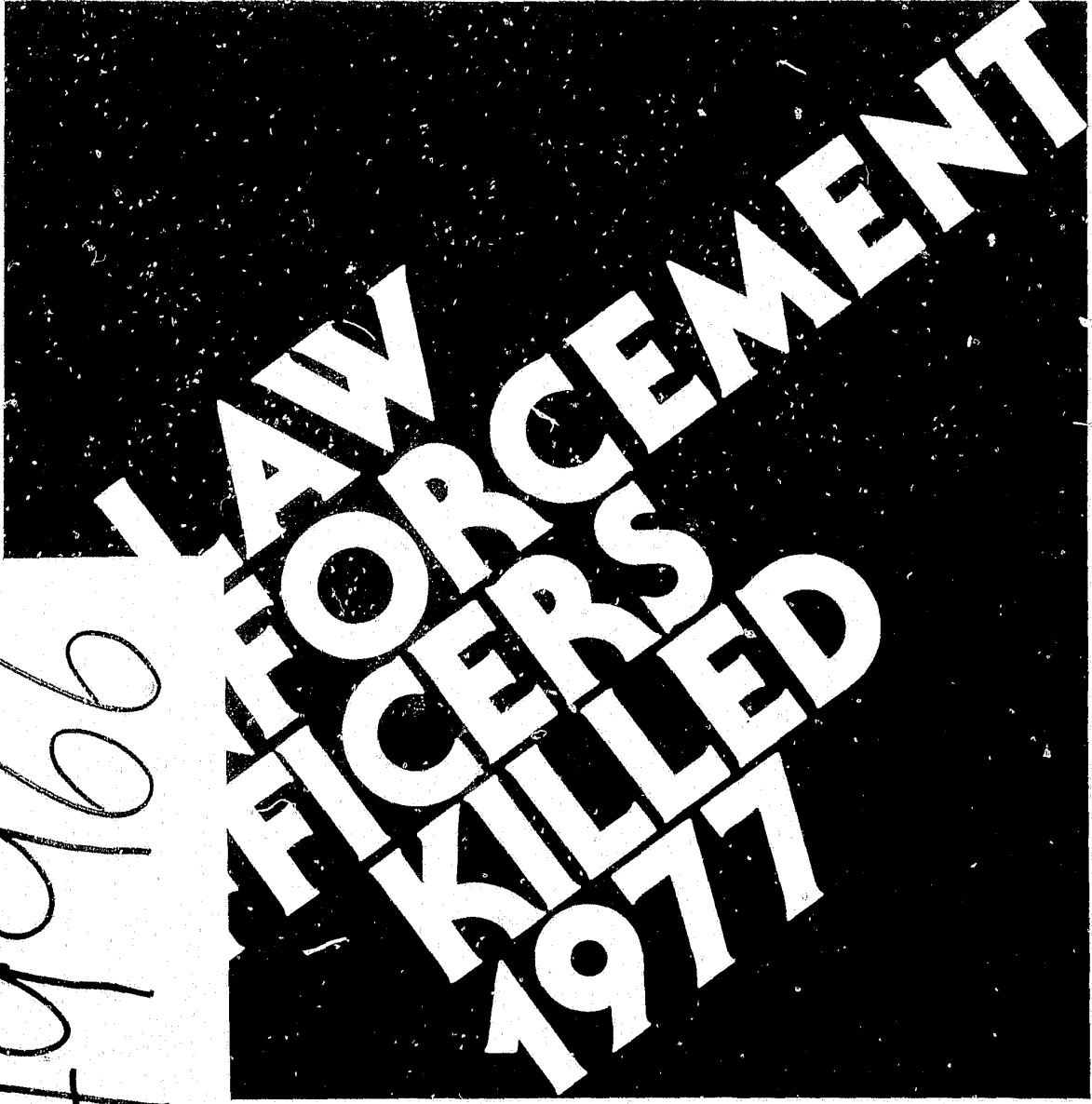


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### FOREWORD

While the death of any individual at the hands of an assailant is tragic, we are especially struck by the loss of law enforcement officers while in the performance of their duties. When these men and women, who are sworn to protect the lives and property of our Nation's citizens, are slain, we are compelled to study the incidents in hopes of diminishing their occurrence.

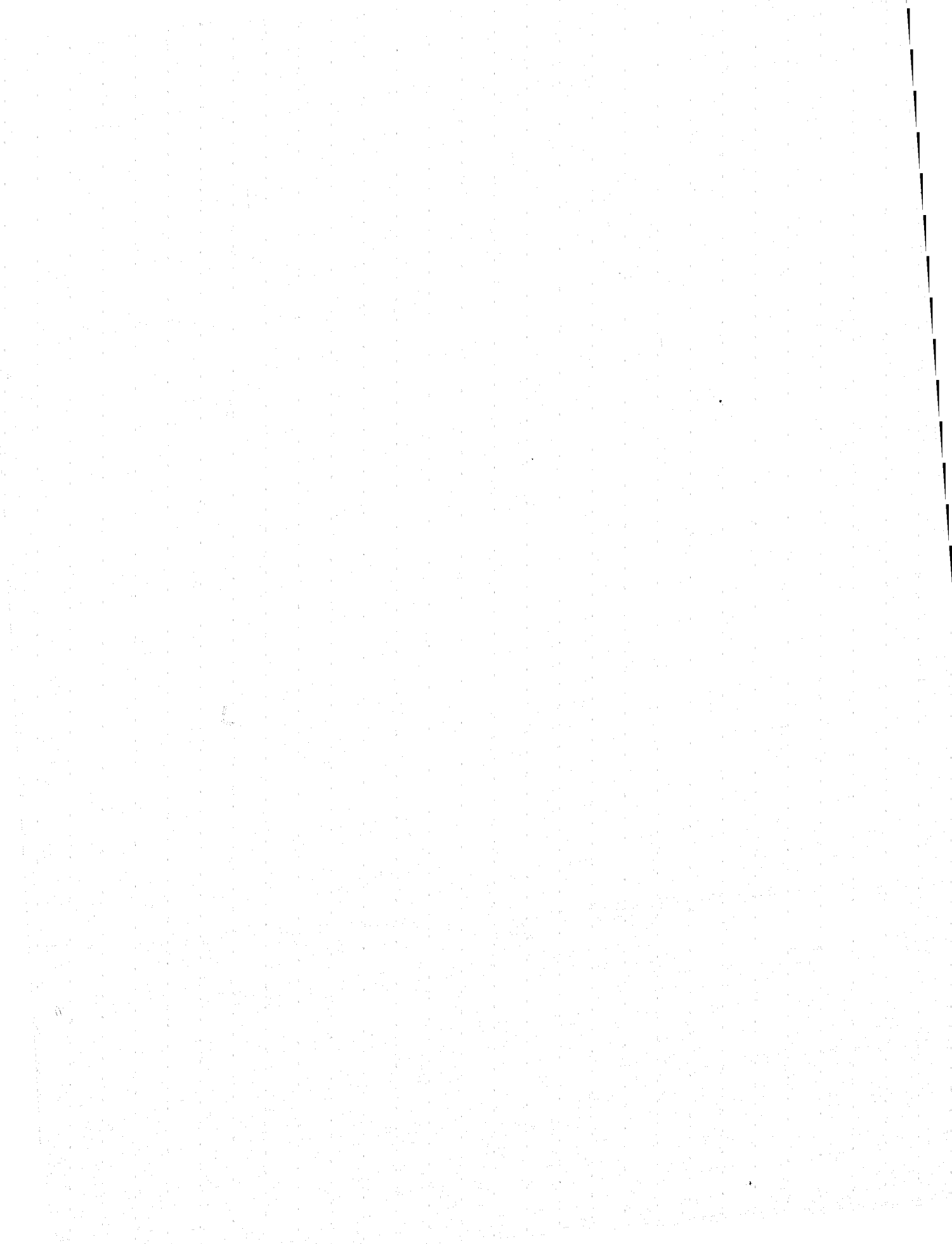
This publication, the sixth in an annual series, presents data on the number of law enforcement officers killed feloniously in the line of duty in 1977. It is hoped that this study will alert law enforcement personnel to the types of situations in which their fellow officers lost their lives. Such knowledge will, hopefully, aid in the prevention of further line-of-duty deaths by forewarning officers of potentially dangerous situations.

Additionally, other members of the criminal justice community-at-large may utilize these data to encourage stronger legislation concerning punishment for such crimes and to inform the general public to whose protection the police officer is dedicated.



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## METHODOLOGY

This publication addresses the felonious killings of Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in the line of duty. Accidental deaths or murders which occurred when the victim officer was not performing official duties are excluded from the study.

The thoroughness and validity of this program are insured through the collection of data from several sources. Nearly 15,000 law enforcement agencies contribute monthly to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program and supply preliminary data concerning law enforcement officers killed. In addition, FBI field offices report any such incidents occurring within the United States, its territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Legal attache offices of the FBI supply data on the death of any United States law enforcement officer in the line of duty while abroad.

Upon receipt of initial reports, further inquiries are made of the victim officer's department for specific details surrounding the incident. Should an offender become known, the FBI's Identification Division provides pertinent criminal history data.

## COMMENTS

In calendar year 1977, 93 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. Not only does this figure represent a significant 16-percent decrease from the 111 officers killed in 1976, but it shows a continued drop in the number of such crimes since the inception of this program in 1972. Specifically, 1977 data reveal decreases of nearly 20 percent from 1972, 31 percent from 1973, 30 percent from 1974, and 28 percent from 1975.

One of the more noteworthy facts surrounding this year's figures is that 81 percent of the victim officers were in uniform at the time of their assaults. When compared with 1976, when 71 percent of the 111 officers killed in the line of duty were in uniform, a 10-percent increase is evident.

Circumstances reveal that the majority of the victims, 22 officers, were slain while responding to disturbance calls; 20 as a result of burglaries or robberies in progress or while pursuing suspects of these incidents; 19 while attempting arrests for crimes other than robbery or burglary; and 12 while enforcing traffic laws.

## Assailants

At the time of this printing, 88 of the 93 felonious killings of law enforcement officers during 1977 have been cleared. A total of 109 offenders have been identified with these acts, of which 99 percent were male, 59 percent white, and 58 percent between the ages of 18 and 30 years. Following the attacks, three of the 109 offenders committed suicide and 11 were justifiably killed.

An examination of the prior criminal histories of these assailants is revealing. Of the 67 offenders having prior criminal records, over half had been arrested for a crime of violence. Sixteen percent of the total known offenders had one or more prior arrests for weapons violations and 3 percent for murder charges. Twenty-three of the known assailants had been previously arrested, convicted, and subsequently placed on parole, probation, or granted other forms of leniency. At the time of the killings, four offenders were on parole or probation.

The steady increase in the familiarity between the victim officer and his assailant in the past three years deserves some comment. While the assailant was known to the slain officer in only 21 percent of the 129 killings in 1975, this relationship rose to 27 percent of the 111 killings in 1976 and to 32 percent of the 93 killings in 1977. The acquaintance factor between victim and assailant illuminates an officer's need for constant vigilance regardless of his familiarity with persons he arrests, detains, or interviews in the course of his official duties.

## Places

The Southern Region (as established by the United States Bureau of the Census regional definitions), from 1973 through 1977, has led the other areas of our Nation in the number of law enforcement officers killed feloniously in the line of duty. Of the 93 officers who lost their lives in 1977, 47, or 51 percent of the national total, were located in the Southern States; 19 victims, or 20 percent, were killed in the North Central States; 14 officers, or 15 percent, in the Western States; 11, or 12 percent, in the Northeastern States; and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands each lost one officer in line-of-duty slayings.



More officers lost their lives in California than in any other state. Ten deaths occurred in that state, nine in New York, and six in North Carolina. Twenty states reported no felonious killings of law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

### Times

Statistics indicate that as the day wears into night, more officers are apt to lose their lives in the line of duty. Of the 93 officers killed feloniously in 1977, 61 were slain between the nighttime hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. While this figure represents 66 percent of all 1977 fatalities, at least one officer was killed in every hour of the day.

