire, the subject made good his escape. The agent, a law enforcement officer for one year, managed to walk to a nearby home for senior citizens where he collapsed and died. The subject was apprehended the following day.

A seven-year veteran officer with the Police of Puerto Rico was slain while investigating a burglary at a private residence. After arriving at the scene, the 29-year-old officer began to pursue a suspect on foot. During the pursuit, a 28-year-old male approached the officer from the rear, obtained his .38-caliber service weapon, and allegedly shot him in the head and back at close range. After an extensive search, the subject was apprehended.

#### Texas

As he attempted to apprehend two narcotic suspects, a Laredo, Texas, Police Department patrolman was shot and killed. The 27-year-old patrolman responded to an assistance call from another officer who had observed two males transporting narcotics. Enroute the patrolman spotted the suspects' vehicle, with a police car in pursuit, and signaled it to stop. The suspects stopped their vehicle with the patrolman's unit in front and the other officer's car to the rear. When the patrolman approached the suspects' vehicle, he was shot in the chest with a .38-caliber handgun. He returned the gunfire as he ran past the suspects' vehicle to take cover. Both officers continued to exchange gunfire with the suspects until the patrolman collapsed on the ground while reloading his service weapon. The patrolman, a law enforcement officer for over three years, was dead upon arrival at a local hospital. Both suspects, 32 and 28 years of age, were apprehended shortly thereafter, and 300 pounds of marijuana in their possession were seized.

A Yorktown, Texas, Police Department patrolman was slain while attempting to apprehend a 33-year-old male suspected of driving while intoxicated. The suspect's alleged condition was reported by an individual using a citizen band radio. When the 35-year-old patrolman stopped the suspect's vehicle, it sped away as he approached on foot. After radioing for assistance, the officer pursued the suspect to the latter's residence where he parked his cruiser behind the suspect's vehicle which had stopped in the driveway. He began questioning the suspect who was seated in his car. As the patrolman was momentarily distracted by the suspect's father, who exited the residence to observe the situation, the suspect allegedly shot him in the head and arm with a .22-caliber handgun. The suspect was immediately apprehended by an officer who arrived at the scene in response to the patrolman's call for assistance. The patrolman was a law enforcement officer for over three years.

## Utah

While attempting to serve an arrest warrant, a nine-year veteran agent with the Narcotic and Liquor Law Enforcement Division of the Utah Department of Public Safety was shot and killed. The 32-year-old agent and several other officers went to the subject's residence to execute the warrant. An undercover officer was present at the residence in an effort to purchase some narcotics from the subject. Upon receiving a signal from the undercover officer, the agent and a second officer approached the suspect's residence. The agent knocked on the front door, identified himself and the second officer, and ordered the subject to open the door. When he refused, the officers forced entry into the residence where they pursued him into a bedroom. In the ensuing exchange of gunfire, the agent was shot fatally in the neck and shoulder with a 12-gauge shotgun, and the 28-year-old male suspect was mortally wounded by a gunshot wound to the stomach.

## AUGUST

## California

A twelve-year veteran patrolman, 35 years of age, with the Los Angeles, California, Police Department was slain while executing a search warrant in a narcotics investigation. The victim and other officers of the Narcotics Division entered the suspect's residence and pursued him into an adjoining room where he produced a .357-magnum handgun and allegedly fired one shot striking the victim in the chest. One shot fired by the victim at his assailant missed. The officers apprehended the 31-year-old male suspect and five other individuals at the scene.

## Idaho

After making a traffic stop, an Osburn, Idaho, Police Department patrolman was found shot to death near his patrol vehicle. The patrolman observed the subject traveling in the wrong direction on a highway and radioed the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office for a license plate check and assistance. Although the 23-year-old patrolman was wearing a bulletproof vest, the shot, a .30-.30-caliber rifle bullet, entered his chest above the vest. The 23-year-old male subject was subsequently apprehended by the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office.

## Kentucky

A Salyersville, Kentucky, Police Department patrolman was slain while attempting to arrest an individual for being intoxicated in a public place. Another law enforcement officer, who was a brother-in-law to the individual being arrested, did not approve of the way the victim officer was handling the situation. An argument erupted, and the 45-year-old male subject allegedly shot the 24-year-old patrolman in the stomach with a .357-magnum handgun. After relinquishing his weapon to other officers at the scene, the subject was taken into custody. The victim patrolman had one month of law enforcement experience.

