

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 12/15/2017

	NUM	%
TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)	1691	
NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN DEATH OF VICTIMS (HOMICIDE)	477	28.21%
Total attacks where the motive (triggers) was discovered	1291	
Robbery	335	25.95%
Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)	207	16.03%
Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)	176	13.63%
Mental illness	142	11.00%
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	115	8.91%
Religious Bias (against any form of religion)	76	5.89%
Drug related	46	3.56%
Random and other (including rare triggers)	194	15.03%
Number of DFI's occurring based upon the TOP 3 known single issue triggers -- (Domestic Violence, Personal conflict and robbery)	718	55.62%
Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)	1737	%
Gun	996	57.34%
Knife (or other stabbing weapon)	267	15.37%
Auto	105	6.04%
Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)	91	5.24%
Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	278	16.00%

Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)		
Total killed and injured	1556	
Killed	616	39.59%
Injured	940	60.41%
Male victims (killed)	406	65.91%
Female victims (killed)	208	33.77%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	63	10.23%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	328	53.25%
Aggressor Statistics		
Total known (even if known only by description) aggressors	1692	
Male	1541	91.08%
Female	151	8.92%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	370	21.87%
Incident Statistics		
Occurred inside the building	425	25.98%
Occurred outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location	1211	74.02%
Occurred during event	636	38.66%
Occurred when no event was happening	1009	61.34%
Single attacker	989	74.59%
Multiple attackers	337	25.41%
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. Sutherland Springs, TX (11/5/17) was the 14th 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	52	107
2012	76	139
2013	45	132
2014	74	176
2015	77	248
2016	65	246
2017	117	247
TOTAL DEADLY FORCE DEATHS & INCIDENTS SINCE 1/01/1999	810	1691

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 and unaffiliated	383	22.9%
Baptist	366	21.9%
Catholic	235	14.0%
Methodist	115	6.9%
Lutheran	64	3.8%
Presbyterian	60	3.6%
Parachurch organizations or school	46	2.7%
Church of God / COGIC	45	2.7%
Mormon (LDS)	43	2.6%
Church of Christ	43	2.6%
Islamic	34	2.0%

Episcopal	32	1.9%
Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.	26	1.6%
Christian Church (the denomination)	25	1.5%
Pentecostal	24	1.4%
Jewish	22	1.3%
Assembly of God	21	1.3%
Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)	14	0.8%
Nazarene	11	0.7%
7th Day Adventist	11	0.7%
Unitarian	7	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	23	1.4%