

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 12/31/2019

	NUM	%
TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)	2183	
NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN MURDER	581	26.61%

Total attacks where the primary motive (trigger) was discovered	1771	
Robbery	437	24.68%
Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)	253	14.29%
Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)	247	13.95%
Mental illness	176	9.94%
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	127	7.17%
Bias (against any form of religion, race or people group)	90	5.08%
Drug related	61	3.44%
Random and other (including rare triggers)	380	21.46%

THE BIG 3 (ROBBERY, DOMESTIC AND PERSONAL CONFLICT)	937	52.91%
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Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)	2280	%
Gun	1291	56.62%
Knife (or other stabbing weapon)	348	15.26%
Auto	151	6.62%

Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)	131	5.75%
Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	359	15.75%

Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)		
Total killed and injured	1883	
Killed	734	38.98%
Injured	1149	61.02%
Male victims (killed)	490	66.76%
Female victims (killed)	243	33.11%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	86	11.72%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	364	49.59%

Aggressor Statistics		
Total known (even if no description but sex) aggressors	2201	
Male	2005	91.09%
Female	196	8.91%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	433	19.67%

Total aggressors (including those with no description) and their status	2639	
Suicide	152	5.76%
KIA	90	3.41%
Arrested	1442	54.64%
Unknown or at-large	955	36.19%

Incident Statistics		
Occurred (or began) inside the building	515	24.29%
Occurred (or began) outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location	1605	75.71%
Occurred during event	806	38.40%
Occurred when no event was happening	1293	61.60%
Single attacker	1323	75.51%
Multiple attackers	429	24.49%

Total deadly force incident stats by year
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In columns 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	77	139
2013	45	132
2014	74	176
2015	78	249
2016	65	246
2017	118	261
2018	88	261
2019	74	216

**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)	469	21.4%
Baptist	461	21.1%
Catholic	302	13.8%
Methodist	166	7.6%
Lutheran	81	3.7%
Presbyterian	73	3.3%
Church of Christ	70	3.2%
Parachurch organizations or school	58	2.7%
Church of God / COGIC	57	2.6%
Mormon (LDS)	55	2.5%
Islamic	46	2.1%
Episcopal	46	2.1%
Pentecostal	42	1.9%
Christian Church (the denomination)	42	1.9%
Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.	37	1.7%
Jewish	35	1.6%
Assembly of God	29	1.3%
7th Day Adventist	19	0.9%
Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)	16	0.7%
Nazarene	15	0.7%
Unitarian	8	0.4%
Buddhist	8	0.4%
Jehovah's Witness	6	0.3%
Evangelical Free	6	0.3%
Foursquare	5	0.2%
Scientology	3	0.1%
Other	28	1.3%