## Louisiana

While searching a residence for narcotics, a Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office deputy, with three years of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed. As the 25-year-old deputy and four other narcotics officers began their search, the subject, who lived across the street from the residence, entered and allegedly shot the deputy in the back with a .22-caliber rifle. The 24-year-old male subject was apprehended at his residence where a quantity of heroin and marijuana was confiscated.

## Mississippi

A deputy with the Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office was shot and killed after responding to a disturbance call. The 66-year-old deputy arrived at the scene of a shooting and was attempting to arrest a 42-year-old male accused of slaying a woman with a shotgun. While the suspect was being placed in the patrol car, a scuffle ensued during which the assailant grabbed the deputy's .38-caliber service weapon and allegedly shot him in the head and abdomen. The deputy wounded the subject with a .22-caliber derringer which he carried as a second weapon. While making his getaway in a car, the subject passed out near the scene and was apprehended by local authorities. The deputy was a 30-year veteran of law enforcement.

## New Jersey

While delivering money to a check-cashing agency, an officer with the Newark, New Jersey, Police Department was shot and killed. Two male subjects were in the process of

robbing the check-cashing agency when the officer, who was unaware of the situation, arrived at the scene. One of the subjects allegedly fired a 9-millimeter handgun striking the 53-year-old officer in the neck. The two assailants fled the scene in a stolen vehicle which was later recovered abandoned. Extensive investigation by law enforcement personnel led to the apprehension of four male subjects, 36, 26, 24 and 23 years of age. The officer had served the law enforcement profession for over 23 years.

### Ohio

Two patrolmen with the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department were killed in an automobile collision. While assisting officers of a nearby police department who were pursuing a lawbreaker in a high-speed chase, the offender's vehicle forced an oncoming ambulance to swerve in the roadway and then struck the victims' vehicle head on. Also killed in the crash was the 32-year-old male subject who was wanted on a grand larceny warrant. The patrolmen, 35 and 32 years of age, had nine and four years of law enforcement experience, respectively.

### Texas

A Port Arthur, Texas, Police Department detective, with four years of law enforcement experience, was slain while attempting to serve a search warrant for narcotics at a local residence. The 27-year-old detective and four other officers knocked on the door and identified themselves. In response to the knock, gunshots were fired through the door from a .38-caliber handgun hitting the victim in the chest. The other officers forced their way into the residence where they apprehended a 19-year-old female who has been charged with the shooting.

## SEPTEMBER

### Arkansas

While attempting to apprehend a subject wanted for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, a patrolman with the Fort Smith, Arkansas, Police Department was slain. The patrolman observed the male subject, 32 years of age, at a local service station. After radioing for assistance, the patrolman proceeded toward the subject on foot to investigate the situation. When the patrolman asked the subject for

identification, he produced a .38-caliber handgun from inside his vehicle and allegedly shot the patrolman twice in the chest. The 30-year-old patrolman, with over four years of law enforcement service, returned the gunfire wounding the subject who fled the scene in his vehicle and who was apprehended shortly thereafter.

#### Illinois

A ten-year veteran patrolman with the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department was shot and killed attempting to make an arrest in a narcotics crime. After learning that narcotics were being sold at a local building, the 31-year-old patrolman and two other officers went there to conduct a surveillance. The officers observed a suspicious transaction between the 33-year-old male subject and a second individual. As the officers approached the steps of the building to make an arrest, the subject allegedly fired a .41-magnum handgun striking the victim patrolman in the head. The other officers returned the gunfire, and the subject retreated into the building. Shortly thereafter, other officers arrived at the scene, and the subject was taken into custody.

#### Minnesota

The sheriff of the Waseca County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Office was slain attempting to serve mental commitment papers on a 64-year-old male subject. The 47-year-old sheriff and a second officer went to the subject's residence. Dressed in plain clothes and unarmed, the sheriff approached the front porch and observed the subject standing inside a screen door leading into the residence. Both officers spoke to the subject who opened the screen door and allegedly fired a 12-gauge shotgun striking the sheriff in the chest. The second officer drew his service weapon and ordered the subject to drop his weapon. When the subject complied, he was taken into custody. The sheriff was a 24-year veteran of law enforcement.