With respect to the day and month, almost 22 percent of the total deaths in 1977, or 20, occurred on a Saturday. During the month of August, 13 officers, or 14 percent of the national total, lost their lives. This was followed by September with 12 deaths and July and April with 11 victims each. There is a striking difference between 1976 and 1977 data as it pertains to day and month of occurrence. Statistics for 1976 indicate that more officers were slain on Tuesday and during the months of January and March than in any other day or month. These data can only serve to reemphasize that the dangers inherent in the law enforcement profession are ever present, regardless of the day or month.

### Weapons

The weapon with which an officer is slain provides valuable insight. As in previous years, firearms were the weapons most frequently used in the felonious killings of law enforcement officers in the line of duty. Although fewer officers were killed feloniously in 1977 than in 1976, a greater percentage of these deaths were inflicted by firearms. In 1977, 83 officers, or 89 percent of the total victims, were slain with firearms, while during the previous year, 85 percent were victims of gunshot wounds. Assailants armed with handguns were responsible for 63 percent of the 1977 fatalities.

Because handguns have been the weapons most often used in the felonious slayings of law enforcement officers, a closer examination is warranted. In almost 46 percent of all deaths by handguns, a .38-caliber weapon was used. This specific caliber dominated all others as the handgun most frequently used in the killing of a law enforcement officer. Additionally, .38-caliber handguns were used in approximately two-thirds of the incidents in which officers were slain with their own service firearms.

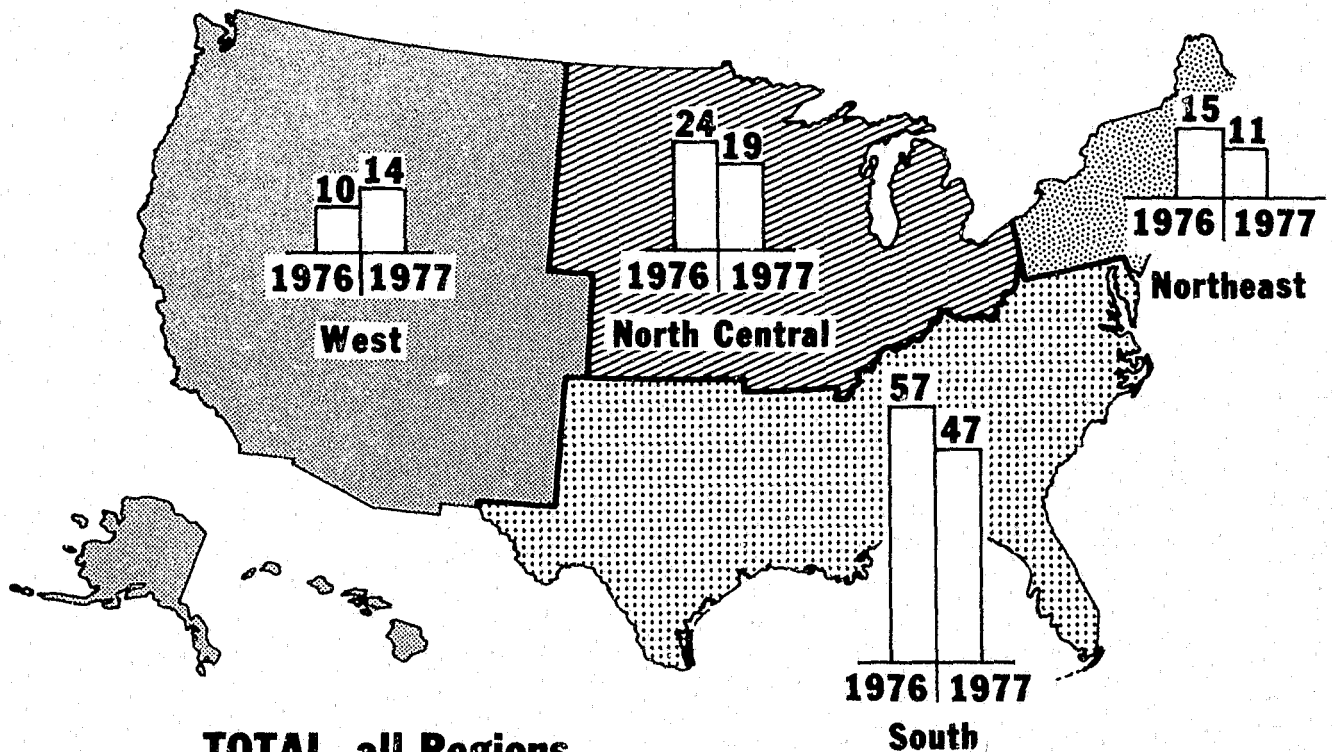
In 1977, gunshot wounds to the upper torso took the lives of 45 officers, or 54 percent of the total fatalities by firearms. Fatal wounds to the head resulted in 32 deaths, or 39 percent of the total firearm fatalities. The remainder of the officers killed by firearms died from gunshot wounds inflicted below the waist.

Of the 83 officers killed by firearms, 49 percent were shot from a distance of 0 to 5 feet, and 23 percent were 6 to 10 feet from their assailants. While only 7 percent of the officers killed by firearms were shot from a distance of over 50 feet, this again emphasizes that, by virtue of his duty, a law enforcement officer can never find guaranteed safety in any situation.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

## by Region

### 1976 and 1977



#### TOTAL, all Regions

1976: 111\*

1977: 93

\* INCLUDES 1 OFFICER KILLED  
AT BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

1976 | 1977

South

4 | 2  
1976 | 1977

Puerto Rico  
U.S. Virgin Islands

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED, 1977  
 Region, Division, State, Agency  
 Type of Weapon

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
TOTAL	93	59	13	11	10
<u>NORTHEAST</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>New England</u>					
Connecticut Plainville	<u>1</u> 1	<u>1</u> 1			
<u>Middle Atlantic</u>					
New York Cheektowaga Erie County Nassau County	<u>9</u> 2 1 1	<u>5</u> 2	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 1	<u>1</u>   1 (auto)
New Rochelle New York City New York City Housing Authority	1 3 1	1	1	1	
Pennsylvania State Police	<u>1</u> 1	<u>1</u> 1			
<u>NORTH CENTRAL</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>East North Central</u>					
Illinois Chicago Lee County	<u>3</u> 1 1	<u>2</u> 1			<u>1</u>  1 (other)
Waukegan	1	1			

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed		Type of Weapon			
			Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
Michigan	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>			
Dearborn		1				
Lansing		1				
Ohio	<u>1</u>					<u>1</u>
Lodi		1				1 (auto)
Wisconsin	<u>2</u>			<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
Menomonee Falls		1				1 (auto)
Milwaukee		1		1		
<u>West North Central</u>						
Iowa	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
Des Moines		2		1		1
Minnesota	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
Columbia Heights		1		1		
Olmsted County		1				1
Missouri	<u>4</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	
Daviness County		1		1		
Normandy		1		1		
Rolla		1		1		
Saint Charles		1				1
Nebraska	<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Douglas County		1		1		
Nebraska City		1				1
York		1		1		

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>South Atlantic</u>					
District of Columbia Washington	<u>1</u> 1	<u>1</u> 1			
Florida Carrabelle Clearwater	<u>4</u> 1 1	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> 1		<u>1</u>  1 (auto)
Dania Highway Patrol	1 1	1 1			
Georgia Atlanta Fulton County Monroe	<u>3</u> 1 1 1	<u>2</u> 1 1	<u>1</u>	1	
Maryland Baltimore County State Police	<u>2</u> 1 1	<u>1</u> 1	<u>1</u>	1	
North Carolina Cumberland County Fayetteville Four Oaks Roanoke Rapids Thomasville	<u>6</u> 1 1 1 1 1 1 2	<u>6</u> 1 1 1 1 2			

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
South Carolina	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		
Colleton County	1		1		
Laurens County	1	1			
Virginia	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
Arlington County	1	1			
Stanley	1				1
(auto)					
West Virginia	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>		
McDowell					
County	1	1			
State Police	3	1	2		
<u>East South Central</u>					
Alabama	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>			
Geneva County	1	1			
Oxford	1	1			
Kentucky	<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>
Boyle County	1				1
(other)					
Mississippi	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>			
Bolton	1	1			
Claiborne					
County	1	1			
Tennessee	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	
Chattanooga	1	1			
Memphis	1	1			
Newport	1	1			
Sweetwater	1			1	

Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
<u>West South Central</u>					
Arkansas Beebe	<u>4</u> 1	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u> 1 (other)
Department of Public Safety	1		1		
Dermott Magazine	1 1	1 1			
Louisiana	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Baton Rouge Jefferson Parish State Police	1 1 1	1 1		1	
Oklahoma	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	
Beaver County Highway Patrol Washita County	1 1 1	1 1		1	
Texas	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>			
Fort Worth Longview San Antonio Zapata	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1			
<u>WEST</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Mountain</u>					
Nevada Caliente	<u>1</u> 1	<u>1</u> 1			



Region Division State Agency	Total Officers Killed	Type of Weapon			
		Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Other
New Mexico	<u>2</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Bosque Farms	1			1	
Questa	1				1 (auto)
<u>Pacific</u>					
California	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>
El Centro	2		2		
Highway Patrol	1	1			
Los Angeles	1	1			
Los Angeles County	1	1			
San Diego	1	1			
San Francisco	1	1			
San Pablo	1	1			
Santa Ana	1	1			
Whittier	1				1*
Washington	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
Tacoma	1	1			
<u>COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	
<u>VIRGIN ISLANDS</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	

\*Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.)

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

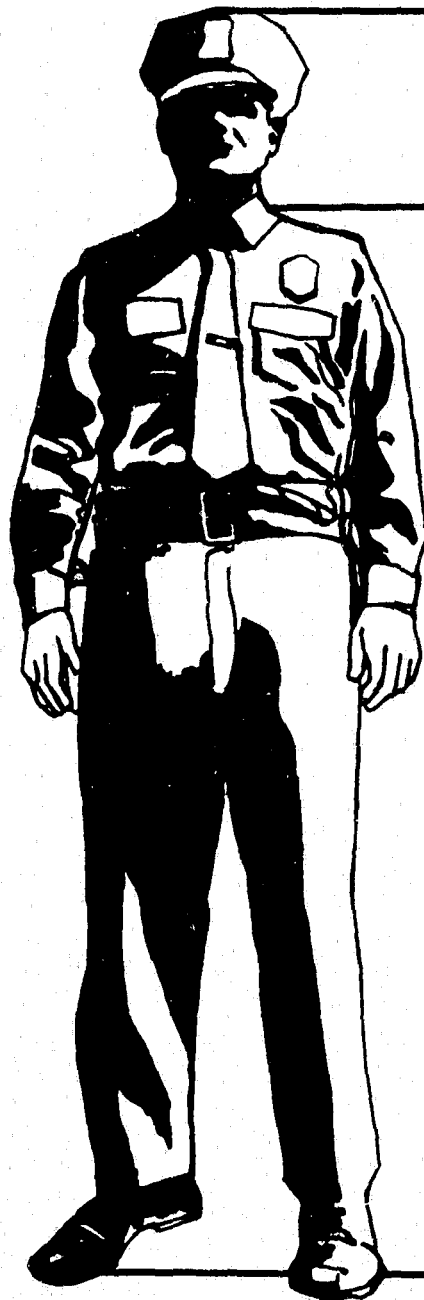
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	Total
Handgun	93	95	93	66	59	406
Rifle	21	12	21	12	13	79
Shotgun	13	21	13	16	11	74
<b>Total Firearms</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>559</b>
Knife or Cutting Instrument	2	1		5		8
Bombs				4		4
Personal Weapons					1	1
Other (clubs, etc.)	5	3	2	8	9	27
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>599</b>

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED, 1977  
 TYPE AND SIZE OF FIREARM

Size of Weapon	Type of Weapon			
	Handgun	Officer's Own Weapon	Rifle	Shotgun
TOTAL	59	9*	13	11
Handgun size				
.22 Caliber	7			
.25 Caliber	4			
.32 Caliber	6	1		
9 Millimeter	1			
.357 Magnum Caliber	8	2		
.380 Caliber	2			
.38 Caliber	27	6		
.45 Caliber	2			
Caliber not reported	2			
Rifle size				
.22 Caliber			3	
7 Millimeter			2	
.30 Caliber			3	
.30-06 Caliber			2	
.308 Caliber			2	
.32-20 Caliber			1	
Shotgun size				
.410 Gauge				1
20 Gauge				2
12 Gauge				7
Gauge not reported				1

\*Included in handgun category.

