

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

2016 Annual Report



Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty 2016



Detective

Brad D. Lancaster

Kansas City Kansas Police Department

End of Watch: Monday, May 9, 2016

Age: 39
Tour: 20 years
Badge #: 1912
Cause: Gunfire
Incident Date: 5/9/2016
Weapon: Gun

Detective Brad Lancaster was shot and killed while assisting patrol officers who had responded to a suspicious person call at the Hollywood Casino at approximately 12:20 pm.

The subject had fled from the responding officers on foot, but was located by Detective Lancaster in a nearby field. The man opened fire striking him twice before stealing his unmarked vehicle and fleeing the scene. He was later apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri.

Detective Lancaster was a U.S Air Force veteran. He had served with the Kansas City Police Department for 10 years and had previously served with the Platte County Sheriff's Office for 10 years.



Captain

Robert David Melton

Kansas City Kansas Police Department

End of Watch: Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Age: 46
Tour: 26 years
Badge #: 1799
Cause: Gunfire
Incident Date: 7/19/2016
Weapon: Gun

Captain Dave Melton was shot and killed while searching for an armed subject who had fled from other officers who had responded to a shots fired call at approximately 2:00 pm.

As officers arrived on scene several subjects exited the vehicle they were in and fled on foot. One of the men was apprehended immediately. Officers began searching the area for the other subjects. Captain Melton was fatally shot when he encountered one of the men near the intersection of 22nd Street and Haskell Avenue.

Captain Melton served with the Kansas City Police Department for 17 years and had previously served with the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office for nine years. He was a veteran of the Kansas National Guard. He is survived by his three children and expectant girlfriend.

Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty 2016



Master Deputy Sheriff
Brandon Collins
 Johnson County Sheriff's Office
 End of Watch: Sunday, September 11, 2016

Age: 45
 Tour: 21 years
 Badge #: 745
 Cause: Vehicular Assault
 Incident Date: 9/11/2016
 Weapon: Motor Vehicle

Master Deputy Sheriff Brandon Collins was killed when his patrol car was struck from behind while he conducted a vehicle stop on northbound U.S. 69, near West 143rd Street in Overland Park, at approximately 1:30 am.

He had re-entered his patrol car when a pickup truck struck it from behind, causing it to burst into flames. The driver of the pickup truck fled the scene on foot but was arrested a short time later.

Deputy Collins had served with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for 21 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Officers Killed in the Line of Duty—State of Kansas

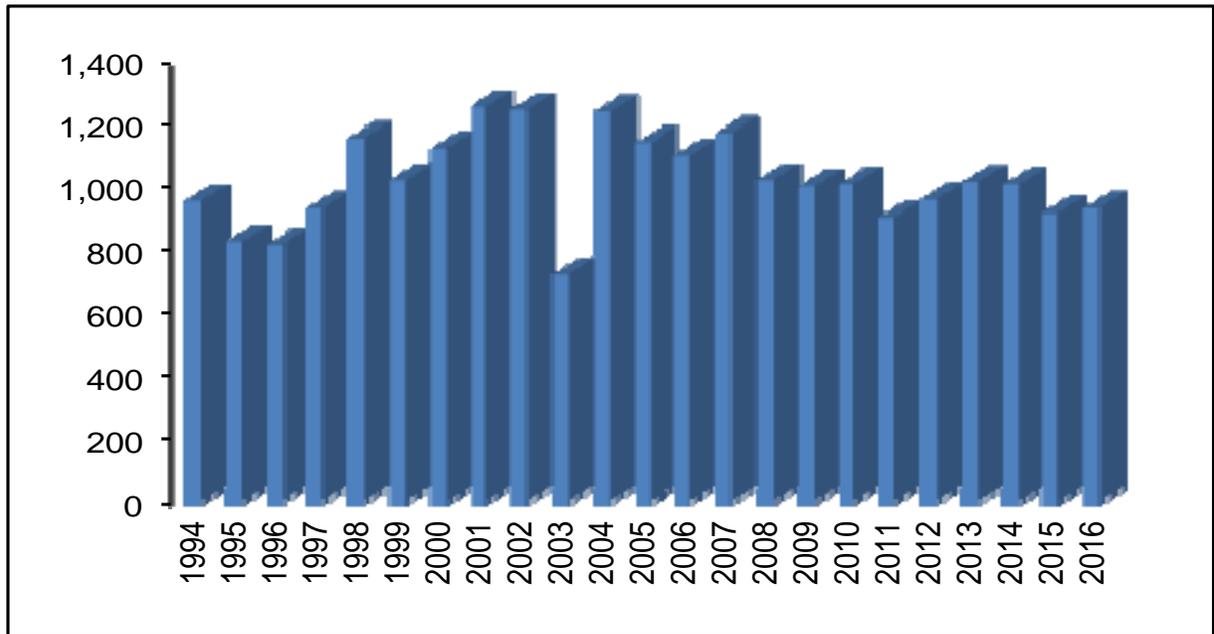
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1995	5
1996	1
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1
2000	4
2001	1
2002	0