#### New York

A six-year veteran officer with the New York City, New York, Police Department was killed while dismantling an explosive device. Prior to the incident, the Federal Aviation Administration advised the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the pilot of a



skyjacked commercial aircraft had transmitted a message from its band of Croation Nationalist hijackers that they had planted a bomb in a specified locker at Grand Central Station, New York City. Subsequently, the bomb was found in the locker by police who transported it to an outdoor police firearms range where the victim officer and three other officers attempted to disarm the device. The device detonated by surprise killing a 27-year-old officer and seriously injuring three other officers. The hijackers, four males 31, 29, 28, and 25 years of age and one female 27 years of age, who claimed to be "fighters for a free Croatia," were subsequently apprehended.

#### North Carolina

The Saluda, North Carolina, Chief of Police, with four years of law enforcement service, was shot and killed after responding to a man-with-gun call from a local resident. When the 47-year-old Chief arrived at the residence, he was met by a 44-year-old male, armed with a 12-gauge shotgun, seated on the front porch. The Chief left his patrol vehicle and approached the subject who allegedly shot him in the chest. Officers of the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the State Highway Patrol, arrived at the scene shortly afterward and apprehended the subject.

#### Ohio

A patrolman with the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department died as a result of a gunshot wound received after responding to a complaint that a male was threatening to shoot himself and his relatives. The 27-year-old patrolman and his partner arrived at the scene and attempted to talk to the 20-year-old suspect, who had a .38-caliber handgun in his jacket pocket. At this time, a scuffle ensued between the suspect and his parents during which he shot himself and then fired at and critically wounded one of the officers who returned the gunfire. Both the officer, a three-year veteran of law enforcement, and the subject fell to the ground and later died from their wounds.

#### Washington

A gunshot wound in the head ended the life of a Seattle, Washington, Police Department patrolman. The patrolman, an eight-year veteran, and other officers went to the suspect's residence to investigate a felonious assault

involving the suspect. Upon approaching the rear of the residence, the officers heard voices coming from the basement. As the 30-year-old victim forced entry into the basement, he observed the suspect who opened fire with a .22-caliber handgun fatally wounding the officer. Accompanying officers returned the gunfire killing the 17-year-old male suspect.

## OCTOBER

### District of Columbia

A 39-year-old sergeant with the Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department was fatally wounded responding to a domestic disturbance complaint. After the sergeant and a partner had quelled a dispute between a male and his girlfriend and were escorting both to their separate patrol cars, a struggle ensued between the man and the sergeant during which the assailant gained possession of the officer's .38-caliber service weapon. The assailant allegedly fired two shots from the service weapon striking the sergeant fatally in the chest and wounding the second officer in the leg. Other officers arriving at the scene wounded the assailant and took him in custody. The sergeant had served the law enforcement profession for fifteen years.

### Illinois

A 15-year veteran patrolman with the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department died as a result of gunshot wounds received while attempting to quell a fight between rival street gangs. The off-duty patrolman had subdued an individual thought to have a gun when a shot from a 7.65 millimeter handgun, fired from among a crowd of persons gathered at the scene, struck the victim in the face. Responding officers transported the 36-year-old patrolman to a local hospital where he died two days after the incident. The alleged male assailant, 18 years of age, was identified and taken into custody.

### Louisiana

During a fire at the parish prison, an Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office deputy was overcome by smoke and died. Investigation indicates the fire was intentionally set by a 21-year-old inmate who has been charged with murder as a result of the blaze. The 38-year-

old victim was apparently searching for trapped deputies or inmates when he succumbed. He had served the law enforcement profession for 17 years.

### Missouri

In September, while investigating a reported burglary, an auxiliary patrolman with the St. Charles, Missouri, Police Department sustained gunshot wounds which resulted in his death. The victim and other officers responded to a complaint of a burglary at a local business establishment. As the 47-year-old victim entered the premises to investigate, he was shot three times in the neck, chest, and arm with a .38-caliber handgun fired by an unknown assailant. The auxiliary patrolman had one year of law enforcement experience.

### New Hampshire

A Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department patrolman, with over one year of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call at a local residence. As the victim and another officer approached the residence, a shot was fired from a 7.62-caliber rifle by someone crouched inside the doorway of the home. The bullet struck the 25-year-old victim in the shoulder above a bullet-proof vest he was wearing and ricocheted into vital areas of his body. His partner radioed for assistance and responding officers apprehended a 15-year-old male suspect a short distance from the scene.