**LOCATION of FATAL FIREARMS WOUNDS**  
**Number of Victim Officers**  
**1977**



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**Head: 32**

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**Torso: 45**

**Total: 83**

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**Below Waist: 6**

# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY FIREARMS

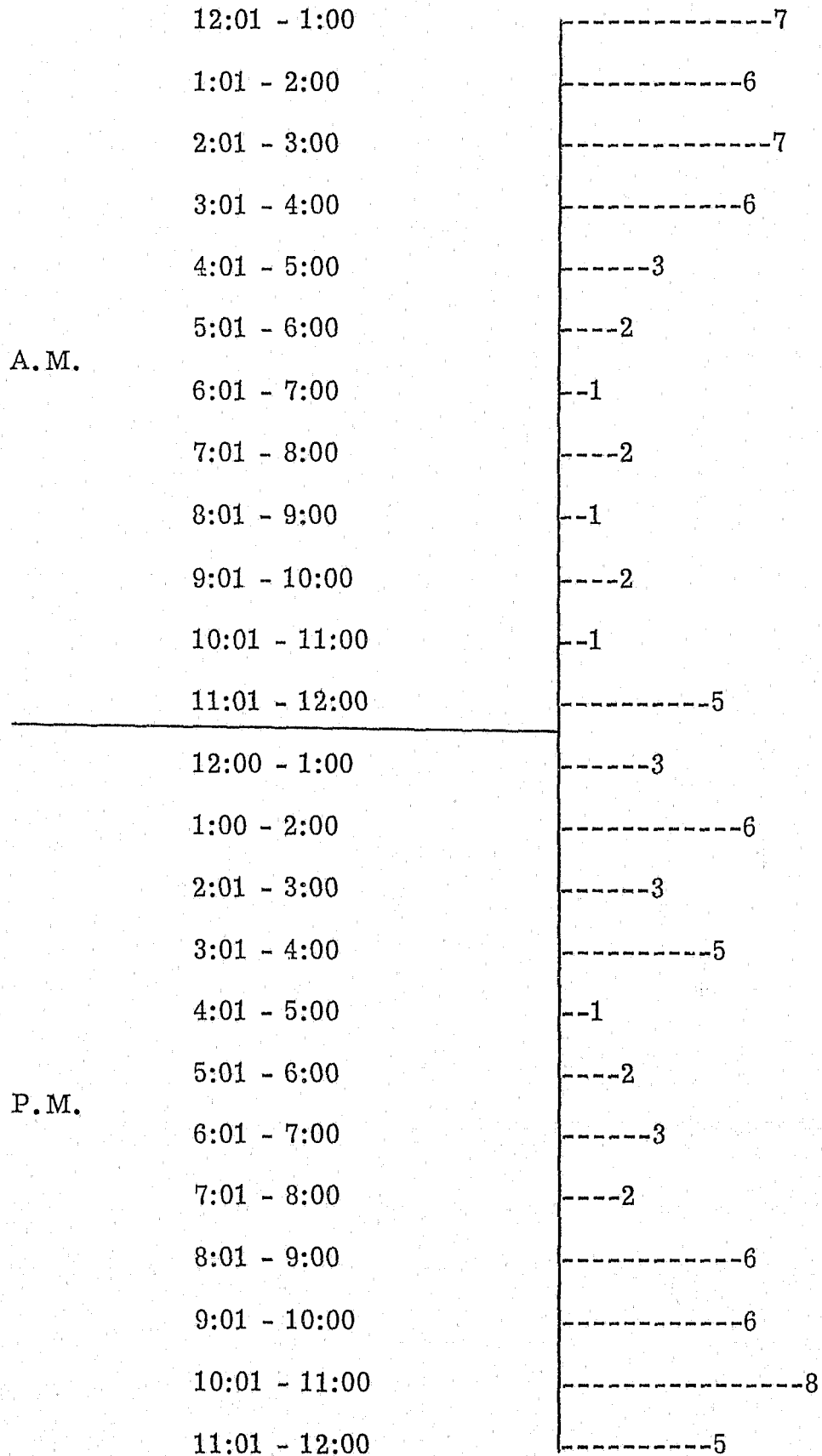
## LOCATION OF FATAL WOUNDS SUFFERED BY VICTIM OFFICER

POINT OF ENTRY	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
TOTAL	127	128	127	94	83
Front Head	49	45	43	26	26
Rear Head	11	9	6	4	6
Front Upper Torso	48	57	54	48	42
Rear Upper Torso	10	8	9	8	3
Front Below Waist	8	8	15	8	6
Rear Below Waist	1	1	0	0	0

## DISTANCE BETWEEN VICTIM OFFICER AND OFFENDER

FEET	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
0 - 5	66	71	62	53	41
6 - 10	30	28	24	17	19
11 - 20	13	14	18	14	9
21 - 50	8	9	14	4	8
Over 50	10	6	9	6	6

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED, 1977  
 HOUR OF DAY



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

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	Total
<b>Monday</b>	17	22	17	11	16	83
<b>Tuesday</b>	16	11	17	22	15	81
<b>Wednesday</b>	21	15	15	11	10	72
<b>Thursday</b>	18	24	17	17	12	88
<b>Friday</b>	19	23	23	18	13	96
<b>Saturday</b>	19	25	19	16	20	99
<b>Sunday</b>	24	12	21	16	7	80
<b>Total</b>	134	132	129	111	93	599

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED  
BY MONTH**

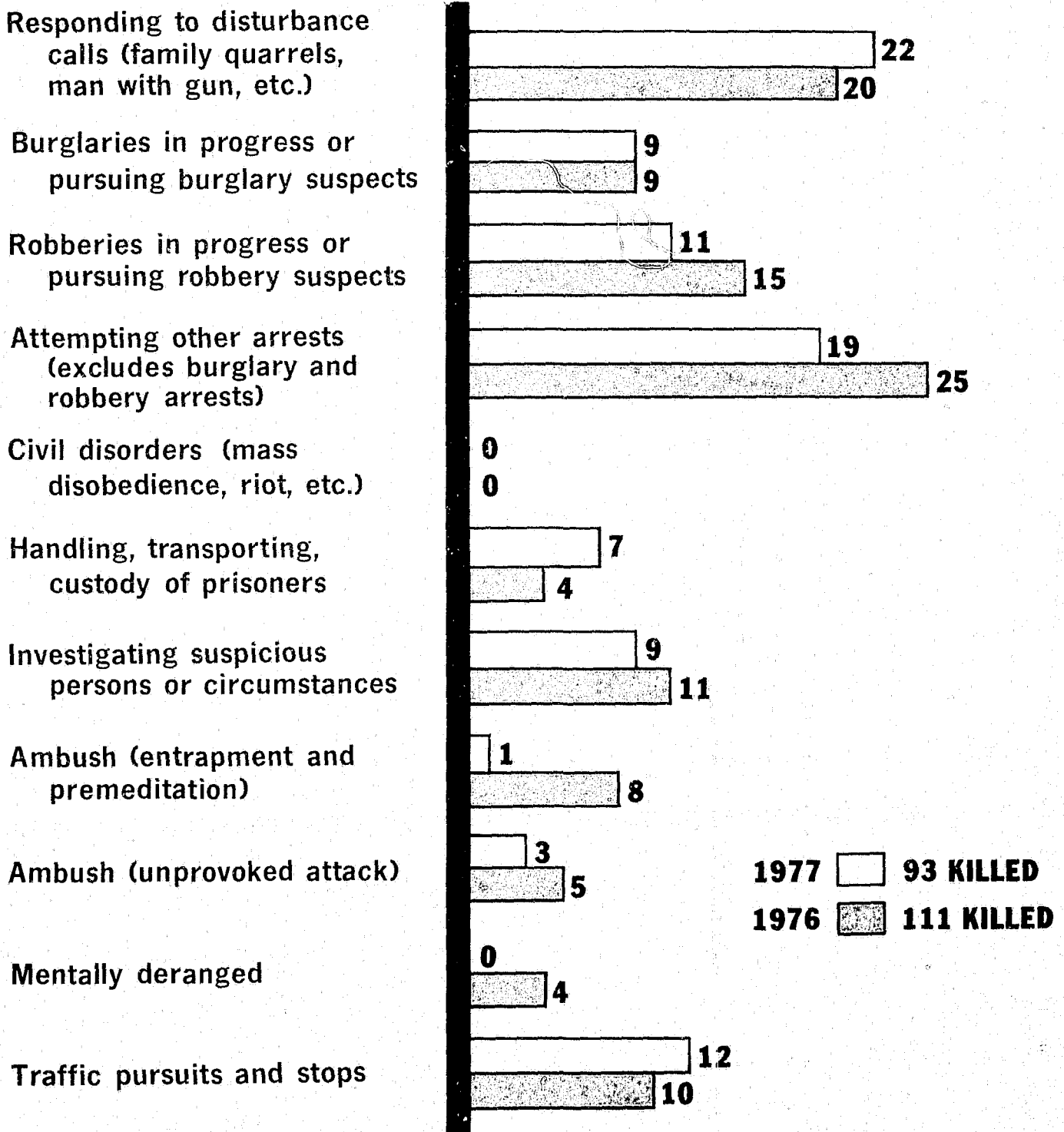
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	Total
January	19	8	12	13	7	59
February	10	13	10	11	3	47
March	11	8	9	13	2	43
April	10	10	8	12	11	51
May	11	12	13	3	8	47
June	10	10	12	7	4	43
July	8	16	9	9	11	53
August	15	13	12	9	13	62
September	7	6	10	7	12	42
October	9	11	10	11	8	49
November	13	12	9	10	8	52
December	11	13	15	6	6	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>599</b>



# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

## Circumstances at Scene of Incident

### 1976 and 1977



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED  
CIRCUMSTANCES BY TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT

Circumstances at scene of incident	TOTAL	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)	22	6	8	5				3	
Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	9	3	2	1	1		1		1
Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	11	2	2	1				3	3
Attempting other arrests	19	4	3	3			1	6	2
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0								
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7	1	2	1			2	1	
Investigating suspicious persons and circumstances	9	1	5	1			1	1	
Ambush (entrapment and premeditation)	1								1
Ambush (unprovoked attack)	3		1		1		1		
Mentally deranged	0								
Traffic pursuits and stops	12	6	6						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>

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

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency	TOTAL	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	14	4	2		1		1	4	2
Group II 100,000 to 250,000	11	4	3	1				2	1
Group III 50,000 to 100,000	6		4					2	
Group IV 25,000 to 50,000	2		1	1					
Group V 10,000 to 25,000	10	4	2	3					1
Group VI Under 10,000	17	4	6	4	1				2
Rural Counties	12	1	4				5	2	
Suburban Counties	9	1	2	3				2	1
State Agencies	10	3	5					2	
Other U. S. Related Territories	2	2							
Federal Agencies	0								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>

## PROFILE OF VICTIM OFFICERS

Percent white	90
Percent Negro	10
Percent other race	--
Percent male	99
Percent female	1
Percent under age 25	11
Percent 25 through 30	40
Percent 31 through 40	23
Percent 41 and over	27
Median years of law enforcement service	5 1/2
Percent 1 year or less of service	13
Percent less than 5 years of service	41
Percent 5 through 10 years of service	38
Percent over 10 years of service	21
Average height	5'11"
Percent in uniform	81

Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to total.