Year	Killed
2003	1
2004	0
2005	2
2006	2
2007	1
2008	0
2009	1
2010	2

Year	Killed
2011	1
2012	2
2013	0
2014	1
2015	1
2016	3



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSAULTED TREND 1994-2016



Year	LEO	Percent
Reported	Assaults	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	1,010	0.6%
2011	907	-10.2%
2012	964	6.3%
2013	1,017	5.5%
2014	1,010	-0.7%
2015	919	-9.0%
2016	934	1.6%

- Assaults on law enforcement officers have remained relatively consistent since 1994.
- Anomalies in 2003 data appear to be the result of low numbers reported by Wichita PD. When using their average the total remains close to 1,000

The data contained within this table reflect only the assaults submitted by local agencies through the Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted report.

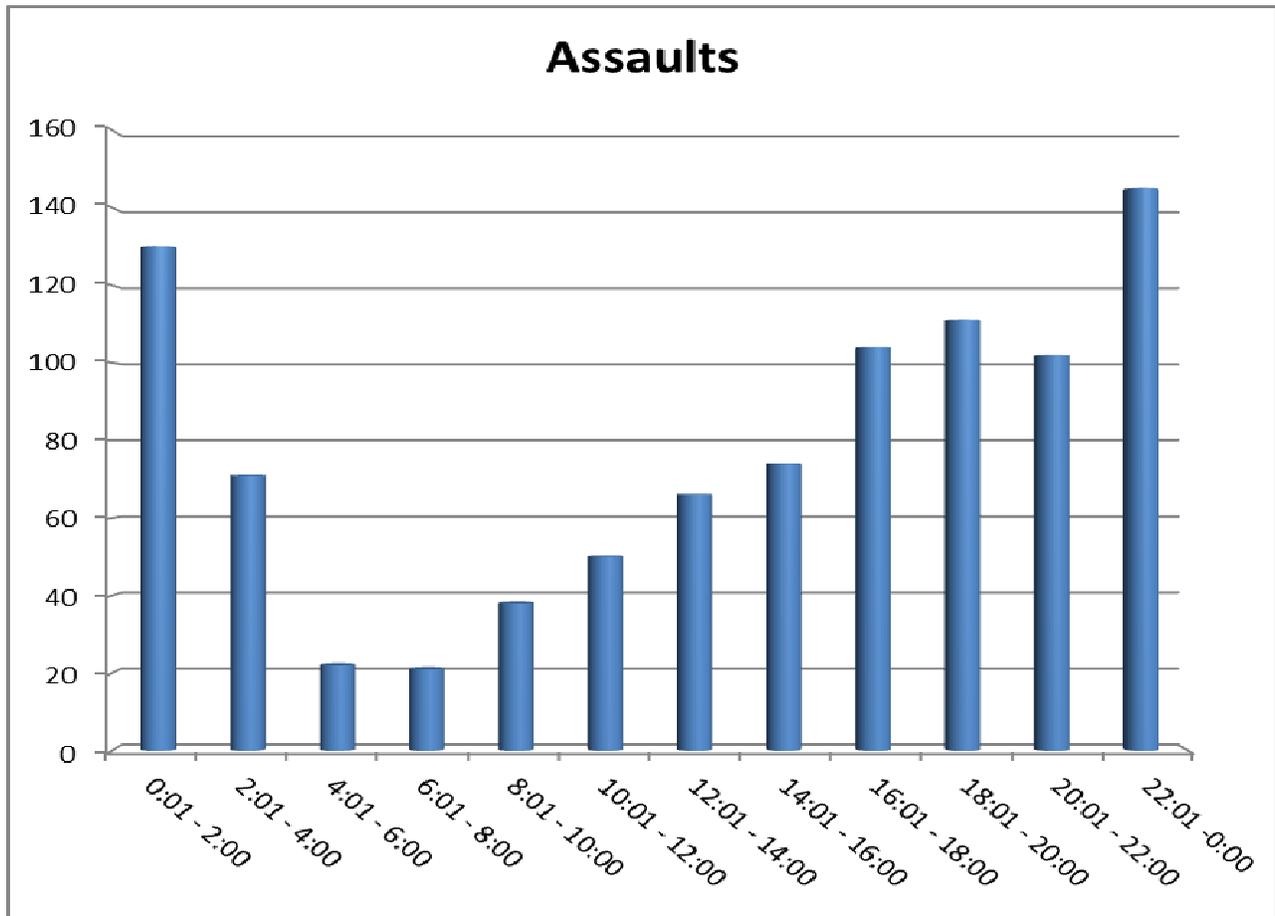
**ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
ASSIGNMENT BY CIRCUMSTANCE
ASSAULTS CLEARED
2016**

