

Deadly Force Incidents (DFI's) at Faith-Based Organizations in the U. S. (includes abductions [& attempts], attacks, suspicious deaths, suicides & deadly force intervention / protection) from 1/1/1999 through 3/31/2018

	NUM	%
TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)	1772	
NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN MURDER	492	27.77%

Total attacks where the primary motive (trigger) was discovered	1377	
Robbery	363	26.36%
Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)	215	15.61%
Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)	189	13.73%
Mental illness	146	10.60%
Gang related (Gang or likely gang related that included drugs are in drugs category). It is reasonable to assume many of the PC & robbery cases were gang-related as well, but are not confirmed	117	8.50%
Bias (against any form of religion, race or people group)	76	5.52%
Drug related	50	3.63%
Random and other (including rare triggers)	221	16.05%

Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)	1840	%
Gun	1061	57.66%
Knife (or other stabbing weapon)	279	15.16%
Auto	114	6.20%
Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)	105	5.71%
Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	281	15.27%

Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)		
Total killed and injured	1605	
Killed	633	39.44%
Injured	972	60.56%
Male victims (killed)	417	65.88%
Female victims (killed)	216	34.12%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	71	11.22%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	334	52.76%

Aggressor Statistics		
Total known (even if no description but sex) aggressors	1813	
Male	1651	91.06%
Female	162	8.94%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	389	21.46%

Total aggressors (including those with no description) and their status	2155	
Suicide	132	6.13%
KIA	69	3.20%
Arrested	1163	53.97%
Unknown or at-large	791	36.71%

Incident Statistics		
Occurred (or began) inside the building	439	25.46%
Occurred (or began) outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location	1285	74.54%
Occurred during event	665	38.28%
Occurred when no event was happening	1072	61.72%
Single attacker	1052	74.40%
Multiple attackers	362	25.60%

Total deadly force incident stats by year		
In column at the right, the first column is number of non-accidental violence caused deaths (Homicide, suicide, unsolved suspicious and aggressors killed in action). The next column is total Deadly Force Incidents	Total Deaths	Total Incidents
1999	22	10

2000	9	6
2001	4	6
2002	11	9
2003	13	9
2004	3	4
2005	19	10
2006	30	27
2007	39	41
2008	50	64
2009	54	108
2010	51	102
2011	52	107
2012	76	139
2013	45	132
2014	74	176
2015	78	249
2016	65	246
2017	118	261
2018 (10 months of data not yet complete)	21	66

**TOTAL DEADLY FORCE DEATHS & INCIDENTS
SINCE 1/01/1999**

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Where attacks occurred by denomination

While there are many branches of "Baptist" (as 1 example), there has been no attempt to clarify specific branches of that or other major denominations. While the "Church of God" may be different from "COGIC", they are in the same category (as another example). I apologize for any offense some may have with such groupings; the intent is to track the frequency of deadly force incidents at faith-based ministries.

Denominational affiliation (some DFI's affected more than 1 site -- i.e. 7/2/2009, 10/29/2010)	Number of incidents	Percentage
Unknown (no data) or unaffiliated (non-denominational)	408	23.0%
Baptist	385	21.7%
Catholic	246	13.9%
Methodist	123	6.9%
Lutheran	65	3.7%

Presbyterian	63	3.6%
Parachurch organizations or school	49	2.8%
Church of God / COGIC	48	2.7%
Church of Christ	46	2.6%
Mormon (LDS)	45	2.5%
Islamic	36	2.0%
Episcopal	35	2.0%
Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.	30	1.7%
Christian Church (the denomination)	26	1.5%
Pentecostal	28	1.6%
Jewish	22	1.2%
Assembly of God	21	1.2%
Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)	14	0.8%
Nazarene	12	0.7%
7th Day Adventist	13	0.7%
Unitarian	7	0.4%
Buddhist	6	0.3%
Jehovah's Witness	5	0.3%
Foursquare	5	0.3%
Evangelical Free	3	0.2%
Scientology	2	0.1%
Other	24	1.4%