## PROFILE OF OFFENDERS

Total Known Offenders	Total 109	Percent of Total
Under age 18	12	11
From 18 to 30 years of age	63	58
Male	108	99
Female	1	1
White	64	59
Negro	40	37
Other race	5	5
Prior criminal arrest	67	61
Convicted on prior criminal charge	50	46
Prior arrest for crime of violence	34	31
Convicted on criminal charges-granted leniency	23	21
On parole or probation at time of killing	4	4
Arrested on prior murder charge	3	3
Prior arrest on narcotic drug law violation	16	15
Prior arrest for assaulting policeman or resisting arrest	3	3
Prior arrest for weapons violation	17	16

Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to total.

## SUMMARIES OF INCIDENTS, 1977

The following summaries are based on information received from local, county, and state law enforcement agencies in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U. S. Virgin Islands involved in the investigation of these tragic incidents.

### JANUARY

#### Missouri

A 29-year-old patrolman with the Normandy, Missouri Police Department died as a result of gunshot wounds received after responding to a robbery-in-progress call. The eight-year veteran arrived at a local jewelry store just as the two alleged robbers were exiting. A gun battle ensued, during which the victim officer was struck in the head with a shot fired from a .357-magnum handgun. Another officer at the scene wounded one subject, a 36-year-old male, who was taken into custody. The second subject escaped.

#### North Carolina

Upon responding to a disturbance call at a local residence, two Thomasville, North Carolina, Police Department patrolmen were shot and killed. The victim officers had entered the residence to investigate the report of a shooting incident when a struggle developed. One officer, aged 24 with four years of law enforcement service, was fatally wounded in the neck, and his partner, aged 27 with six years of experience, was struck in the eye. Both shots were fired from a .38-caliber handgun. A short time later, two male subjects, 32 and 47 years of age, were arrested.

#### Tennessee

A 16-year veteran patrolman with the Sweetwater, Tennessee, Police Department was slain while answering a disturbance call at a local drive-in movie theater. The 59-year-old patrolman, accompanied by two other officers, had placed one individual under arrest for disorderly conduct when a second individual approached the officers with a 12-gauge shotgun. The subject, aged 24, verbally threatened and then, allegedly, shot the victim officer in the abdomen. The accompanying officers returned gunfire wounding the male subject, who fled the scene. The subject later surrendered to the local authorities.

## Texas

A 43-year-old constable employed by Zapata County, Texas, was shot and killed after entering a local grocery store while making his rounds. Allegedly, the subject confronted the victim officer with a complaint concerning the service at the establishment, and then, fired one shot from a .22-caliber handgun, wounding the officer in the head. The 35-year-old male subject, who was on probation for murder and had previously been arrested by the 15-year veteran officer, escaped the scene but later surrendered to authorities.

## West Virginia

While investigating a burglary in a rural area, two troopers with the West Virginia State Police were shot and killed. The troopers located a suspect who admitted having the stolen property at his place of residence. The subject was escorted into the home by both officers, but one returned to their cruiser a short time later, leaving the other trooper alone inside the building with the subject. While inside, the subject shot the 30-year-old trooper three times with a 7-millimeter rifle. The subject then fired upon the cruiser wounding the other trooper, and subsequently, approached the cruiser and shot the defenseless 41-year-old trooper point blank in the head. The killing of the two troopers, with five and nineteen years of law enforcement experience, ignited a massive manhunt that encompassed two states. Aided by a fresh snowfall, the search party was able to track the fugitive to a cave. As police moved in, a shot was heard, and the 29-year-old male subject was found dead as a result of a self-inflicted wound.

## FEBRUARY

## Arkansas

After responding to a silent burglary alarm at a local discount store, a lieutenant with the Arkansas Department of Public Safety was shot and killed. Upon arrival at the scene, the 28-year-old lieutenant and one officer exited the patrol vehicle to investigate, while a third officer drove to the rear of the building. Immediately, two shots were fired from a .30-06-caliber rifle, fatally wounding the lieutenant and injuring the accompanying officer. The shots allegedly were fired by a 15-year-old male subject from a parked vehicle approximately 100 yards away. Responding officers located two male accomplices, 15 and 16 years of age, with an arsenal of weapons inside the discount store. The lieutenant had served the law enforcement profession for six years.

## New York

A 29-year-old patrolman with the New Rochelle, New York, Police Department became the victim of a sniper's bullet on arriving at the scene of a shooting incident. The sniper, armed with several weapons, had entered a local moving company warehouse and fatally shot two employees. The patrolman, with eight years of law enforcement experience, responded to the scene, and upon exiting his patrol vehicle, was mortally wounded in the chest. For several hours, the 33-year-old male sniper, a former employee of the company, held police at bay. When all company personnel were safely out of the building, police entered and a search was conducted. The sniper was found in an office, dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. During the siege, the sniper's bullets left the patrolman and four employees dead, and three police officers and one employee wounded.

## Puerto Rico

In the early morning hours, a nine-year veteran officer with the Police of Puerto Rico was slain after stopping to investigate a suspicious situation. The victim and his partner, after monitoring a radio broadcast regarding an armed robbery, observed two males with their vehicles parked on the wrong side of the highway. Upon investigating, the officers noticed one vehicle had no license plate and asked the individuals what had happened to the plate. The 37-year-old victim was informed the plate was inside the vehicle, and as he peered into the car, the officer was struck by a shot from a sawed-off shotgun. The victim and partner engaged in a gunfight with the heavily armed assailants, during which the victim was killed and the partner received several wounds. An intensive search was conducted and resulted in the apprehension of the alleged assailants, 28 and 21 years of age.

## MARCH

## Nevada

While in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant at a local judge's chambers for the driver of a hit-and-run vehicle, a patrolman with the Caliente, Nevada, Police Department for less than one year was shot and killed. The officer, with the assistance of another patrolman, had earlier the same night stopped the wanted vehicle, but the driver had escaped. The two officers were obtaining a warrant for the fugitive when, allegedly, he and his brother, both armed, confronted each officer separately



in the municipal courtroom. The victim's partner disarmed the 19-year-old fugitive, but the fugitive's brother meanwhile had fatally wounded the victim officer with a shot from a .25-caliber handgun. Before succumbing to the wound, the 26-year-old officer emptied his service revolver, wounding the 18-year-old assailant.

### Tennessee

A Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department patrolman was fatally wounded after responding to a man-with-gun call at a local apartment building. The patrolman and his partner were approaching the rear of the apartment when the suspect appeared and fired a .38-caliber handgun, striking the patrolman in the chest. The 23-year-old patrolman, before succumbing to his wound, fired several shots hitting the assailant, who staggered into his apartment. When responding officers entered the dwelling, a gun battle erupted in which the victim officer's partner sustained a facial wound, and the 22-year-old male suspect was killed. The slain patrolman had over two years of law enforcement experience.

### APRIL

### Arkansas

While on foot patrol in the downtown business district, an officer with the Beebe, Arkansas, Police Department was beaten to death. The critically injured 71-year-old officer was found by a local paperboy in the early morning hours. It is suspected that the five-year veteran confronted unknown burglary suspects at a local drugstore, and during the ensuing struggle, was beaten. The victim succumbed to his wounds while being transported to the hospital.

### California

A ten-year veteran of the San Diego, California, Police Department was shot and killed after responding to a disturbance call at a local apartment building. The 34-year-old patrolman and his partner were standing on the apartment's balcony when they observed the subject stabbing an unknown object. After being denied admittance, the officers forcibly entered the apartment where the 25-year-old subject confronted them with a butcher knife and backed them onto the balcony. The subject then drew a .22-caliber handgun and fired once, striking the victim officer. Before succumbing to his injuries, the patrolman, as well as his partner, returned gunfire, and the subject was fatally wounded.

## District of Columbia

During a narcotics investigation, a Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department investigator, with more than five years of law enforcement experience, was slain. The 26-year-old member of the vice squad and his partner were working in an undercover capacity when the shooting occurred. Following an alleged narcotics purchase, the officers arrested a suspect. While his partner escorted the suspect to their vehicle, the investigator went to the rear of a building to search for possibly discarded narcotics. There he was shot once in the back of the head with a .22-caliber handgun. He succumbed to the wound the following day. A 57-year-old male subject was later arrested and charged with the murder.

## Florida

In an effort to thwart a robbery, an off-duty policeman with the Dania, Florida, Police Department was shot and killed. The officer, 27 years of age, was parked in front of a local store waiting for a relative when he observed two male subjects inside the store with guns drawn. As the assailants were exiting the store, the victim officer left his vehicle and encountered them in the doorway. Allegedly, the subjects immediately began firing their weapons, fatally wounding the patrolman in the head with a .357-magnum handgun and striking a store employee twice. Continuously firing their handguns, the subjects fled the scene in their vehicle. The patrolman had served the law enforcement profession for six years.

## Iowa

After stopping a vehicle containing four individuals suspected of creating a disturbance in a residential area, a 25-year-old officer with the Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department was shot and killed. The officer had approached the vehicle and asked for the occupants' identification when three of them began taunting him. He requested assistance, and within minutes, a backup unit arrived at the scene. While the officers were attempting to effect arrests, a struggle erupted and one of the individuals gained control of an assisting officer's .38-caliber service weapon. Allegedly, the subject fired two shots, one of which struck the victim in the chest. A 22-year-old subject was arrested and charged with the killing of the officer, who had three years of law enforcement service.

## Mississippi

The body of a 44-year-old patrolman with the Bolton, Mississippi, Police Department was found on the floor of the police station by a fellow officer. The officer, who had three

years of law enforcement service, had been shot three times, once in the arm, back, and head. Subsequently, a second murder victim was located in a pickup truck parked outside the police station. This victim, a retiree and friend of the victim officer, had been shot once in the head. Approximately two hours later, the Mississippi Highway Patrol discovered the body of an apparent suicide victim about nine miles outside Bolton. The vehicle belonging to this third victim had been observed parked near the Bolton Police Department earlier that same evening. No subjects were arrested at the time of the incident.

### Nebraska

On responding to a disturbance call, a York, Nebraska, Police Department patrolman was slain. An anonymous report of gunshots being fired at a residence was received at police headquarters, and the 24-year-old victim officer was dispatched to investigate. Subsequently, the police dispatcher learned from the occupant of the dwelling that her 17-year-old son had fired a .22-caliber rifle at her residence and then fled on foot to a nearby church. The victim was advised of the situation by a back-up officer and proceeded to the church. Shortly thereafter, the assisting officer arrived at the scene and found the patrolman suffering from a rifle wound to the chest. The patrolman, a law enforcement officer for nearly two years, was pronounced dead upon arrival at a local hospital. The juvenile was apprehended near the scene by responding officers.

### New York

A five-year veteran officer with the New York City, New York, Police Department died as a result of a gunshot wound he received while attempting a narcotics arrest. The officer and his partner, both in plain clothes, got an anonymous tip that a drug buy was taking place at a local tavern. After assisting uniformed officers in the arrest of one suspect, they followed a second individual outside the tavern. A struggle ensued, and the 24-year-old male subject allegedly obtained possession of the partner's service weapon, shooting both officers. The subject fled to his residence where he was apprehended that evening. Four days later, the victim succumbed to the wound at a local hospital.

### Oklahoma

After stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation, a 13-year veteran trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol was shot and killed. The trooper, 43 years of age, observed an automobile cross the median of a divided highway and gave pursuit. On stopping the car, the victim approached the vehicle on foot and

was fatally wounded by a blast fired from a sawed-off .410-gauge shotgun. Witnesses alleged the shot was fired by a 16-year-old male occupant of the automobile. The subject and other occupants fled the scene but were subsequently apprehended by responding officers.