### New York

While investigating a suspicious person, a 46-year-old officer with the Larchmont, New York, Police Department was slain with his own service weapon. The officer, a 19-year veteran of law enforcement, approached the suspect who was near some railroad tracks behind a supermarket. Eyewitnesses observed a tussle develop between the officer and the suspect which ended with the officer being shot in the chest with his handgun. The officer was transported to a local hospital and died approximately one hour later. The suspect attempted to escape in the victim's patrol vehicle which he subsequently crashed. When the 23-year-old male suspect then continued his flight on foot, he was wounded by other police officers in a gun battle and thereafter taken into custody.

A patrolman, with five months of law enforcement experience, on the Mechanicville, New York, Police Department, was fatally wounded during an unprovoked shooting incident. Upon arriving at the scene of the shooting, the 21-year-old patrolman was exiting his patrol vehicle when he was shot in the head. During the hour-long shooting spree, a 31-year-old male sniper, in a third-floor apartment, fired hundreds of rounds from various rifles and shotguns which allegedly killed one civilian and seriously wounded another officer and several citizens. The sniper was apprehended when he was forced to flee his apartment because of a fire, thought to have been caused by bullets hitting a gas stove.

#### North Carolina

During the pursuit of bank robbery suspects, the assistant Chief of Police of the Fair Bluff, North Carolina, Police Department was killed when his vehicle went out of control and struck a tree. The 52-year-old victim and his partner engaged in a high-speed chase after the three robbers who fired gunshots at the officers in an attempt to avoid capture. During an exchange of gunfire, the officers' vehicle skidded from the highway, struck a parked vehicle and crashed into a tree. The other officer was seriously injured in the collision. Three male suspects were subsequently apprehended. The victim had seven years of law enforcement experience.

#### Ohio

A Butler Township, Ohio, Police Department patrolman, with over four years of law enforcement experience, was struck and killed after setting up a roadblock to apprehend a traffic violator. The assailant, being pursued by other officers, attempted to run the roadblock to avoid capture. As he veered his speeding vehicle from the highway, he allegedly struck the 27-year-old patrolman. The pursuing officers apprehended the 15-year-old male assailant after he crashed his car into a bridge abutment.

#### Pennsylvania

An off-duty sergeant with the Upland, Pennsylvania, Police Department was shot and killed attempting to foil an armed robbery. The 36-year-old sergeant was a customer at a local tavern when two bandits entered and announced a hold-up. While a 25-year-old male bandit held the patrons at gunpoint, his 24-year-old male accomplice emptied the cash

register. At this time, the sergeant drew his service weapon and engaged in a struggle with one bandit during which there was an exchange of gunfire, and the sergeant allegedly was fatally shot in the chest by his assailant who was armed with a .32-caliber handgun. The bandit also received multiple gunshot wounds in the chest. After the shooting, two patrons obtained the weapons used in the shootings and held the bandits at gunpoint until the local police arrived. The sergeant had served the law enforcement profession for eleven years.

#### Puerto Rico

While attempting to effect an arrest, an Agent with the Police of Puerto Rico, with four years of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed. The 28-year-old victim, accompanied by other officers, monitored a radio broadcast regarding a vehicle containing suspects involved in a shooting. After stopping the vehicle, the officers identified themselves at which time the driver allegedly opened fire with a .38-caliber handgun striking the 28-year-old victim fatally in the chest. After an exchange of gunfire, two male suspects, both 31 years of age, were taken into custody at the scene.

#### NOVEMBER

#### Arkansas

A deputy with the Benton County, Arkansas, Sheriff's Department for eight months was stabbed to death by an assailant who attempted a jailbreak from the Benton County Jail. The 43-year-old victim was dispensing medicine to prisoners when two subjects overpowered him and took his pocketknife. The deputy, after being stabbed in the chest and neck with the knife, was able to break free from his assailants but died shortly thereafter. The attempted escape by the 18 and 20-year-old male subjects proved unsuccessful.

#### California

A sergeant with the Cypress, California, Police Department was killed when he and other officers responded to a silent burglary alarm at a local doctor's office. As the 44-year-old victim approached the front door, the subject allegedly fired a shot through the door striking the twelve-year law enforcement veteran in the chest. The 32-year-old

male subject, armed with a .38-caliber revolver, barricaded himself in the building, but was taken into custody by a Police Special Weapons and Tactical Unit after allegedly firing several more shots at the apprehending officers.

