

Summary

This year 7 law enforcement officers were killed while performing their official duties. Over the 5-year period from 2004 to 2008, a total of 23 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 3,578 assaults on police officers this year, representing a 14.2 percent increase from the 3,132 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers increased to 13.2 from 11.8 last year.

Pittsburgh experienced the highest assault rate (47.6). Statewide, 6 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.