

**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 8/30/17**

	NUM	%
TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)	1617	
NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN DEATH OF VICTIMS (HOMICIDE)	453	28.01%
Total attacks where the motive (triggers) was discovered	1252	
Robbery	323	25.80%
Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)	203	16.21%
Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)	169	13.50%
Mental illness	141	11.26%
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	112	8.95%
Religious Bias (against any form of religion)	75	5.99%
Drug related	42	3.35%
Random and other (including rare triggers)	187	14.94%
Number of DFI's occurring based upon the TOP 3 known single issue triggers -- (Domestic Violence, Personal conflict and robbery)	695	55.51%
Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)	1676	%
Gun	954	56.92%
Knife (or other stabbing weapon)	260	15.51%
Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)	90	5.37%
Auto	97	5.79%
Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	275	16.41%
Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)		

Total killed and injured	1466	
Killed	574	39.15%
Injured	892	60.85%
Male victims (killed)	387	67.42%
Female victims (killed)	187	32.58%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	57	9.93%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	297	51.74%
Aggressor Statistics		
Total known (even if known only by description) aggressors	1647	
Male	1500	91.07%
Female	147	8.93%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	358	21.74%
Incident Statistics		
Occurred inside the building	425	26.86%
Occurred outside on ministry property or activity location	1157	73.14%
Occurred during event	615	38.78%
Occurred when no event was happening	971	61.22%
Single attacker	955	74.32%
Multiple attackers	330	25.68%
Total deadly force incident stats by year		
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. Charleston SC (6/17/2015) was the 13th such attack since 9/15/1963	Total non-accidental deaths (Homicide, suicide, unsolved suspicious and aggressors killed in	Total Incidents
1999	22	10
2000	9	6
2001	4	6
2002	11	9
2003	12	9
2004	3	4

2005	19	10
2006	30	27
2007	39	41
2008	50	64
2009	54	108
2010	51	102
2011	51	107
2012	76	139
2013	45	132
2014	74	176
2015	77	248
2016	65	246
2017	67	173

TOTAL DEADLY FORCE DEATHS & INCIDENTS SINCE 1/01/1999	759	1617
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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
Non-denominational (includes those of unknown affiliation)	370	22.9%
Baptist	345	21.4%
Catholic	230	14.3%
Methodist	114	7.1%
Lutheran	62	3.8%
Presbyterian	55	3.4%
Parachurch organizations or school	45	2.8%
Church of God / COGIC	44	2.7%
Mormon (LDS)	43	2.7%
Church of Christ	41	2.5%
Islamic	33	2.0%
Episcopal	32	2.0%
Christian Church (the denomination)	25	1.5%

Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.	25	1.5%
Pentecostal	23	1.4%
Jewish	22	1.4%
Assembly of God	20	1.2%
Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)	14	0.9%
Nazarene	11	0.7%
7th Day Adventist	9	0.6%
Unitarian	6	0.4%
Buddhist	6	0.4%
Jehovah's Witness	5	0.3%
Foursquare	5	0.3%
Evangelical Free	3	0.2%
Scientology	2	0.1%
Other	20	1.2%