

**Kansas Law Enforcement Officers  
Killed or Assaulted  
In the Line of Duty**



**Kansas Bureau of Investigation**

## Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty 2010

YEAR	Killed	YEAR	Killed	YEAR	Killed
1994	0	2000	4	2006	2
1995	5	2001	1	2007	1
1996	1	2002	0	2008	0
1997	1	2003	1	2009	1
1998	2	2004	0	2010	2
1999	1	2005	2		

### Natural Resources Officer Luke Douglas Nihart

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Law Enforcement Division  
Kansas

End of Watch: Saturday, June 26, 2010



#### Biographical Info

**Age:** 32

**Tour of Duty:** 11 years

**Badge Number:** 1247

#### Incident Details

**Cause of Death:** Accidental

**Date of Incident:** Saturday, June 26, 2010

**Weapon Used:** Not available

**Suspect Info:** Not available

Officer Luke Nihart was killed in an ATV accident while working the Country Stampede music festival at Tuttle Creek State Park.

He was entering the parking area of a Department of Wildlife and Parks office when his ATV flipped over at approximately 3:20 am. He was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center where he succumbed to his injuries two hours later.

Officer Nihart had served with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for 11 years. He is survived by his wife and two young children.

# Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty 2010

## Deputy Sheriff Samuel Adam Smith

Franklin County Sheriff's Office  
Kansas

End of Watch: Friday, July 23, 2010



### Biographical Info

**Age:** 23

**Tour of Duty:** 9 months

**Badge Number:** 258

### Incident Details

**Cause of Death:** Automobile accident

**Date of Incident:** Friday, July 23, 2010

**Weapon Used:** Not available

**Suspect Info:** Not available

Deputy Samuel Smith was killed in an automobile accident on California Road while responding to a domestic disturbance call.

His patrol car left the roadway for unknown reasons and struck a tree before bursting into flames.

Deputy Smith had served with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for only nine months.

"The Monument"  
BY SGT. GEORGE HAHN, L.A.P.D.  
(Retired)

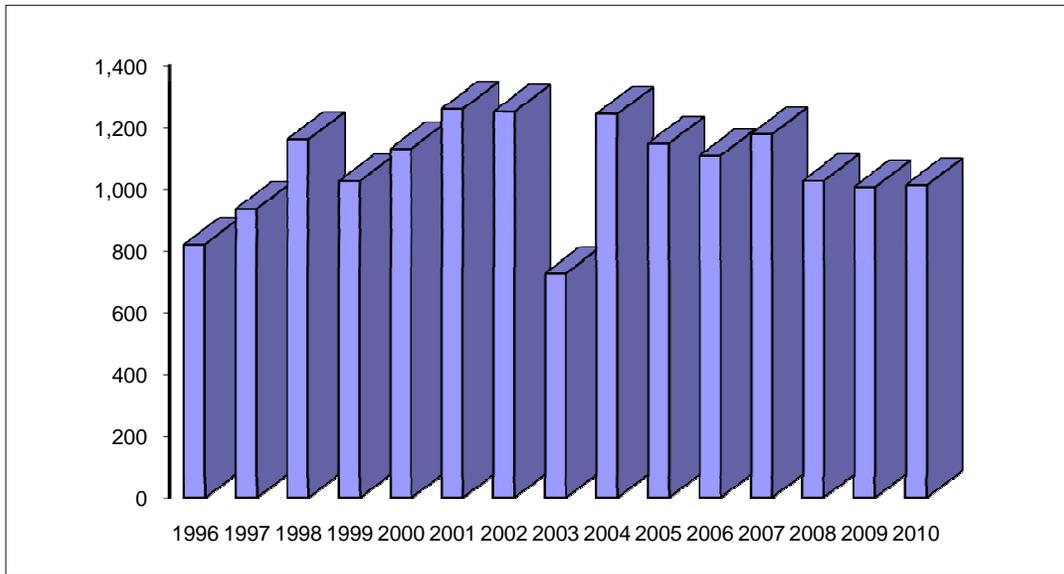
I never dreamed it would be me  
My name for all eternity  
Recorded here at this hallowed place  
Alas, my name, no more my face

"In the line of duty" I hear them say  
My family now the price will pay  
My folded flag stained with their tears  
We only had those few short years

The badge no longer on my chest  
I sleep now in eternal rest  
My sword I pass to those behind  
And pray they keep this thought in mind

I never dreamed it would be me  
And with heavy heart and bended knee  
I ask for all here from the past  
Dear God, let my name be the last

## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSAULTED TREND 1994 - 2010



YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CHANGE
1994	956	
1995	830	-13.2%
1996	819	-1.3%
1997	933	13.9%
1998	1,159	24.2%
1999	1,023	-11.7%
2000	1,128	10.3%
2001	1,257	11.4%
2002	1,248	-0.7%
2003	724	-42.0%
2004	1,241	71.4%
2005	1,145	-7.7%
2006	1,105	-3.5%
2007	1,175	6.3%
2008	1,024	-12.9%
2009	1,004	-2.0%
2010	1010	0.6%

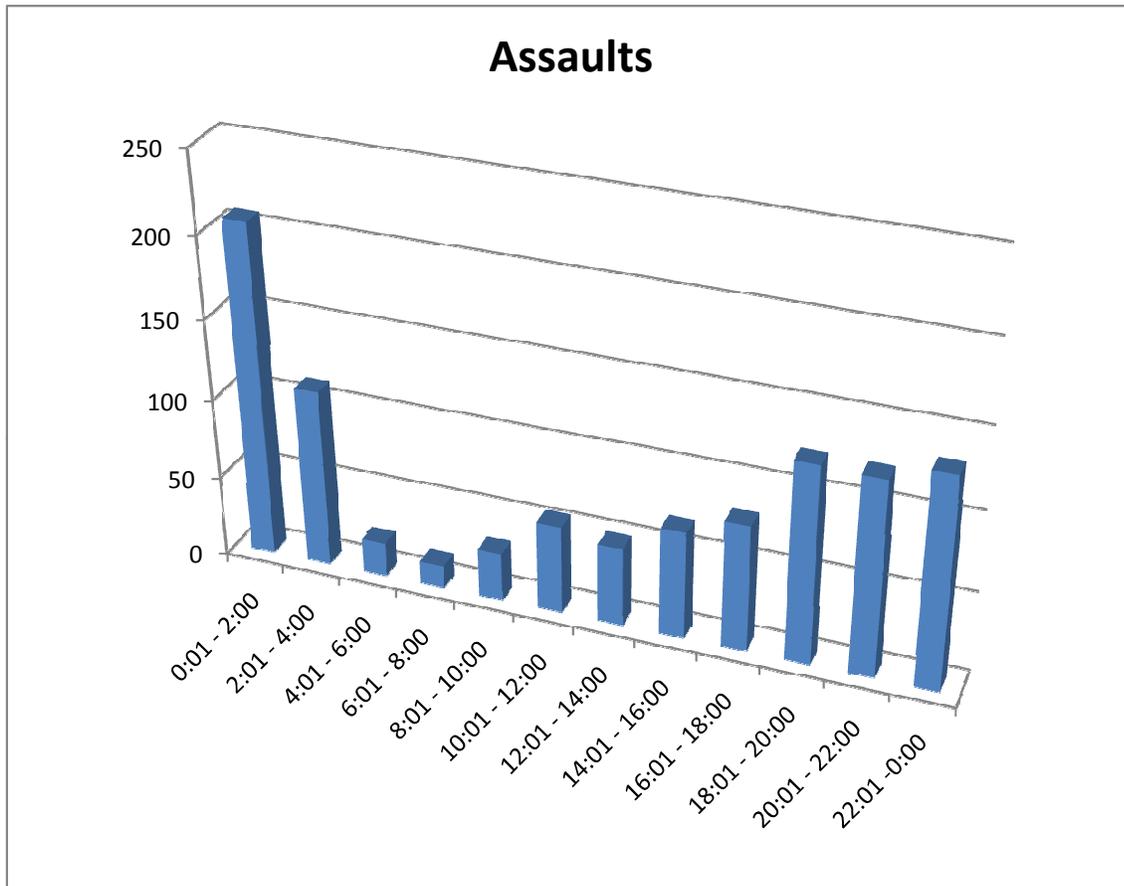
**ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
ASSIGNMENT BY CIRCUMSTANCES  
2010**

CIRCUMSTANCE	TWO PERSON VEHICLE	ONE PERSON VEHICLE		DETECTIVE		OTHER		TOTAL ASSAULTS	ASSAULTS CLEARED	PERCENT CLEARED
		ALONE	ASSISTED	ALONE	ASSISTED	ALONE	ASSISTED			
DISTURBANCE	22	70	302	0	3	2	11	410	212	51.7%
BURGLARY	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	4	57.1%
ROBBERY	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	6	4	66.7%
OTHER ARREST	7	28	76	0	1	10	19	141	64	45.4%
CIVIL DISORDER	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	33.3%
PRISONERS	0	36	18	1	0	24	22	101	26	25.7%
SUSPICIOUS	1	38	57	0	2	2	1	101	40	39.6%
AMBUSH	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	100.0%
MENTALLY DISTURBED	2	5	8	0	1	2	24	42	20	47.6%
TRAFFIC STOP	12	51	56	0	0	0	0	119	44	37.0%
ALL OTHER	7	28	33	0	2	2	0	72	44	61.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>45.9%</b>

