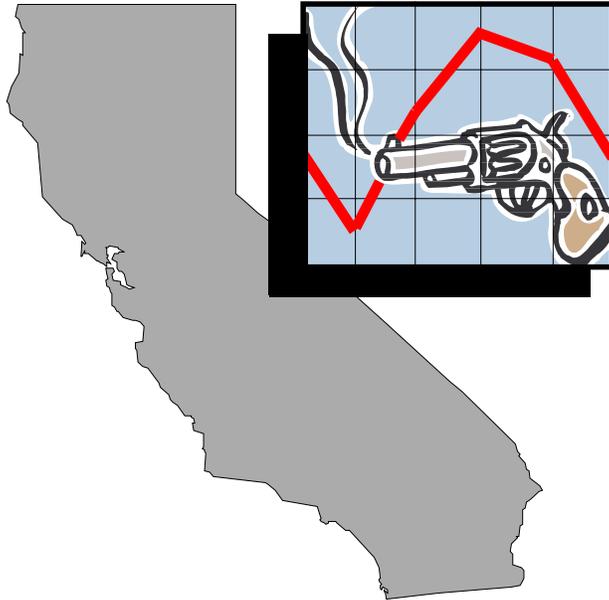


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Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty was obtained from the Homicide File. Only sworn officers feloniously killed in the line of duty are included. (Sworn officers accidentally killed in the line of duty and non-sworn officers,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

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

- In 1997, four peace officers were killed with handguns, two were killed with rifles, and one was killed with a shotgun.
- From 1988-1997, 66 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.6. In 1997, seven were killed.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1988-1997

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	66
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9
1993	8
1992	5
1991	3
1990	5
1989 ^a	5
1988 ^b	9

^a Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

^b Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1997
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	7	7	0
Handgun	4	4	0
Rifle	2	2	0
Shotgun	1	1	0



Table N-4
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1997
Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	7	7	0
White	7	7	0
Hispanic	0	0	0
Black	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 1997, all seven peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; all seven were white.

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