

**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 12/31/2017**

	NUM	%
<b>TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)</b>	<b>1705</b>	
<b>NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN MURDER</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>28.04%</b>
<b>Total attacks where the motive (triggers) was discovered</b>	<b>1294</b>	
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>25.97%</b>
<b>Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>15.92%</b>
<b>Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>13.68%</b>
<b>Mental illness</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>10.97%</b>
<b>Gang related (Gang or likely gang related that included drugs are in drugs category). It is reasonable to assume many of the PC &amp; robbery cases were gang-related as well, but are not confirmed</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>8.89%</b>
<b>Religious Bias (against any form of religion)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5.87%</b>
<b>Drug related</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3.55%</b>
<b>Random and other (including rare triggers)</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>15.15%</b>
<b>Number of DFI's occurring based upon the TOP 3 known single issue triggers -- (Domestic Violence, Personal conflict and robbery)</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>55.56%</b>
<b>Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)</b>	<b>1739</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Gun</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>57.22%</b>
<b>Knife (or other stabbing weapon)</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>15.30%</b>
<b>Auto</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>6.10%</b>
<b>Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>5.23%</b>

Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	281	16.16%
<b>Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)</b>		
<b>Total killed and injured</b>	<b>1559</b>	
Killed	616	39.51%
Injured	943	60.49%
Male victims (killed)	404	65.58%
Female victims (killed)	212	34.42%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	68	11.04%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	328	53.25%
<b>Aggressor Statistics</b>		
<b>Total known (even if known only by description) aggressors</b>	<b>1702</b>	
Male	1551	91.13%
Female	151	8.87%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	369	21.68%
<b>Incident Statistics</b>		
Occurred inside the building	424	25.90%
Occurred outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location	1213	74.10%
Occurred during event	636	38.62%
Occurred when no event was happening	1011	61.38%
Single attacker	990	74.38%
Multiple attackers	341	25.62%
<b>Total deadly force incident stats by year</b>		
<b>Year NOTE: As more and more news media began to use the internet for posting news, the stories became much more discoverable year by year until 2009 when most all news media outlets were using the internet. So incident rates prior to 2009 are due largely to the increased availability of information. However there is an unmistakable increase in incidents. Prior to 1963 there had never been a mass murder (4 or more dead from any one attack) associated with a faith-based property. Sutherland Springs, TX (11/5/17) was the 14th such attack since 9/15/1963</b>	<b>Total non accidental deaths (Homicide, suicide, unsolved suspicious and aggressors killed in action)</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
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	77	248
2016	65	246
2017	118	261

<b>TOTAL DEADLY FORCE DEATHS &amp; INCIDENTS SINCE 1/01/1999</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1705</b>
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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.**

<b>Denominational affiliation (some DFI's affected more than 1 site -- i.e. 7/2/2009, 10/29/2010)</b>	<b>Number of incidents</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Unknown and unaffiliated</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>Baptist</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>21.9%</b>
<b>Catholic</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
<b>Methodist</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>Lutheran</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Parachurch organizations or school</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

<b>Church of God / COGIC</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>Mormon (LDS)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>Church of Christ</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>Islamic</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>Episcopal</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Christian Church (the denomination)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Pentecostal</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Jewish</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Assembly of God</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Nazarene</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>7th Day Adventist</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>Unitarian</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Buddhist</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Jehovah's Witness</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Foursquare</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Evangelical Free</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Scientology</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1.4%</b>