



Section 4

Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted

Officers Killed in 1998

Madison County Sheriff Ralph Baker, 59, drowned when his patrol vehicle was swept off a low water bridge as he was conducting a stolen vehicle investigation.

Sergeant Otis Love, Jr., 58, and Officer Bobby Watson, 44, of the Sheridan Police Department, were killed in a traffic accident on February 8. They were struck by an oncoming vehicle as the patrol car was attempting to make a u-turn.

Bald Knob Constable Jonathan Ziegler, 55, was killed in an automobile accident on March 19, while responding to a medical emergency. His patrol unit collided with another patrol vehicle responding to the same call.

Captain Richard Wyssbrod, 44, of the Helena Police Department, was shot and killed on June 30 while handling a domestic disturbance.

Decatur Town Marshall Richard Duncan, 56, was killed on August 13 in an automobile accident.

State Police Corporal Johnny Scarberough, 52, was killed on September 2 while conducting a traffic stop. His vehicle was struck from behind by a semi-tractor trailer which left the roadway.

Officers Killed Feloniously

Year	Officers Killed	Offenses Cleared
1987	0	0
1988	2	2
1989	0	0
1990	0	0
1991	2	2
1992	2	2
1993	3	3
1994	0	0
1995	3	3
1996	1	1
1997	3	3
1998	1	1

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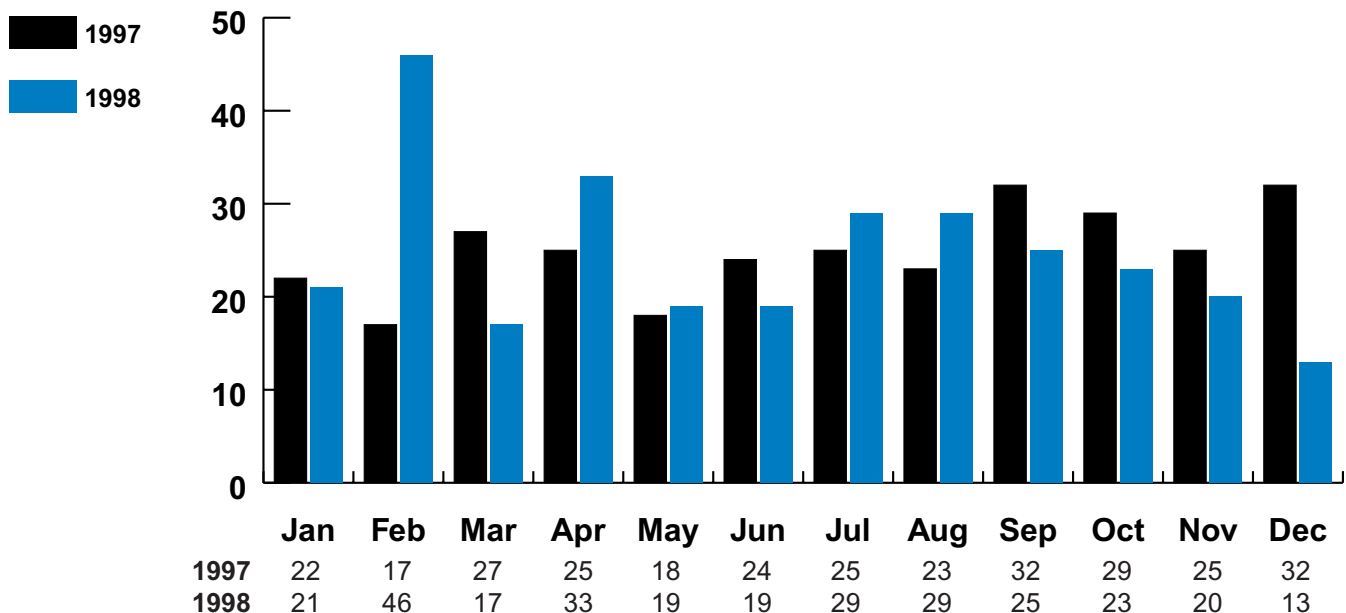
Trend

Year	Number of Assaults	Percent Change	Number of Clearances	Percent Cleared
1993	399	3.4%	356	89.2%
1994	371	-7.0%	343	92.5%
1995	416	12.1%	379	91.1%
1996	313	-24.8%	296	94.6%
1997	299	-4.5%	275	92.0%
1998	294	-1.7%	241	82.0%

Injuries to Officers

Status	Number Assaulted	Percent Distribution
Injuries	146	49.7%
No Injuries	148	50.3%
Total	294	100.0%

Officers Assaulted by Month 1997 - 1998



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Police Activity at Time of Assault

Activity Type	Number Assaulted	Percent Distribution
Disturbance Call	83	28.2%
Burglary in Progress, Pursuit	2	0.7%
Robbery in Progress, Pursuit	5	1.7%
Attempting Other Arrests	76	25.9%
Civil Disorder	1	0.3%
Handling Transporting, Custody of Prisoners	26	8.8%
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	20	6.8%
Ambush - No Warning	0	0.0%
Mentally Deranged	8	2.7%
Traffic Pursuits and Stops	46	15.6%
All Other	27	9.2%
Total	294	100%

Assignment of Officers Assaulted

Activity Type	Number Assaulted	Percent Distribution
Two-man Vehicle	40	13.6%
One-man Vehicle		
Alone	76	25.9%
Assisted	94	32.0%
Detective/Special Assignment		
Alone	4	1.4%
Assisted	43	14.6%
Other		
Alone	8	2.7%
Assisted	29	9.9%
Total	294	100.0%

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Time of Assault

Time of Day 0000 - 2400 Hours	Number Assaulted	Percent Distribution
0001 - 0200	34	11.6%
0201 - 0400	23	7.8%
0401 - 0600	7	2.4%
0601 - 0800	21	7.1%
0801 - 1000	8	2.7%
1001 - 1200	13	4.4%
1201 - 1400	20	6.8%
1401 - 1600	21	7.1%
1600 - 1800	26	8.8%
1801 - 2000	36	12.2%
2001 - 2200	46	15.6%
2201 - 2400	39	13.3%
Total	294	100.0%

Weapons Used In Assaults Upon Officers

