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Law enforcement officers feloniously killed

By circumstances at scene of incident and type of assignment, United States, 1998-2008 (aggregate)

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of assignment								
		2-officer vehicle	1-officer vehicle		Foot patrol		Other ^a		Off-duty	
			Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted		
Total	530 ^b	50	167	138	4	0	25	97	49	
Disturbance calls	76	7	19	38	0	0	2	5	5	
Bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.	35	1	8	20	0	0	1	2	3	
Domestic (family quarrels)	41	6	11	18	0	0	1	3	2	
Arrest situations	122	14	25	26	0	0	3	33	21	
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	13	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	4	
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	38	4	8	9	0	0	1	2	14	
Drug-related matters	21	2	2	0	0	0	1	15	1	
Attempting other arrests	50	6	11	15	0	0	1	15	2	
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	13	1	9	0	0	0	1	1	1	
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	62	5	25	6	1	0	6	11	8	
Ambush situations	106	10	33	25	3	0	9	13	13	
Entrapment/premeditation	40	1	11	12	1	0	2	5	8	
Unprovoked attack	66	9	22	13	2	0	7	8	5	
Investigative activities (surveillance, searches, interviews, etc.)	9	0	2	2	0	0	1	4	0	
Handling persons with mental illness	12	1	1	7	0	0	0	3	0	
Traffic pursuits/stops	101	11	53	26	0	0	3	7	1	
Felony vehicle stops	38	5	10	17	0	0	2	3	1	
Traffic violation stops	63	6	43	9	0	0	1	4	0	
Tactical situations (barricaded offender, hostage taking, high-risk entry, etc.)	29	1	0	8	0	0	0	20	0	

Note: These data are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Federal, State, city, university and college, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies participating in the UCR Program submit data on any sworn officer killed feloniously or accidentally in the line of duty within their jurisdictions. FBI field divisions and legal attaché offices also report such incidents occurring in the United States and its territories, as well as those in which a United States law enforcement officer dies while assigned to duties in another country (Source: **2008** [Online]. Available: <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/methodologykilled.html>). Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

^aIncludes detectives, undercover officers, and officers on special assignments and other types of assignments not listed.

^bDoes not include the deaths of 72 law enforcement officers resulting from the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2008**, Table 25 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_25.html [Dec. 2, 2009].