



Crime in Oklahoma, 2012

Selected Findings

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Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted

The Oklahoma Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data on all law enforcement officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty. The Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA) dataset includes all assaults that occurred while the officer was working in an official capacity (on or off-duty), had full arrest powers, was wearing or carrying a badge and firearm, and was being paid from public funds.

Assaults on law enforcement increased in 2012.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 783 assaults on officers, representing a 4.4% increase compared to 2011. Two officers were killed in the line of duty: one was killed as a result of a felonious act and one was killed as a result of an accident or negligent act.

In 2011, two officers were killed as a result of an accident or negligent act. No officers were killed in 2010. In 2009, three officers were killed: two as a result of a felonious act and one as a result of an accident or negligent act.

The majority of assaults occurred at night.

Most officer assaults (43.5%) occurred between 6:01 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. Of those, 16% occurred between 10:01 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. The lowest number of officer assaults reported (2.4%) occurred between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

The majority of officers were assaulted while responding to a disturbance call.

Almost 40% (289) of assaults occurred while the officer was responding to a disturbance call, and 15% of officer assaults occurred during prison handling

and/or transport. Almost 13% of assaults occurred during a traffic pursuit/stop, representing a 9% increase compared to 2011.

The majority of officers were assaulted with personal weapons.

Almost 75% of officers were assaulted with personal weapons (hands, feet, fist), while 3.6% were assaulted with firearms and 18.9% with other dangerous weapons. Officers assaulted with a knife or other cutting instrument increased 29.8% in 2012 from 17 assaults in 2011 to 28 assaults in 2012.

Assault-related injuries increased in 2012.

Almost 18% of officers sustained injuries during the assault, representing a 61.6% increase compared to 2011. In comparison, officer assaults resulted in 86 injuries in 2011 and 137 injuries in 2010.

Law Enforcement Assaults in Oklahoma, 2003-2012