### Virginia

After responding to a robbery alarm at a local bank, a 26-year-old Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department officer was shot and killed. Shortly after the victim officer and his partner arrived at the bank, two robbery suspects exited the building. In an ensuing exchange of gunfire, the officer received a fatal wound from a .32-caliber handgun allegedly fired by one of the suspects. Both robbers fled the scene in a getaway car driven by a third male. The officer, with more than four years of law enforcement service, died en route to the hospital. No subjects were apprehended at the time of the incident.

Following a traffic stop, the Chief of Police in Stanley, Virginia, was killed during a pursuit of the violator. The 45-year-old Chief and an accompanying officer had stopped an erratically driven vehicle and were approaching on foot when the driver of the automobile sped off. During the ensuing chase, the pursued vehicle allegedly rammed the police cruiser twice, forcing it out of control and off the roadway. The victim officer was thrown from the car and died from the injuries sustained. Subsequently, a 20-year-old subject was arrested and charged in connection with the incident.

### MAY

### California

Two veteran patrolmen with the El Centro, California, Police Department were slain after responding to a disturbance call. In an effort to obtain narcotics, three individuals went to a residence and attempted to awaken the occupant. The commotion disturbed neighbors who notified the police, and two officers were dispatched in separate vehicles. One patrolman, 29 years of age, arrived at the residence, approached the group, and was shot in the chest, allegedly by a 22-year-old male armed with a .30-caliber rifle. Subsequently, the second responding patrolman, aged 42, observed the assailant and ordered him to halt. The subject allegedly fired the rifle at the officer fatally wounding him in the head. The subject was taken into custody at the scene by a third responding officer.

While conducting an undercover narcotics investigation in 1976, a nine-year veteran officer with the Whittier, California, Police Department sustained a broken neck which resulted in his death in 1977. The 34-year-old corporal, wearing a monitoring device, attempted to purchase a large quantity of marijuana from a female college student. On meeting the officer at her dormitory, the subject accused him of being a narcotics agent and indicated she had called campus security. At this time, the officer stated he did not wish any problems and would leave. As he left the building, his partner, parked a short distance away, noticed two men run into the dormitory. Over the monitor, the corporal asked his partner to pick him up a block away to prevent revealing his true identity. As the corporal walked toward the meeting place, his partner saw the previously observed men running behind the victim officer. The two individuals, allegedly, grabbed the unarmed victim and propelled him head first into a parked pick-up truck. Both men were apprehended by the partner, and the victim officer was transported to a local hospital.

### Illinois

A deputy with the Lee County, Illinois, Sheriff's Department was strangled by inmates who attempted a jailbreak from the Lee County jail. Reportedly, the 39-year-old victim, assigned as a jailer, was investigating an alarm in a cell block when he was attacked by a male subject, 25 years of age. A second male subject, 29 years of age, joined in the assault during which the deputy was beaten and strangled. The subjects were unsuccessful in their escape attempt and subsequently were charged with the officer's murder. The deputy had eight months of law enforcement service.

### Minnesota

After stopping a suspicious vehicle, an Olmsted County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Department deputy, with seven years' law enforcement service, was slain. The deputy observed a vehicle being operated in an erratic manner and gave chase. During the high-speed pursuit, the driver lost control of the car which skidded and came to a stop. As the 33-year-old victim walked toward the vehicle, a 20-year-old male passenger allegedly confronted him and fired a 20-gauge shotgun, striking the deputy in the chest. The suspect fled the scene in the officer's vehicle but was later apprehended.

## Missouri

While effecting an arrest for a motor vehicle violation, a Rolla, Missouri, Police Department sergeant with more than eight years' law enforcement service was slain. The 37-year-old victim and his partner became involved in a high-speed chase which was terminated when the pursued vehicle, driven by a 19-year-old male, struck a utility pole. As the two officers attempted to arrest the driver, a scuffle ensued, during which the sergeant was shot in the neck with a .38-caliber handgun. The alleged subject was arrested at the scene.

## New York

An officer, aged 37, with the Nassau County, New York, Police Department was struck and killed after setting up a road-block to warn motorists of an oncoming police pursuit. The police officers involved in the chase had responded to a disturbance call from the subject's ex-wife, who stated that the subject was acting irrationally and was attempting to enter her house. Upon the arrival of police units, the 49-year-old subject entered his car and rapidly drove away. A high-speed chase ensued, and the subject crossed the median of a divided roadway, heading east-bound on the westbound lanes. The victim officer parked his vehicle on the median and alighted to warn westbound motorists of the pursuit. Allegedly, the subject's car left the roadway and struck the officer, inflicting fatal head and chest injuries. The subject, who had a prior history of mental disorder, was apprehended.

## North Carolina

A 21-year veteran officer with the Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, Police Department was slain while pursuing robbery suspects. After responding to the report of a silent alarm, the 64-year-old lieutenant and a Halifax County deputy began a search, in separate cruisers, of the immediate vicinity. As the deputy slowed his vehicle to check a side road, he observed the victim officer stop and exit his vehicle. As he neared the victim officer, the deputy heard gunshots and saw an 18-year-old male run by, allegedly firing a .32-caliber handgun. The deputy returned gunfire and apprehended the subject who had been wounded by both the victim officer and the deputy. The lieutenant suffered four wounds to the chest and was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital. Subsequently, two alleged accomplices, aged 19 and 20, were arrested.

JUNE

Arkansas

A 49-year-old City Marshal of Magazine, Arkansas, was shot and killed after being kidnapped by two male subjects. The victim officer had stopped in a rural area to investigate a vehicle with a flat tire at which time he was abducted. Later, two U. S. Army Corps of Engineer rangers in a pickup truck spotted the Marshal's vehicle being driven by two subjects, aged 29 and 27, with the Marshal in the back seat. Allegedly, the subjects, who immediately stopped and exited their vehicle, ordered the rangers out of the truck at gunpoint. Subsequently, the victim and one of the rangers were placed in the trunk of the victim officer's vehicle and shot with a .38-caliber handgun. The Marshal was fatally wounded in the back of the head and the ranger seriously injured by a shot in the chest. The remaining ranger, who was taken hostage at this time, was found dead from a gunshot wound to the head three days later. The subjects, escapees from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, were apprehended by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Michigan

A 35-year-old police officer with the Lansing, Michigan, Police Department was shot and killed in an attempt to apprehend an alleged bank robber. The nine-year veteran officer and his partner responded to a silent alarm at a bank located in a local shopping center. Shortly after arriving, the victim and other responding officers apprehended two males attempting to flee with the bank manager's wife as hostage. Both advised there was a third accomplice, armed with a .25-caliber handgun, inside the bank. While maintaining a surveillance, the officers observed the third subject exit the bank and force four hostages at gunpoint into a getaway car. After police units successfully blocked the subject's escape, the officers observed a struggle between the robber and the hostages erupting inside the vehicle. The victim officer, in an attempt to assist the hostages, opened a door of the vehicle, and allegedly, was shot twice by the robber. The 29-year-old male was wounded by the victim officer. Additionally, one hostage, the bank manager, was wounded by the subject, during his attempt to disarm him. Assisting officers took the assailant into custody.

## North Carolina

The body of a Four Oaks, North Carolina, Police Department patrolman was found lying face down on an interstate highway shortly after he radioed the police department dispatcher to advise he was stopping a suspicious vehicle. The 24-year-old patrolman had been shot several times in the chest and abdomen with his own .38-caliber service weapon. An intensive investigation led to the apprehension of two male subjects, aged 25 and 29.

## Oklahoma

A Washita County, Oklahoma, Sheriff's Office deputy, with less than two years of law enforcement service, was shot and killed while serving an arrest warrant on a juvenile. The 38-year-old deputy, accompanied by another officer, attempted a drug arrest that resulted in an altercation with the alleged violator's stepfather. Upon gaining entry to the youth's home, the officers met resistance, and the stepfather, 29 years old, confronted them with a .38-caliber handgun. Allegedly, he shot the deputy in the back and wounded the other officer, who returned gunfire striking the subject. The subject was apprehended shortly after the incident.

## JULY

## California

While transporting a suspected inebriated driver to a local jail, a 14-year veteran officer with the California Highway Patrol was shot and killed. The victim advised a dispatcher he was en route to the jail with a 36-year-old male who was seated in the back of the patrol car. A short time later, citizens discovered the 43-year-old officer dead in his wrecked cruiser. Investigation revealed he had been shot in the back of the head with a .22-caliber handgun. The individual the officer had been transporting was arrested near the scene of the incident.

## Florida

On responding to a family disturbance call, a 28-year-old patrolman with the Carrabelle, Florida, Police Department was shot and killed. The victim had arrived at the scene and was stepping out of his patrol vehicle when the subject fired a .308-caliber rifle from a window of the residence, striking the patrolman in the chest. Moments later the 49-year-old male subject ran into the backyard and committed suicide with the same weapon. The victim had one year of law enforcement experience.



After stopping a motor vehicle which was being driven recklessly, a Clearwater, Florida, Police Department officer with less than one year of law enforcement experience was slain. While conversing with the driver, the 21-year-old victim received a radio broadcast indicating that the subject's pickup truck was stolen. As the patrolman was checking the truck's identification number, the 18-year-old male driver sped away, and the victim officer jumped onto the flatbed of the truck. In an attempt to dislodge the patrolman, the subject swerved the truck from side to side and eventually lost control of it. Both the officer and the subject were thrown from the vehicle, and the truck rolled over the officer causing massive injuries which resulted in his death. Later the subject also died as a result of injuries suffered in the incident.

### Louisiana

While en route to his station to report for duty, a 25-year-old Louisiana State Police trooper was fatally wounded. Apparently, the victim officer had stopped a car containing four males and asked the individual in the driver's seat to exit the vehicle. When an argument ensued between the officer and the young male, a second occupant of the vehicle, the resister's brother, suddenly left the car, and allegedly, shot the officer in the chest and face with a .38-caliber handgun. The suspect vehicle then fled the scene, and a witness utilized the victim officer's radio to summon aid. Subsequently, the alleged assailant, aged 17, his brother, aged 19, and the remaining two occupants of the vehicle, aged 17 and 18, were arrested. The victim trooper had one year of law enforcement experience.

A 37-year-old deputy with the Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while assisting officers during a disturbance. The subject and responding local police department officers were standing in the yard of a residence when the victim arrived. Suddenly, the suspect ran into the house, and through a damaged portion of the door, allegedly fired two shots from a .22-caliber rifle, striking the 13-year veteran deputy in the chest. The 38-year-old male subject was arrested without further incident.

### Maryland

On responding to a reported domestic disturbance, a 26-year-old Baltimore County, Maryland, Police Department patrolman was shot and killed. The victim and an assisting officer were dispatched to the scene where the subject's father indicated that his son was barricaded inside the family residence. Upon

discovering the suspect was armed, the officers radioed for assistance. After additional officers had arrived, the victim, who had taken cover behind his patrol vehicle, peered over the hood and was shot in the head with a .30-caliber rifle. Moments later, a second officer received a gunshot wound in the back while patrolling the rear of the house. In the ensuing exchange of gunfire with members of the Baltimore County Police Special Weapons and Tactics team, the 19-year-old male subject was fatally wounded. The victim officer had almost three years of law enforcement experience.

#### Minnesota

A 14-year veteran patrolman of the Columbia Heights, Minnesota, Police Department was shot and killed after transporting an individual to the Anoka County jail. When the victim officer and his partner arrived at the facility, they removed the handcuffed suspect from the rear of their patrol vehicle. At this point, the 21-year-old male subject allegedly produced a .25-caliber handgun and fired three shots. The victim, aged 45, received fatal wounds to the abdomen, and an Anoka County deputy was seriously injured. The victim's partner was able to wrestle the weapon from the subject's grip and place him in custody.