#### Missouri

An Arnold, Missouri, Police Department patrolman with two years of law enforcement service was shot and killed while attempting to thwart a burglary. The 44-year-old victim, in response to a radio dispatch call, arrived on the scene and confronted a 22-year-old male subject who lunged at the officer and obtained possession of his .38-caliber service weapon. The assailant allegedly fired two shots from the gun, one of which, mortally wounded the officer in the back. The subject fled the scene in the victim's patrol car but was subsequently shot, wounded, and apprehended some distance away by other officers.

#### New York

After responding to a call for assistance by Long Island State Parkway Police Officers, who were pursuing a stolen motor vehicle, a 15-year veteran of the Nassau County Police Department was shot and killed. The victim officer arrived at the scene shortly after a struggle had begun between one of the officers and the subject whose vehicle had been stopped. During the struggle, the arresting officer's weapon discharged and struck the victim as he exited his cruiser to give assistance in the arrest. The 18-year-old male subject was subdued and taken into custody at the scene.

#### Texas

After responding to a disturbance at a local residence, a 26-year-old Dallas, Texas, Police Department patrolman, with nearly three years of law enforcement service, was shot and killed. The officer and his partner arrived at the scene and while the victim attempted to talk with the subject, the latter allegedly shot him twice in the chest before fleeing upstairs in the dwelling. Responding officers of a Special Weapons and Tactical Unit entered the residence and found the 16-year-old male subject armed with a knife. The subject was shot and killed by officers after he made a lunge for one of the officer's shotguns cutting the officer in the process.

A Texas Highway Patrol trooper was shot and killed by the driver of a pickup truck which had been reported stolen. Several witnesses to the shooting observed the subject, after his truck had been stopped by the trooper, standing over the victim firing a handgun at him. One witness, returning from a hunting trip and armed with a high-powered rifle, shot the 19-year-old male assailant from a distance of 150 yards killing him instantly. The 39-year-old trooper, who had 17 years of law enforcement experience, was shot eleven times in the back before the citizen was able to stop the assailant.

In the process of making a traffic stop, a Dallas, Texas, Police Department patrolman, with two years of law enforcement experience, was shot and killed. The officer, 27 years of age, and his partner had stopped the subject for driving a vehicle at night with only parking lights on. As the victim and another officer approached the vehicle, the subject pulled out a .22-caliber pistol and fired out the window, striking one officer in the chest and back. The 30-year-old subject fled the scene of the shooting, but was subsequently identified and apprehended.

A Sheriff with 20 years of law enforcement service in the Motley County, Texas, Sheriff's Office was shot and killed as he questioned two suspects. The victim officer and a civilian had just finished looking for stray cattle off a highway and were returning to the civilian's vehicle which was parked off the highway nearby. When they arrived at the place where the civilian's car was parked, they noticed two men acting suspiciously near the vehicle. As the victim was questioning them, one suspect suddenly fired two shots from a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun killing the unarmed Sheriff instantly and slightly wounding the civilian who ran for cover. The 25 and 28-year-old male subjects fled the scene in their own vehicle where they were subsequently apprehended as a Deputy Sheriff happened upon the incident. The 61-year-old Sheriff had planned on retiring in January of the next year.

### Virginia

A twelve-year veteran trooper with the Virginia State Police was wounded, kidnaped and slain by an individual who claimed to have requested his assistance. The 33-year-old trooper, while patrolling alone along Interstate Highway 85, was reportedly stopped by another

driver who requested the officer's assistance in evading some persons he thought were following him. When the trooper learned this individual was armed, he reportedly asked for the weapon but the driver refused to turn it over. During an ensuing struggle between the two, the subject grabbed for the officer's service weapon causing it to fire and wound the trooper. The subject then forced the patrolman into his cruiser at gunpoint and ordered him to drive to Atlanta, Georgia. The victim was allowed to maintain radio contact with his fellow troopers. Several Virginia State Police patrol cars followed the cruiser to the North Carolina state line where a number of North Carolina Highway Patrol vehicles joined in the chase. Police then set up a simulated tractor trailer accident as a roadblock. When the victim's patrol car came to a stop at the roadblock, disabling gunfire was directed toward it after officers heard a number of shots from within the vehicle. After an exchange of gunfire between the subject and police at the roadblock, the trooper was found dead from gunshot wounds allegedly fired from the subject's handgun and his 33-year-old captor seriously wounded.