Circumstance	Two Person	One Person Vehicle		Detective		Other	
	Vehicle	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted
Disturbance	38	49	235	2	6	3	34
Burglary	2	6	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Other Arrest	11	25	63	1	7	3	4
Civil Disorder	0	2	4	0	0	0	1
Prisoners	3	20	18	0	3	9	38
Suspicious	4	18	46	1	1	0	2
Ambush	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mentally Disturbed	9	8	49	0	0	1	12
Traffic Stop	13	58	49	0	0	0	3
All Other	6	17	33	3	0	3	1
Total	88	206	501	8	17	19	95

Circumstance	Total	Assaults	Percent	Circumstance	2016	2015	2014
	Assaults	Cleared	Cleared		Cleared	Cleared	Cleared
Disturbance	367	344	93.7%	Disturbance	93.7%	85.9%	42.7%
Burglary	9	6	66.7%	Burglary	66.7%	100.0%	40.0%
Robbery	6	6	100.0%	Robbery	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Other Arrest	114	96	84.2%	Other Arrest	84.2%	81.0%	64.9%
Civil Disorder	7	5	71.4%	Civil Disorder	71.4%	66.7%	100.0%
Prisoners	91	62	68.1%	Prisoners	68.1%	50.7%	18.5%
Suspicious	72	66	91.7%	Suspicious	91.7%	83.3%	41.7%
Ambush	3	3	100.0%	Ambush	100.0%	100.0%	37.5%
Mentally Disturbed	79	71	89.9%	Mentally Disturbed	89.9%	84.9%	36.1%
Traffic Stop	123	89	72.4%	Traffic Stop	72.4%	72.2%	47.2%
All Other	63	50	79.4%	All Other	79.4%	84.6%	51.7%
Total	934	798	85.4%	Total	85.4%	80.7%	42.9%

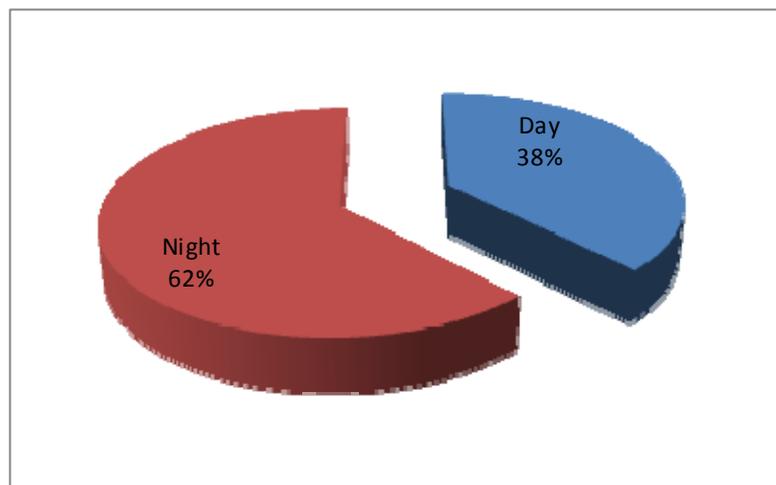
Law enforcement agencies can clear offenses by arrest or exceptional means (i.e., when they can identify the perpetrator but are unable to make an arrest due to circumstances beyond their control, such as the death or suicide of the subject).

ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TREND 2016



Day vs. Night Assaults on Law Enforcement Officers

TIME	Assaults
0:01 - 2:00	130
2:01 - 4:00	71
4:01 - 6:00	22
6:01 - 8:00	21
8:01 - 10:00	38
10:01 - 12:00	50
12:01 - 14:00	66
14:01 - 16:00	74
16:01 - 18:00	104
18:01 - 20:00	111
20:01 - 22:00	102
22:01 - 0:00	145
Total	934

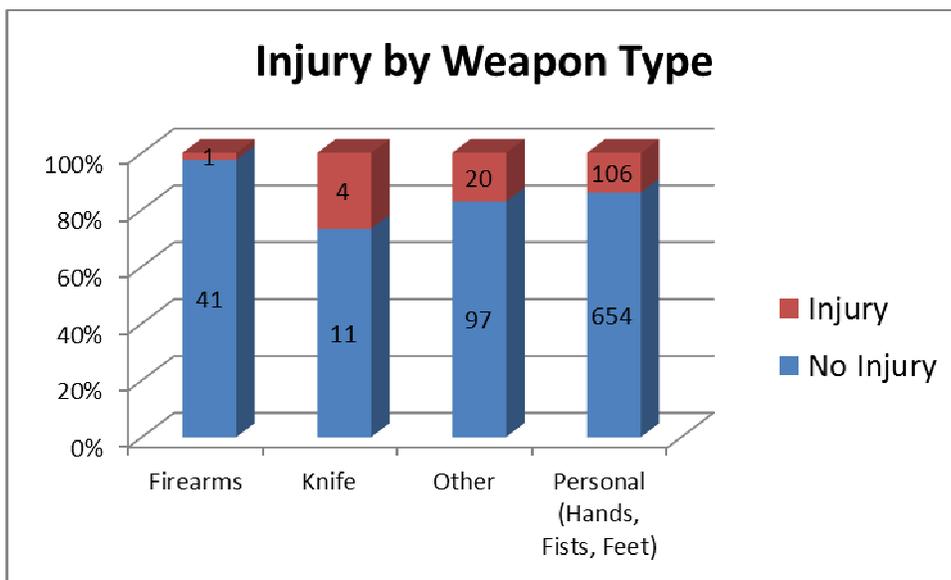


Day = 06:01-18:00

Night= 18:01-06:01

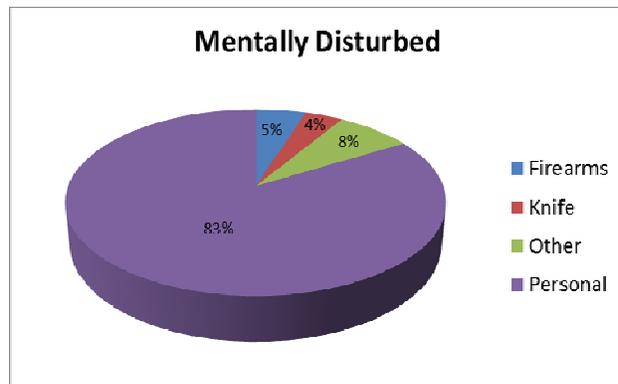
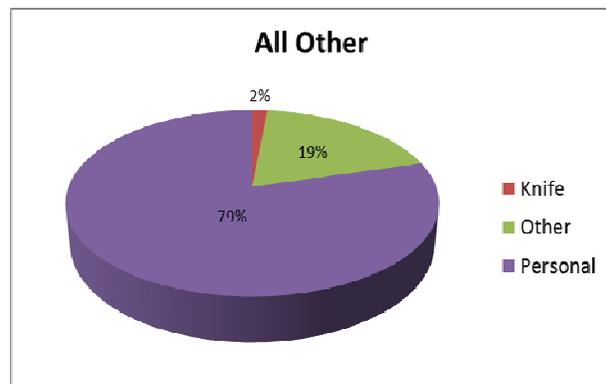
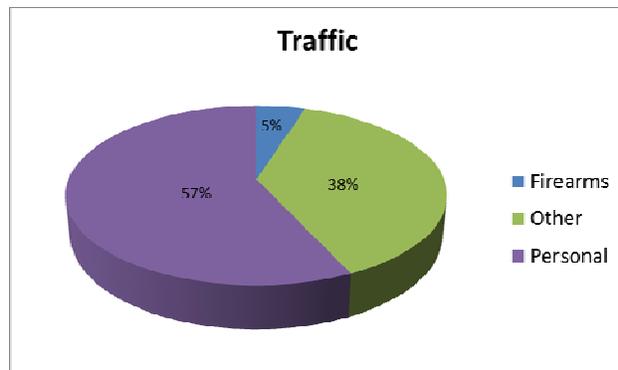
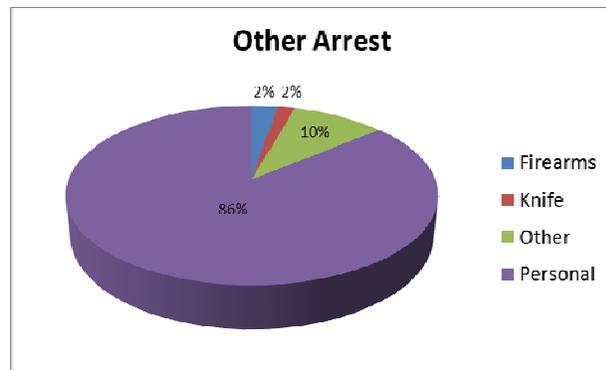
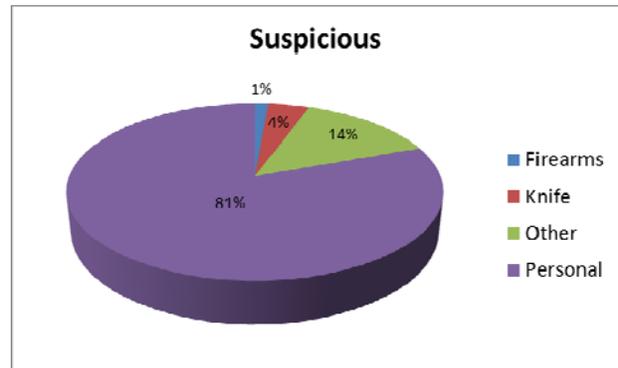
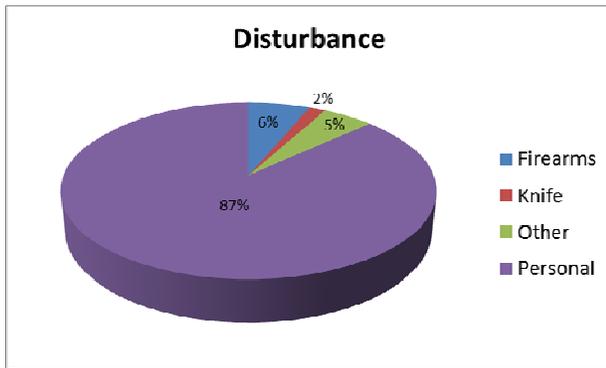
ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OCCURENCE OF INJURY BY WEAPON 2016

Weapon	Injury	No Injury	Total
Firearms	1	41	42
Knife	4	11	15
Other	20	97	117
Personal (Hands, Fists, Feet)	106	654	760
Total	131	803	934



ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEAPON USE BY CIRCUMSTANCE 2016

Circumstance	Firearms	Knife	Other	Personal	Total
Disturbance	23	6	19	319	367
Burglary	0	0	2	7	9
Robbery	5	0	0	1	6
Other Arrest	3	2	11	98	114
Civil Disorder	0	0	1	6	7
Prisoners	0	0	9	82	91
Suspicious	1	3	10	58	72
Ambush	0	0	2	1	3
Mentally Disturbed	4	3	6	66	79
Traffic Stop	6	0	47	70	123
All Other	0	1	12	50	63
Totals	42	15	119	758	934



**ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
WEAPON USE BY CIRCUMSTANCE (continued)
2016**

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Traffic Stop	6	0	47	70	123
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