#### Nebraska

Responding to a citizen's complaint, a 24-year-old patrolman of the Nebraska City, Nebraska, Police Department was slain. While on duty at the police station, the victim and his partner were advised by a citizen of a family disturbance. The officers left the station in search of the 39-year-old male subject and observed him driving through a nearby alley. When the officers commanded the subject to stop, he exited his vehicle, and allegedly, fired a 20-gauge shotgun wounding both officers, one of them fatally. Although the victim's partner returned gunfire, the subject escaped unharmed. Shortly afterwards, he was apprehended in a nearby town. The slain patrolman had one year of law enforcement experience.

#### New York

While on patrol duty for the Cheektowaga, New York, Police Department a 27-year-old patrolman was killed. The officer and his partner had approached an individual in a parking lot who claimed he was a diabetic in need of sugar. The officers directed the man to a local drugstore and followed in their patrol vehicle as the man proceeded to the store. On arrival, the suspect engaged

in an argument with the druggist, and when the officers attempted to intervene, a scuffle ensued. Subsequently, the subject obtained the partner's .38-caliber service weapon, and allegedly, fired six shots. The victim officer, who had less than one year of law enforcement experience, died from a wound in the chest, but his partner was able to subdue the 30-year-old assailant.

An officer of the New York City, New York, Police Department, with three years of law enforcement experience, was fatally wounded subsequent to making a traffic stop. After observing a vehicle containing two males driving eastbound in a westbound traffic lane, the victim officer and his partner stopped the car and proceeded to search the subjects. Suddenly, an individual arrived at the scene claiming that the apprehended men had just robbed his luncheonette. As the victim's partner began handcuffing one of the alleged robbers, a struggle ensued between the two, and the other suspect fled. The remaining subject, aged 36, managed to obtain the partner's .38-caliber handgun and fired three times, striking the 34-year-old victim officer in the back. He then fled on foot with the service weapon, and the partner, armed with the victim's gun, followed the assailant in the patrol vehicle. During the pursuit, the subject commandeered a vehicle containing a woman and child. Just as the pursuing officer stopped the fleeing vehicle, an off-duty policeman arrived, and the two officers ordered the subject to exit the vehicle. As the two hostages dived under the dashboard of the car for safety, both officers shot once at the subject who died at the scene.

#### U. S. Virgin Islands

Following a report of an attempted burglary, a 23-year-old patrolman with the U. S. Virgin Islands Department of Public Safety was killed. The victim and his partner, who were searching an area for possible suspects, had begun questioning a group of hostile individuals. One subject allegedly ran into a house, returned with a shotgun, and opened fire injuring both officers seriously. The victim, who had more than three years of law enforcement experience, succumbed to head wounds. Subsequently, a 24-year-old male was apprehended.

#### AUGUST

#### Alabama

On responding to a disturbance call, the Sheriff of Geneva County, Alabama, was shot and killed. After arriving at the scene, the Sheriff and the alleged subject, with whom the officer was familiar, engaged in a struggle. Allegedly, the

39-year-old male obtained possession of the victim's .38-caliber service weapon and shot the Sheriff five times as he attempted to flee in his vehicle. Shortly afterwards, the subject was apprehended and charged with the murder of the 30-year-old veteran officer.

An Oxford, Alabama, Police Department captain with 16 years of law enforcement experience was slain while transporting a recently arrested male to a neighboring town. The 23-year-old male prisoner, who was handcuffed and seated in the back of the police vehicle, was later observed by witnesses driving the captain's patrol car. Subsequent investigation led to the recovery of the patrol vehicle from a river and the captain, aged 63, was found dead several feet from the unit. He had been fatally wounded in the stomach, apparently with his own service weapon. Two months later, the prisoner was arrested and charged with the captain's murder.

### Arkansas

The Chief of the Dermott, Arkansas, Police Department was shot and killed after responding to a man-with-gun call in the local business area. Arriving at the scene, the 51-year-old victim officer entered a local cafe and retrieved the subject's shotgun which had been discarded in a booth in the establishment. An employee in the cafe informed the Chief that the male subject, aged 26, was across the street. The victim left the cafe, approached the subject in his patrol vehicle, and placed him under arrest. During an ensuing scuffle, the subject managed to obtain the officer's .32-caliber handgun, and allegedly, fired the weapon numerous times, fatally wounding the victim. He then beat the officer over the head with the butt of the gun. After escaping in the Chief's patrol vehicle, the subject, who had a prior history of mental disorder, was apprehended at a roadblock and taken into custody.

### California

After responding to a silent alarm, an 18-year veteran patrolman with the San Pablo, California, Police Department was murdered. The victim, aged 42, arrived at a local jewelry store which on previous occasions had been the site of unfounded alarms. Upon entering the store, the patrolman discovered a robbery in progress, and one of the two male robbers allegedly fired a .38-caliber handgun striking him in the head. One subject, aged 26, was apprehended in the immediate neighborhood; the second escaped the scene.

## Florida

A 24-year-old Florida Highway Patrol trooper was shot and killed after making a traffic stop. The victim, accompanied by a civilian observer, noticed a male drive his automobile through a tollgate without paying. When the officer stopped the vehicle, both he and the male exited their respective vehicles. The civilian observer overheard words being exchanged between the two, and then, witnessed the subject shoot the victim twice with a .38-caliber handgun. The observer obtained a shotgun from the police vehicle and fired four shots at the fleeing subject, wounding him in the hand. One week later, the 30-year-old suspect surrendered without incident. Subsequently, he pled guilty to First Degree Murder and was sentenced to a minimum of 25-years imprisonment.

## Iowa

Accompanied by his partner, a 30-year-old Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department senior patrol officer responded to the report of a shooting incident and was subsequently slain. Witnesses to the initial incident contacted the police department and advised that an individual had been shot and was lying in the street. The two officers were dispatched to the scene in a police van, but before they could exit the vehicle, a 23-year-old subject fired two shots from a 12-gauge shotgun, hitting the five-year veteran officer in the head. The subject, who was hiding in weeds at the side of the road, fled the scene but later became involved in an exchange of gunfire with responding officers and was shot and killed. During the gun battle, a second officer was wounded in the knee.

## Louisiana

After responding to the report of a burglary at an apartment complex, a Baton Rouge, Louisiana, officer, aged 30, was shot and killed. The victim and her partner were dispatched to the apartment and entered it along with the complainant. While checking an upstairs bedroom, the partner encountered the 42-year-old subject who attacked him and obtained possession of his service weapon. During the ensuing struggle, the victim officer arrived and fired one shot striking the subject in the arm. The subject then seized the victim's .38-caliber service weapon and shot her in the chest. Regaining control of both service weapons, the victim's partner, who had been stabbed during the struggle, shot and killed the 42-year-old male subject. The victim officer had four months of law enforcement experience.

## Michigan

While assisting fellow officers who had responded to a report of an armed man at a local tavern, a Dearborn, Michigan, Police Department corporal with six years of law enforcement experience was killed. The victim and his partner arrived at the scene in an unmarked vehicle and discovered a gun battle in progress. After positioning their patrol unit in a manner which prevented the subject's escape, the officers entered in the exchange of gunfire with the subject. Allegedly, the subject, firing a .357-magnum handgun, shot the victim officer once in the head. Subsequently, the 53-year-old assailant was wounded by shotgun fire and subdued by the other officers.

## New Mexico

After making a traffic stop, a 36-year-old patrolman with the Bosque Farms, New Mexico, Police Department was slain. The victim officer, accompanied by a citizen reserve officer, had stopped a vehicle being driven recklessly, arrested its driver, and was placing her in the patrol unit when a second car arrived. While conversing with the driver of that vehicle concerning a hit-and-run accident, a 58-year-old male, later identified as the arrested woman's husband, approached on foot. Allegedly, he was carrying a 12-gauge shotgun which he held aimed at the two officers. The victim officer drew his service weapon, pushed the witness to safety, and shot and wounded the suspect just as he was struck in the chest by a blast from the shotgun. In response, as the wounded subject turned toward him, the reserve officer fired his service weapon and wounded him a second time. The victim patrolman, who had three years of law enforcement service, died at the scene. The wounded subject was taken into custody and charged with the officer's murder.

## New York

Assisted by his partner, a 34-year-old New York City, New York, Police Department detective responded to the report of a man with a gun in an apartment and was subsequently slain. Both officers were outside the dwelling with their guns drawn when a 12-gauge shotgun was fired through the closed apartment door. The eight-year veteran officer was fatally wounded in the chest. His partner returned fire, killing one subject, and wounding a second, who attempted to escape but was apprehended. Both subjects were 22-year-old males.

## Tennessee

While attempting to thwart an armed robbery at a local food store, a patrolman with the Chattanooga, Tennessee, Police Department was shot and killed. The victim, aged 27, entered the store and was approached by one of the two male robbers and shot in the face and head with a .38-caliber handgun. One subject, aged 31, was on a prison work release program and was accompanied by a recent escapee from the Tennessee State Prison. As the subjects fled the scene, the manager of the store shot and killed one suspect. After an extensive search, the 53-year-old prison escapee, who allegedly was responsible for the officer's death, was apprehended. The victim patrolman had three years of law enforcement experience.

## Texas

A 28-year-old patrolman, who had four years of service with the San Antonio, Texas, Police Department, was slain while attempting to assist a citizen. The officer was on patrol duty when he was stopped and informed that a female was being harassed by a male subject. The victim exited his patrol vehicle and approached the subject who shielded himself with the woman. Without warning, the male, 28 years of age, produced a .38-caliber handgun, and allegedly, fired two shots, fatally wounding the victim in the chest. Although he fled the scene taking the woman, the subject was apprehended two blocks away.

## Wisconsin

While attempting to assist officers involved in a high-speed chase, a 36-year-old patrolman with the Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Police Department was killed. Officers of the Wisconsin State Patrol were pursuing a speeding vehicle and requested assistance from the local police. The responding victim, who had eight years of law enforcement experience, was setting up a roadblock when the subject's vehicle allegedly struck his patrol unit broadside, killing the officer instantly. The male subject, aged 17, was taken into custody.

## SEPTEMBER

## Georgia

While on special assignment in a high-crime area, a 29-year-old patrolman with the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department was slain. Reportedly, the officer and his partner, both dressed in plain clothes, were on patrol in a police van when they noticed

three males attempting to break into an automobile. The officers confronted the individuals and while searching them, discovered that one was in possession of suspected narcotics. Without warning, another of the males allegedly produced a .380-caliber handgun, shot the seven-year veteran officer in the head, and continued firing his weapon at the officers. As the assailant and his companions, aged 15 and 18, fled, the victim's partner returned gunfire and inflicted wounds to the subject and one accomplice. Subsequently, all three were apprehended near the scene by responding officers. The victim patrolman and his assailant both succumbed to the wounds they received during the incident.

### Illinois

An off-duty officer with the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department was shot and killed while working as a security guard at a bank. Armed with a .38-caliber handgun, a 51-year-old male allegedly entered the bank, approached the officer, and ordered him to surrender his weapon. Moments later, shots were fired and the 30-year-old officer fell to the floor with a gunshot wound in the head. Although wounded by the five-year veteran officer, the subject fled the bank. Outside, a second officer observed the armed assailant hurriedly depart the area in a car which was parked nearby. The alert officer pursued the suspect, and after a high-speed chase, apprehended him. The victim was dead on arrival at a local hospital.

### Mississippi

While maintaining a stakeout at a local service station which had been the site of previous burglaries, a deputy with the Claiborne County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Department was murdered. Subsequent investigation indicates the eight-year veteran officer attempted to arrest a 23-year-old male burglary suspect, and a struggle ensued between the two. Allegedly, the assailant inflicted several stab wounds to the hands of the 72-year-old officer, gained control of his .38-caliber service weapon, and shot him five times. The following morning, the station's proprietor found the deputy's body lying next to open handcuffs, his service weapon missing. The suspect was apprehended and charged with the murder.

