



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.