\* 6 incidents did not report the circumstance

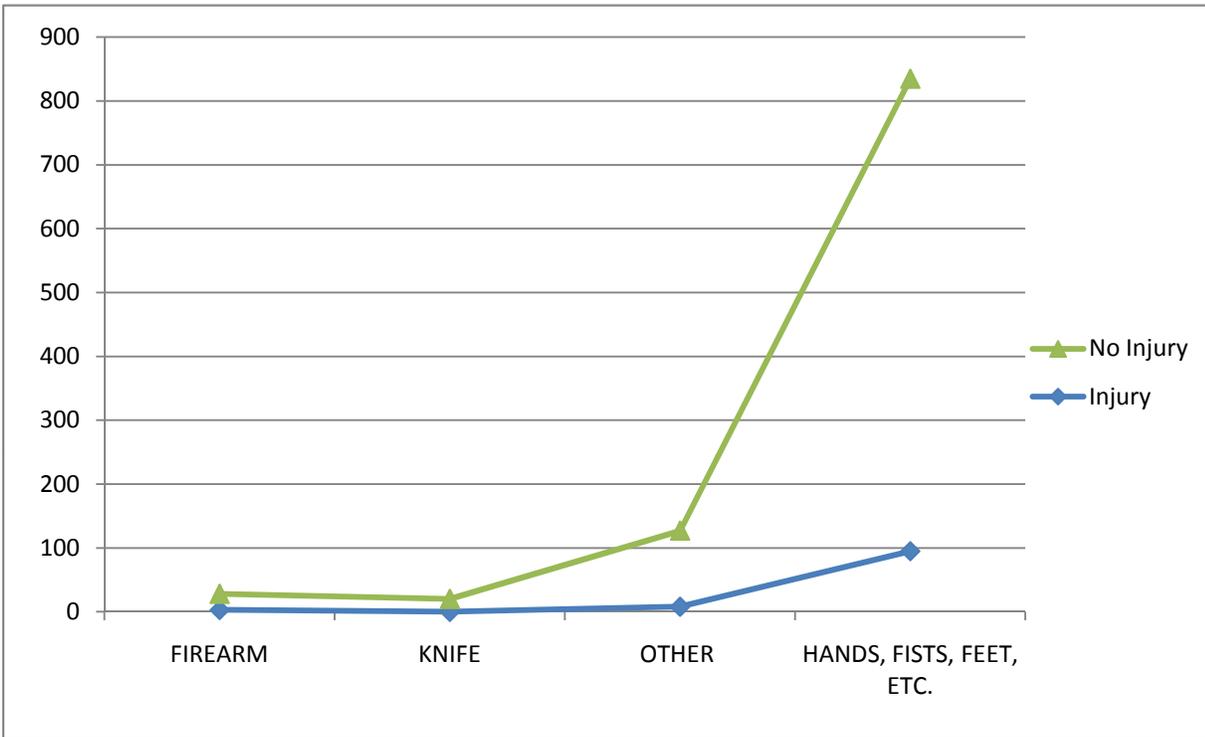
# ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TREND 2010

Time	Assaults
0:01 - 2:00	207
2:01 - 4:00	111
4:01 - 6:00	21
6:01 - 8:00	14
8:01 - 10:00	30
10:01 - 12:00	55
12:01 - 14:00	49
14:01 - 16:00	67
16:01 - 18:00	79
18:01 - 20:00	123
20:01 - 22:00	122
22:01 - 0:00	132
Total	1010



## ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OCCURRENCE OF INJURY BY WEAPON 2010

ASSAULT BY WEAPON	Injury	No Injury	TOTAL
FIREARM	3	25	28
KNIFE	0	20	20
OTHER	8	119	127
HANDS, FISTS, FEET, ETC.	95	740	835
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>1,010</b>



## ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEAPON USE BY CIRCUMSTANCES 2010

CIRCUMSTANCES	FIREARMS	KNIFE	OTHER	PERSONAL	TOTAL
DISTURBANCE	18	16	33	348	415
BURGLARY	0	0	2	5	7
ROBBERY	3	0	1	2	6
OTHER ARREST	0	0	16	125	141
CIVIL DISORDER	0	0	0	3	3
PRISONERS	0	0	5	101	106
SUSPICIOUS	1	0	12	85	98
AMBUSH	0	0	0	1	1
MENTALLY DISTURBED	1	3	5	32	41
TRAFFIC STOP	5	1	43	70	119
ALL OTHER	0	0	12	61	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1,010</b>