#### West Virginia

While attempting to serve a mental illness warrant on a disturbed person, the 63-year-old Sheriff of the Calhoun County, West Virginia, Sheriff's Office was shot and killed. The four-year veteran, accompanied by a West Virginia State trooper, noticed the subject standing in a wooded area armed with a rifle and axe. The 35-year-old subject, upon being informed of the warrant, turned and started walking away. As the officers moved to detain him, the subject spun around firing one round from a 6.5 millimeter rifle striking the victim in the neck. Both the Sheriff and trooper returned fire killing the subject instantly.

#### DECEMBER

#### Bogota, Colombia

A Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, stationed in Bogota, Colombia, was shot and killed in the line of duty by an emotionally disturbed individual. Investigation indicates the 25-year-old male suspect, a United States citizen, entered the Agent's office to speak



with him about drug trafficking information the suspect had provided earlier which had proven worthless. The suspect became upset when no action had been taken on the information. He ran amok and began firing a .38-caliber handgun striking the 38-year-old Agent fatally in the back. The suspect shot and killed himself as his arrest became imminent. The Agent had 15 years of law enforcement service.

### Georgia

A nine-year veteran of law enforcement with the Columbus, Georgia, Police Department was shot and killed during the commission of an armed robbery when he and the manager of a restaurant walked into a cocktail lounge to investigate some suspicious circumstances. Upon entering the lounge, the door of which was ajar long past its normal closing time, the 41-year-old patrolman was mortally wounded and the manager seriously injured by gunshots allegedly fired by a robber who was holding two employees and a customer at gunpoint. The 37-year-old male robber, armed with a .38-caliber handgun, fled the scene with one of the employees as a hostage. He was subsequently apprehended by state and local authorities near Roanoke, Alabama.

### Michigan

A Pontiac, Michigan, Police Department patrolman, with over two years of law enforcement service, was slain during an attempt by accomplices to free a wounded robbery suspect held under guard at a local hospital. After an armed robbery, in which one officer was wounded and one suspect killed by gunfire, a wounded suspect in the robbery was placed under guard at the hospital. The following day, two subjects, a 36-year-old male and a 25-year-old female, in an attempt to free the wounded subject, overpowered and bound the policeman on guard. Unaware of the situation, the victim arrived at the hospital to relieve this officer of guard duty. As he entered the robber's hospital room, the male accomplice fatally shot him in the chest. The victim managed to fire his service weapon mortally wounding his assailant. The female accomplice and the 26-year-old hospitalized bandit fled the scene with another female accomplice waiting in a getaway vehicle. All subjects were subsequently apprehended by officers of the Bloomfield Township Police Department.

During an armed robbery of a Wayne County, Michigan, Sheriff's Office patrolman, the nine-year veteran of law enforcement was shot and killed. He and a companion were

seated in the 39-year-old patrolman's personal vehicle when three bandits forced them at gunpoint out of the car and into an empty field. The patrolman attempted to stop the robbery by drawing his .357-caliber service weapon and identifying himself. When one armed bandit threatened the life of the patrolman's companion, the officer dropped his weapon. Two suspects allegedly shot the patrolman, then all three fled the scene in possession of the patrolman's service weapon and wallet. One 30-year-old male suspect committed suicide when surrounded by Detroit Police. The other two bandits, a 24-year-old male and a 23-year-old female, were subsequently apprehended.

### Mississippi

At Philadelphia, Mississippi, a patrolman with the Bureau of Indian Affairs was shot and killed during attempts to stop a domestic disturbance. The 26-year-old patrolman arrived at the scene and attempted to arrest a suspect for being drunk and disorderly. The suspect resisted and ran to his personal vehicle where he obtained a .22-caliber rifle. During an exchange of gunfire, the patrolman, who had one year of law enforcement service, was struck fatally in the chest and collapsed on the ground where he was allegedly shot twice more by his assailant. The 40-year-old male suspect was taken into custody at the scene by officers who arrived following the shooting.

### Pennsylvania

An 18-year veteran patrolman with the Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania, Police Department was slain after responding to a radio call that a burglary was in progress. Upon arriving at the local business establishment where an alarm had been sounded, the 41-year-old victim observed a suspect and a scuffle ensued. The 19-year-old male assailant allegedly shot the victim in the head with his .38-caliber service weapon. The assailant fled the scene, in possession of the victim's weapon, and was apprehended shortly thereafter by officers of the Philadelphia Police Department.



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