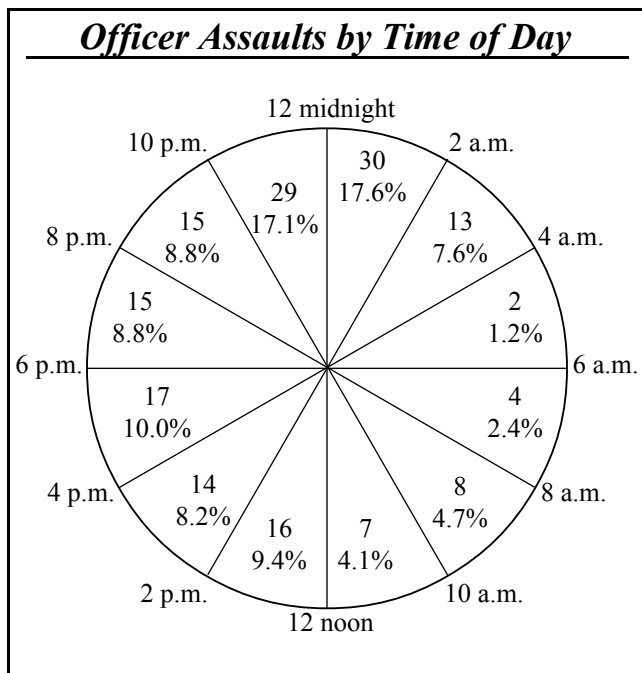


ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The following information is based on a detailed monthly collection of data in the Uniform Crime Reporting system regarding the problem of assaults on municipal, county and state law enforcement officers.

During 2017:

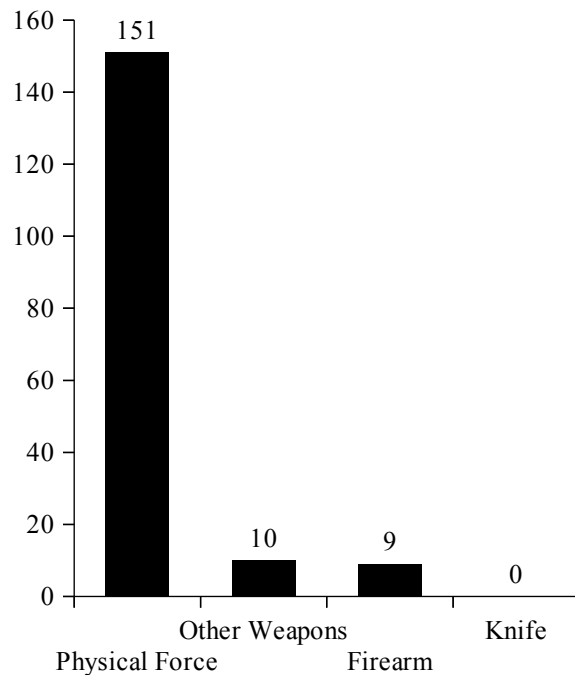
- There were 170 assaults on law enforcement officers, an increase from the 2016 figure of 149.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2017 was 7.4, compared to 6.5 assaults per 100 officers during 2016.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 65, or 38.2% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 88.8% or 151 of the assaults.
- Of the 170 assaults, 24.1% (41) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 75.9% (129) produced no injury.
- 43.5% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (74), 56.5% were directed at assisted officers (96).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (43.5%), with 17.6% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 95.9% (163) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 170 reported assaults on officers, 19 were on sheriff's deputies, 8 were on state police officers, and 143 were on municipal officers.



Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2017 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2016	2017	% Change	
Androscoggin	12	8	-33.3%	4.4
Aroostook	3	10	233.3%	11.4
Cumberland	27	49	81.5%	9.5
Franklin	2	2	—	3.6
Hancock	—	—	—	—
Kennebec	31	30	-3.2%	18.4
Knox	—	—	—	—
Lincoln	4	3	-25.0%	6.7
Oxford	5	1	-80.0%	1.4
Penobscot	20	12	-40.0%	5.5
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	4	9	125.0%	16.1
Somerset	7	4	-42.9%	8.0
Waldo	—	—	—	—
Washington	4	1	-75.0%	3.3
York	30	33	10.0%	10.1
Fire Marshal	—	—	—	—
MDEA	—	—	—	—
State Police	—	8	100.0%	2.4
Totals	149	170	14.1%	7.4

Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2017

Type of Activity	Total Assaults	Type of Weapon				Type of Assignment						Police Assault Cleared	
		Firearm	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapon	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.	Two-Officer Vehicle	One-Officer Vehicle		Detective or Spec. Assign.		Other		
							Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone		Assisted
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	
1a. Responding to disturbance calls, domestic	65	2	—	2	61	3	28	25	1	2	1	5	63
1b. Responding to disturbance calls, all other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	8	—	—	1	7	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	8
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	14	—	—	1	13	3	4	6	—	1	—	—	13
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	4
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	16	—	—	2	14	—	4	10	—	—	1	1	15
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	18	7	—	2	9	—	10	5	2	—	1	—	18
8. Ambush — no warning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Mentally deranged	6	—	—	—	6	—	1	3	—	1	—	1	6
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	14	—	—	1	13	1	7	6	—	—	—	—	14
11. All other	25	—	—	1	24	—	3	16	1	—	2	3	22
12. Totals (1–11)	170	9	—	10	151	7	63	75	5	4	6	10	163
13. Number with personal injury	41	—	—	3	38								
14. Number without personal injury	129	9	—	7	113								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	30	13	2	4	8	7							
P.M.	16	14	17	15	15	29							
		12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00						