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PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty was obtained from the Homicide File. Only sworn officers *feloniously* killed in the line of duty are included. (Sworn officers accidentally killed in the line of duty and non-sworn officers, such as security guards, are excluded.)

Data in Tables N-2 and N-3 show that:

- From 1993 to 2002, there were 62 peace officers killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.2. In 2002, 4 were killed.
- In 2002, all 4 officers killed in the line of duty were killed with handguns belonging to the offenders.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1993-2002

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	62
2002	4
2001	6
2000	2
1999	4
1998	7
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9
1993	8

Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2002
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	4	4	0
Handgun	4	4	0
Other firearms ..	0	0	0

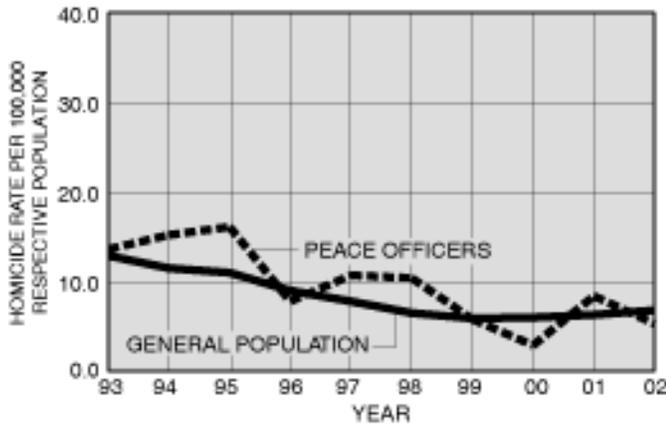
Table N-4
 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2002
 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	4	4	0
White	4	4	0
Hispanic	0	0	0
Black	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 2002, all 4 peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; all 4 were white.

Chart 45
 HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1993-2002
 Homicide Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 37.

When homicide rates for the general population were compared to homicide rates for peace officers killed in the line of duty, it was found that:

In 2002,

- The general population homicide rate was 6.8 per 100,000 respective population. The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was 5.3 per 100,000 respective population.

Comparing 1993 to 2002:

- The general population homicide rate decreased 47.3 percent (12.9 to 6.8). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty decreased 61.0 percent (13.6 to 5.3).

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