### Missouri

The Sheriff of Daviess County, Missouri, was shot and killed after transporting a motorist to his home following an automobile accident. The 66-year-old veteran officer answered a call concerning the accident, and after having the disabled car



towed, he transported a 16-year-old driver, with whom he was familiar, to his residence. Upon arrival, the young male allegedly entered the house and obtained a gun. Reportedly, as the Sheriff was driving away, the youth turned the porch light on and off several times. The Sheriff returned to the scene and opened the passenger door of his patrol unit as the youth approached. Without warning, the juvenile allegedly fired two shots from a .22-caliber rifle, striking the officer in the head, and then reloaded the gun and fired one more shot into the victim's head. After removing the Sheriff from his vehicle and taking his service weapon and belt, the subject fled using the patrol car. A short distance away, a responding officer intercepted the juvenile, who was taken into custody.

#### New York

A seriously wounded New York City, New York, Housing Authority police officer was discovered lying on a sidewalk by other officers responding to a citizen's report of an emergency. The 38-year-old victim had received a gunshot wound in the chest from a .32-caliber handgun wielded by unknown perpetrators. The victim, who had been on foot patrol at the time of the shooting, died within the hour at a nearby hospital. Intensive investigation has failed to develop any suspects or motive in connection with the incident.

#### North Carolina

An attempt to prevent the robbery of a local grocery store resulted in the death of a lieutenant with the Cumberland County, North Carolina, Sheriff's Office. The 46-year-old officer and his partner were maintaining a surveillance in a rear room of the store when a male, armed with a .32-caliber handgun, entered and demanded money. With his gun drawn, the officer exited the room and ordered the would-be robber to surrender his weapon. In response, the robber fired one shot, fatally wounding the lieutenant in the chest. After seizing the victim's service weapon, the subject fled the premises. Two days later, a 25-year-old suspect surrendered to police and was arrested for the victim's murder. The lieutenant had three years of law enforcement experience.

#### Pennsylvania

A trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police was slain while attempting to serve an arrest warrant. The 26-year-old trooper accompanied a local constable to the suspect's home where they were met by the 28-year-old male's father. The father, who had lodged the complaint resulting in the warrant, called to his

son, who was upstairs in the house, while both officers waited at the bottom of the stairs. Allegedly, the son descended the stairs, and without warning, produced a .22-caliber handgun and shot the two officers. The trooper, who had four years of law enforcement experience, died as a result of being shot in the chest and the constable was wounded in the neck. After the shooting, the subject returned to his upstairs bedroom and his father called for assistance. Responding troopers arrested the suspect without further incident.

### South Carolina

On attempting to assist fellow officers serve an arrest warrant, a 25-year-old Colleton County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Department deputy was slain. Reportedly, a deputy had gone to a local residence to serve the warrant and was threatened by the subject and ordered to leave. Two officers came to assist him, and together, they again attempted to arrest the subject who, in response, allegedly shot and wounded one of the officers in the chest. The three officers then retreated to their patrol units until more officers, one of whom was the victim, arrived. Intending to force the subject out of the house with tear gas, the officers surrounded the dwelling. As the victim officer worked his way from the rear of the house to a side window, the subject reportedly shot him with a .32-20 caliber rifle. A third officer was wounded in the arm when he tried to aid the gravely injured deputy. Within a few minutes, as more tear gas was thrown into the house, the 62-year-old male subject came out of the front door and surrendered. Meanwhile, the victim, a law enforcement officer for over two years, had died from a gunshot wound to the abdomen shortly after his arrival at the hospital.

An eight-year veteran deputy with the Laurens County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Office died as a result of a gunshot wound received when he attempted to serve an arrest warrant for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Upon arrival at the residence of the male named in the warrant, the deputy and two other officers were denied entry by the 41-year-old subject. Reportedly, the deputies forcibly entered the residence with their guns drawn and found the inebriated subject seated in a chair holding a .38-caliber handgun aimed at them. The subject's 12-year-old son, also inside the dwelling, urged his father to surrender, and in response, the subject lowered his weapon. As the officers attempted to seize the man, he suddenly started firing the weapon, killing the 59-year-old victim deputy and wounding a second officer. When he approached the third officer with the gun, the subject was shot and killed.

## Texas

In a confrontation with a man with a gun, a 22-year veteran officer with the Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department was slain. Apparently as the officer approached the 57-year-old male subject, he was shot in the abdomen with a 9-millimeter handgun. Responding officers found the victim seated in his patrol car attempting to radio for assistance and the alleged assailant standing over him. The officer was taken to a local hospital where he later succumbed to the wound. The subject was treated for an apparently self-inflicted superficial gunshot wound and taken into police custody.

## Washington

On attempting to arrest a suspect in connection with a vandalism and disturbance complaint, a 29-year-old officer with the Tacoma, Washington, Police Department was killed. When the officer located and confronted the 38-year-old male, the suspect resisted and a struggle ensued. Subsequently, the subject allegedly seized the victim's .38-caliber service weapon and shot the officer five times at close range. The seven-year law enforcement veteran was killed instantly. Shortly after the incident, the subject was apprehended near the scene.

## West Virginia

While attempting to thwart a burglary suspect's escape, a deputy with the McDowell County, West Virginia, Sheriff's Department was slain. The 27-year-old male suspect was being questioned by the victim officer at the local courthouse when he bolted and ran into the hallway. Pursued by the deputy, the suspect produced a .38-caliber handgun from his trousers, and allegedly, shot the officer in the head and chest. On hearing the gunshots, a second deputy stepped into the hallway, and observed the 34-year-old victim lying on the floor. The subject, who was attempting to open a locked door and flee, saw the second deputy and fired his weapon in his direction. In response, the deputy returned gunfire, wounded the alleged assailant, and took him into custody. The victim deputy had eleven years of law enforcement experience.

## OCTOBER

## California

An off-duty officer with less than a year's service with the Los Angeles, California, Police Department was shot when he attempted to prevent three males from breaking into a parked car.

The 21-year-old officer succumbed to his wounds five days after he confronted the three males whom he had observed trying to enter the vehicle. After the officer identified himself as a policeman, one youth allegedly fired two shots into the air, which forced the officer to take cover, and the three then ran from the scene. When the officer pursued them, the 17-year-old suspect reportedly turned and fired his .25-caliber handgun, wounding the victim in the leg and head. The assailant was subsequently arrested and charged in connection with the death of the officer.

Following the arrest of a theft suspect, a 27-year-old patrolman with the San Francisco, California, Police Department was shot and killed. The patrolman was on special assignment with two fellow officers and was maintaining a surveillance in an unmarked patrol unit. One of his two assisting officers was acting as a decoy and was situated in a doorway posing as an injured individual. When the third officer, also watching the scene, observed a male steal the decoy officer's wallet, he followed the suspect on foot and signalled the victim patrolman that a theft had occurred. The victim patrolman then approached the suspect in the patrol vehicle, and when the would-be thief stopped to converse with an acquaintance, the officer stopped his unit, exited, and placed the suspect under arrest. While the patrolman was searching the suspect, the acquaintance allegedly produced a .38-caliber handgun and shot the arresting officer once in the chest. The two assisting officers immediately pursued the assailant, who fled while continually firing his weapon at them. Within minutes, the officers apprehended the 33-year-old male, but the theft suspect escaped. Later, he too was arrested.

### Georgia

Following a shooting spree with a male subject, a 26-year-old lieutenant with the Monroe, Georgia, Police Department was killed and two other officers seriously injured. The victim officer and his partner were pursuing an erratically driven automobile whose driver, aged 32, had continually ignored police attempts to stop him. To assist, officers with the Walton County Sheriff's Department established a roadblock, but when the subject reached this barrier, he fired a handgun through his car window seriously wounding a deputy. As the chase continued, one of the rear tires of the subject's vehicle blew out, causing him to lose control of the car which he then abandoned. Before the two pursuing officers could leave their patrol unit, the subject began shooting at them with a .22-caliber rifle and two handguns in succession. During the ensuing gun battle, the victim officer, with four years of law enforcement service, was fatally shot in the head, his partner was wounded in both legs, and the subject was killed.

## Kentucky

A 62-year-old deputy jailer was strangled to death, by inmates prior to their escape from the Boyle County, Kentucky, jail. While making his evening rounds, the 12-year veteran jailer was overpowered by inmates, who then gagged him and tied him to the bars of a cell. The four prisoners then fled the scene. Other inmates freed the jailer, but their attempts to revive him failed. The four escapees, two aged 17, one aged 42, and one aged 20, were apprehended shortly after the incident. All four were subsequently tried and convicted for murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

## Missouri

A 26-year-old patrolman with the St. Charles, Missouri, Police Department was killed as he assisted another officer who had responded to a man-with-gun call from a local tavern. Reportedly, the first officer on the scene observed a male carrying a shotgun outside the tavern and blocked an intersection with his patrol car in an attempt to prevent the man, who had entered his vehicle, from escaping. The victim officer arrived at the scene in time to pursue the suspect as he evaded the roadblock and sped away. After momentarily checking the scene for anyone injured, the first officer joined the pursuit. During the chase he heard shots and came upon the suspect's car and victim officer's patrol vehicle, both of which had veered off the road. He observed the patrolman, who was suffering from a 12-gauge shotgun wound to the chest, inside his unit and saw the suspect, who was still inside his stopped car, raising a shotgun. When the officer fired at him, the 33-year-old male suspect dropped the gun and drove off at a high rate of speed, but was subsequently arrested when he crashed his car into a utility pole a few blocks away. The victim officer, who had nearly two years of law enforcement service, was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital.

## New York

After he and another officer responded to a robbery-in-progress call at a local motel, a 33-year-old patrolman with the Cheektowaga, New York, Police Department was shot and killed. As the two officers entered through the main entrance of the motel, a 23-year-old male standing at the front reservation desk turned and allegedly opened fire with a .38-caliber handgun. The six-year veteran patrolman died instantly from a gunshot wound to the head, but the other officer returned gunfire as the suspect escaped down a hallway. Subsequently, the assailant

was arrested in the back seat of a car which was parked behind a nearby gas station. Further investigation led to the arrest of a 27-year-old male accomplice who, reportedly, had driven the assailant to the motel.

### Tennessee

An off-duty sergeant with the Newport, Tennessee, Police Department was slain while sitting in a local tavern. The 10-year veteran officer offered a drink to the 24-year-old male suspect who, moments later, left the tavern feigning illness. Allegedly, he returned with a .45-caliber handgun and shot the victim twice in the back of the head. Two bystanders were also killed when they attempted to thwart the subject's exit. The suspect, who had been previously arrested by the 36-year-old victim, surrendered to local authorities later that day.

### West Virginia

While booking a prisoner into a county jail, a West Virginia State Police trooper with one year of law enforcement service was shot and killed. The victim officer was signing the prisoner into the jail's log book as his partner collected the subject's personal belongings. Suddenly, the 19-year-old subject allegedly grabbed the partner's .357-magnum handgun and began shooting. A scuffle ensued during which the victim, aged 25, was fatally shot in the chest and his partner wounded in the stomach. The Tucker County Sheriff, who was on duty at the jail, returned the gunfire and wounded the subject in the leg, enabling the Sheriff and the victim's partner to subdue him.

## NOVEMBER

### California

After stopping a suspicious car while on patrol, a 36-year-old deputy sheriff was killed and his partner wounded. Reportedly, as the two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies approached the suspect vehicle, a male allegedly emerged from the driver's seat and immediately fired at them with a .38-caliber handgun. The victim deputy, who had eight years of law enforcement experience, died from wounds to his shoulder and chest. Although injured in the return fire from the deputies, the 24-year-old assailant escaped from the scene, but was subsequently arrested at a nearby house to which pursuing officers were led by a trail of blood from the scene.

A senior officer with the Santa Ana, California, Police Department was killed upon responding to a burglary-in-progress call at a local residence. The victim officer, aged 31, was shot in the neck with a .380-caliber handgun as he entered the residence. One suspect, aged 39, was killed at the scene, and a second subject, aged 38, was seriously wounded. The victim officer had ten years of law enforcement experience.

