



## Crime in Oklahoma, 2013 Selected Findings

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### Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted

**The Oklahoma Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data for law enforcement officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty.**

According to reporting guidelines, assault on a law enforcement officer includes “any assault or death 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 is included.”

**Assaults on law enforcement decreased in 2013.**

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 726 assaults on officers, representing a 7.3% decrease compared to 2012. No officers were killed in the line of duty in 2013.

In comparison, two officers were killed in the line of duty in 2012: one as a result of a felonious act and one as a result of an accident or negligent act. In 2011, two officers were killed as a result of an accident or negligent act.

**The majority of assaults occurred at night.**

Forty percent of officer assaults occurred from 6:01 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The highest number of officer assaults (16.7%) occurred from 10:01 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., while the lowest number of assaults (2.1%) occurred from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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

Approximately 33% (240) of assaults occurred while the officer was reporting to a disturbance call, and 14% of officer assaults occurred during prison

handling and/or transport. Eleven percent of assaults occurred during a traffic pursuit/stop, representing a 16% decrease compared to 2012.

**The majority of officers were assaulted with personal weapons.**

Seventy-nine percent of officers were assaulted with personal weapons (hands, feet, fist), while 18.3% were assaulted with other dangerous weapons, and 2.2% with firearms. Officers assaulted with a knife or other cutting instrument decreased 79% from the previous year.

**Assault-related injuries decreased in 2013.**

Seventeen percent of officers sustained injuries during the assault, representing a 12% decrease compared to 2012. In comparison, officer assaults resulted in 139 injuries in 2012 and 86 injuries in 2011.

**Officer Assaults in Oklahoma, 2004-2013**

