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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 1995 to 2004, there were 55 peace officers killed in the line of duty. During this time period, the largest number of deaths occurred in 1995 and the fewest number of deaths occurred in 2000.
- In 2004, 4 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. Of these, 2 peace officers were killed by the offenders' handgun, 1 peace officer was killed by the offender's rifle, and 1 peace officer was killed by the offender using an unknown type of firearm.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1995-2004

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	55
2004	4
2003	6
2002	4
2001	6
2000	2
1999	4
1998	7
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10

Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2004
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	4	4	0
Handgun	2	2	0
Rifle	1	1	0
Unknown firearm	1	1	0

Table N-4
 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2004
 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	4	4	0
White	1	1	0
Hispanic	2	2	0
Black	1	1	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 2004, all 4 peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; 1 was white, 2 were Hispanic, and 1 was black.

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:

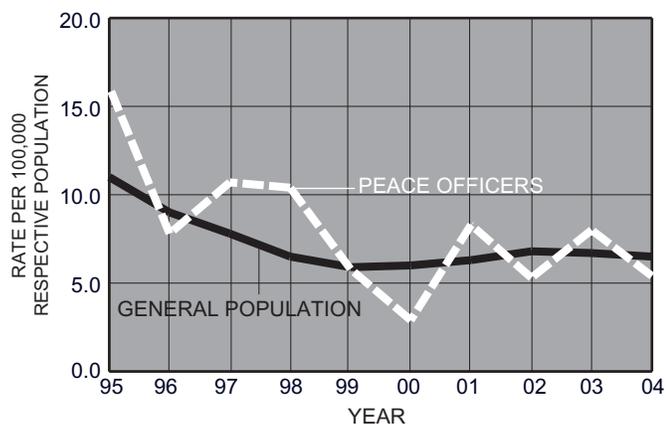
In 2004,

- The general population homicide rate was 6.5 per 100,000 respective population. The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was 5.4 per 100,000 respective population.

Comparing 1995 to 2004:

- The general population homicide rate decreased 40.9 percent (11.0 to 6.5). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty decreased 66.5 percent (16.1 to 5.4).

Figure 47
 HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1995-2004
 Homicide Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 37.