### Connecticut

Upon responding to a burglary-in-progress call at a local residence, a 28-year-old officer with the Plainville, Connecticut, Police Department was shot and killed. When assisting officers arrived at the scene, a witness stated that he had seen the victim pursue a male into a wooded area near the house and then heard four shots. The victim officer, with almost five years of law enforcement experience, was located in the woods with four gunshot wounds to the chest from a .38-caliber handgun. A 33-year-old suspect was later apprehended.

### Illinois

A detective sergeant with the Waukegan, Illinois, Police Department was killed while attempting to arrest a 46-year-old male subject. The individual was wanted in connection with the death of his ex-wife, whose bullet-ridden body had been discovered in her burning residence. The victim, an accompanying captain, and a third officer had entered the tavern outside which they had located the suspect's vehicle. As they approached the subject, he allegedly opened fire with a .32-caliber handgun, striking the victim officer several times in the chest and wounding the captain in the leg. The third officer wrestled the weapon from the suspect's grasp and placed him under arrest. The victim sergeant had eight years of law enforcement experience.

### New Mexico

While maintaining a roadblock established to stop an automobile involved in a high-speed chase, a 27-year-old patrolman with the Questa, New Mexico, Police Department was struck and killed by the vehicle being pursued. Authorities from a neighboring jurisdiction had requested assistance in stopping the driver of the automobile who was wanted in connection with an alleged kidnapping. In an apparent attempt to break through the roadblock, the subject reportedly crashed into a police cruiser at the scene, lost control of his automobile, and skidded into the victim officer. Due to multiple injuries incurred, the patrolman, with less than one year of law enforcement service, died at the scene. The suspect, aged 20, was apprehended as he attempted to flee.

## New York

While assisting a fellow officer who was conducting a burglary investigation, a 19-year veteran deputy with the Erie County, New York, Sheriff's Department was killed. The investigator had learned that a 20-year-old male possibly had stolen property from the burglary in his possession. En route to the suspect's address, the officer radioed the 52-year-old victim deputy and requested his assistance. Upon entering the suspect's apartment building, the officers encountered the male in the downstairs hallway and proceeded with him to his upstairs apartment to conduct an interrogation. When the three reached the apartment, the suspect reportedly bolted and ran inside, locking the door behind him. Subsequently, the victim officer climbed onto a porch roof, entered the apartment through a window, and admitted the investigator. At that time, the officers heard a door slam, and as they neared the location from which the sound came, the deputy was struck in the stomach by a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun fired through a closed door. A later shot barely missed striking the second officer as he pulled the victim out of the line of fire. The alleged assailant, who escaped through a window of the apartment, was apprehended the next day without incident.

## Texas

Upon stopping a vehicle which fit the description of one used in two recent armed robberies, a 28-year-old patrolman with the Longview, Texas, Police Department was shot and killed with a .357-magnum handgun. The victim officer encountered the vehicle while traveling to the scene of one of the robberies and was advised by fellow officers that the automobile had been observed in the immediate vicinity of both robberies at the time of their occurrences. The patrolman stopped the automobile which contained two males and a female, while a second officer was en route to assist. As the assisting officer approached the scene, he observed the suspect vehicle speed away. Fearing the patrolman had been taken captive, the officer immediately pursued the suspects, but a third officer arriving at the site discovered the victim patrolman lying wounded on the side of the road. The patrolman, who had four years of law enforcement service, was dead on arrival at a local hospital as a result of a gunshot wound to the chest. Subsequently, the suspect vehicle was stopped at a roadblock. After an exchange of gunfire with police, one wounded 28-year-old female and one male, aged 23, were arrested, but the second male escaped the scene.



## Wisconsin

When responding to a family disturbance call, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department officer with over four years of service was killed. The 27-year-old officer and his partner were dispatched to the suspect's house, and as the victim officer was about to knock on the front door, a 38-year-old male reportedly appeared in the doorway and abruptly fired into the chest of the officer with a .30-caliber rifle. The alleged assailant, who had a history of emotional problems, then barricaded himself in the residence, but was subsequently arrested when he surrendered a short time later.

## DECEMBER

## Georgia

During a gun battle resulting from an attempt to serve an eviction notice, a 24-year-old deputy marshal with the Fulton County, Georgia, Marshal's Office was slain. Due to previous threats of violence, members of the Marshal's Office were strategically positioned around the residence and the Atlanta Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team was present to assist. Reportedly, when two deputy marshals approached the dwelling, a male emerged from the house, stood inside the screened-in porch, and received the eviction notice but refused to vacate the premises. As the deputies attempted to arrest this individual, a second male allegedly opened the front door of the residence and repeatedly fired a .357-caliber handgun, wounding one of the marshals in the abdomen. The victim deputy suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest as he left his vehicle to assist. After members of the SWAT team shot tear gas into the residence, the alleged assailant, aged 25, surrendered. The victim deputy, who had three years of law enforcement experience, died at the scene.

## Maryland

A 27-year-old trooper with the Maryland State Police died as a result of gunshot wounds received after stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation. After passing several cars on the entrance ramp to a highway, the speeding automobile cut in front of the trooper's vehicle which was traveling in the right lane of the highway. The officer stopped the suspect vehicle, radioed the dispatcher for information on the 40-year-old driver, and requested a backup unit due to the suspicious behavior of the male suspect. The next message transmitted to the dispatcher was from a motorist who advised the trooper was seriously

wounded. Allegedly, the subject shot the victim five times with a .45-caliber handgun and fled the scene. However, the trooper was able to return gunfire, wounding the subject who was apprehended the next day. Less than a week later, the officer, with over one year of law enforcement service, succumbed to his wounds.

#### Nebraska

While attempting to apprehend a larceny suspect, an off-duty deputy with the Douglas County, Nebraska, Sheriff's Office was slain. The victim was driving his privately owned vehicle when he noticed a male removing packages from a delivery truck. The 41-year-old deputy exited his vehicle, identified himself as a police officer, and gave chase to the male who dropped the packages as he ran. The deputy retrieved the parcels, returned them to the truck, and began to search the area for the 20-year-old suspect. When the officer located and confronted the male in an alley, a struggle ensued during which the suspect allegedly obtained the deputy's .38-caliber handgun, shooting him twice. The deputy, with nine years of law enforcement experience, succumbed to the wounds four days later. The suspect was subsequently apprehended.

#### North Carolina

A 25-year-old patrolman with the Fayetteville, North Carolina, Police Department was killed during a struggle with a group of individuals in a parking lot. In the course of the confrontation, one subject allegedly gained possession of the victim's .357-magnum service handgun and shot the officer in the head. The patrolman, with less than two years of law enforcement service, died instantly. Witnesses identified a 27-year-old male suspect, who later surrendered to police and was charged with the patrolman's murder.

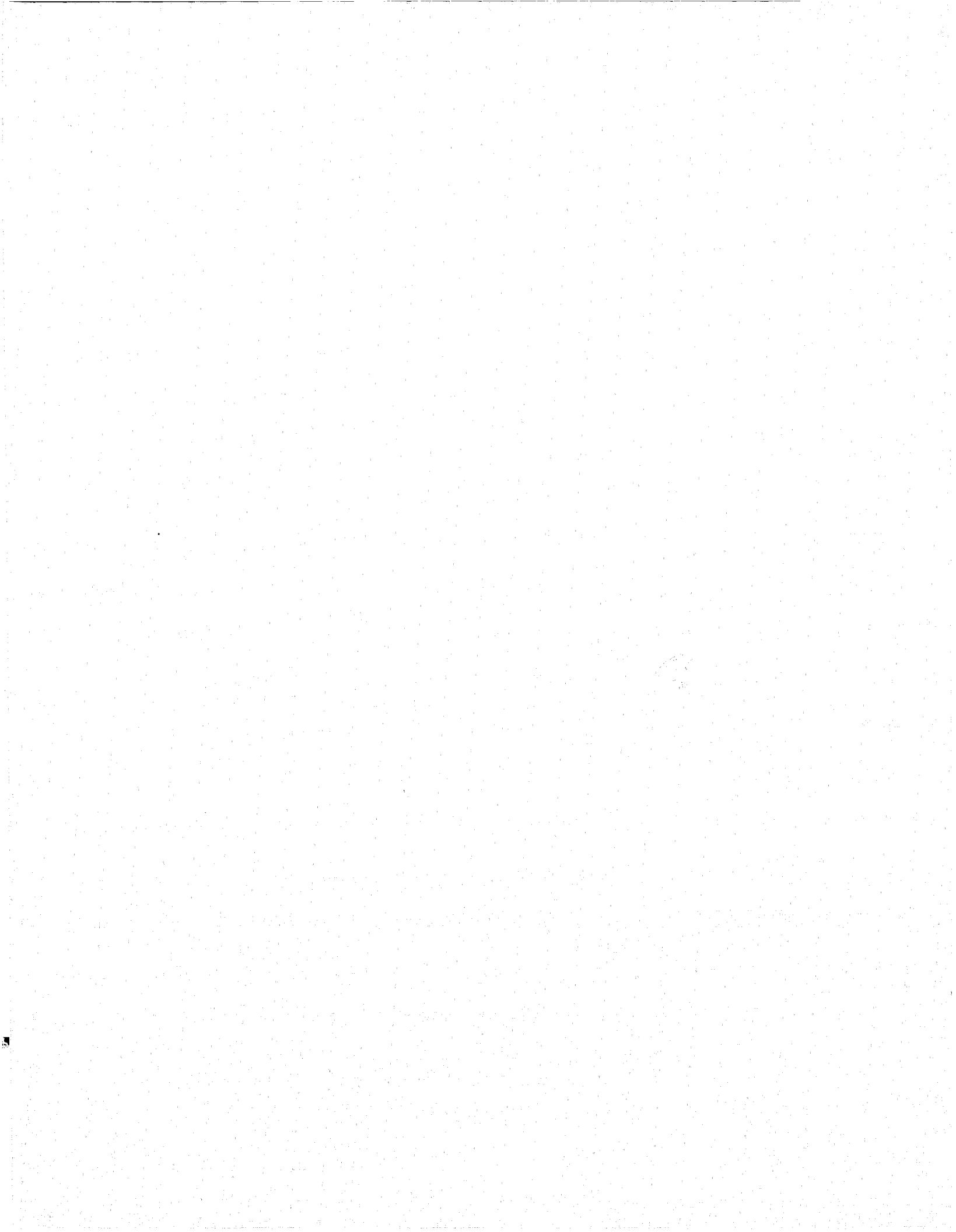
#### Ohio

A 31-year-old captain with the Lodi, Ohio, Police Department died of injuries sustained during an early morning hit-and-run incident. The victim captain and an assisting officer were in separate patrol vehicles pursuing a stolen pickup truck driven by a lone male. The truck became stuck in a roadside ditch when the driver, aged 47, attempted to flee into a nearby field. As the subject ran from the truck, the assisting officer followed on foot and the captain remained with the stranded vehicle. At that time, a second stolen pickup truck, occupied by two alleged theft accomplices of the fleeing subject,

reportedly struck the victim officer as he stood in the road. The occupants of this vehicle, both aged 24, fled the scene, but subsequent investigation led to their apprehension and indictment on charges of murder. The driver of the first truck and a fourth male were also arrested in connection with the incident. The victim captain had seven years of law enforcement experience.

### Oklahoma

A 49-year-old Beaver County, Oklahoma, undersheriff was shot and killed while responding to a citizen's complaint that someone had attempted to stop his automobile. After the victim, accompanied by the complainant, proceeded to the scene of the alleged incident, the Sheriff's Office attempted repeatedly to contact him by radio but was unsuccessful. A search was initiated, and approximately one-half hour later, officers from a nearby jurisdiction discovered both the five-year veteran undersheriff and complainant dead from multiple gunshot wounds inflicted with a .22-caliber handgun. Two male suspects were apprehended the following day at Price, Utah, after a spree that reportedly included the theft of two motor vehicles, an armed robbery, the taking of hostages, and a high-speed automobile chase with police. The men, aged 29 and 21, were escapees from an Oklahoma jail.



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