



Methodology: Law Enforcement Officers Killed

When an officer is killed in the line of duty, the FBI gathers data about circumstances pertaining to the death. The data come from various sources:

- FBI field offices report line-of-duty deaths of federal, state, county, city, college and university, and tribal enforcement officers that occur in the United States and its outlying areas.
- Federal, state, county, city, college and university, and tribal law enforcement agencies may report line-of-duty deaths that occur in their jurisdictions.

When the FBI receives notification of a line-of-duty death, the staff who review the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) data/information work with FBI field offices to contact the fallen officer's employing agency and request additional details about the fatal incident. The LEOKA staff also obtain criminal history data from the FBI's Interstate Identification Index about individuals who are identified in connection with line-of-duty felonious deaths.