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Law enforcement officers are required to ensure safety to all individuals anytime and everywhere. Therefore, for a person to enroll to be a police officer, they must have morals, as the work requires demanding responsibilities. Law enforcement officers have to serve other people. Moreover, the primary duties of police officers include protecting individuals and property at all times; however, other functions of law enforcement officers are to respond to emergency calls, controlling traffic, and arresting violators. Additionally, police officers are also called to the courts irregularly to attest about a situation they witnessed or held. However, the work is faced with a lot of risks and challenging factors than any other job; for instance, they spend more of their time working dealing with criminals and different hostile situations. Therefore, this paper will research on the circumstances that the victim law enforcement officers encounter on arrival at the occurrence of the scene from data provided in 2018.

According to the FBI (2018), the total number of officers who died in wounds during felonious occurrences has risen to fifty-five from 2017. Although the deaths did not occur in one region alone, it was distributed among different states. Law enforcement officers should be committed to serve the people and ensure they are safe no matter the situation they encounter. Therefore, the majority of the officer died while in the line of duty. However, for the law enforcement officers to be counted in the report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, they must have passed through several criteria.

The criteria involve that the law enforcement officers must have several things during the situation or at the time of the incident, the officers should have badges which designate an achievement, a sign of authority approved by taking an oath and a symbol of authentic employment. The badge will ensure the Federal bureau of investigation agency recognize that

the victim individual is a law enforcement officer and hence getting the correct information (FBI, 2018). The second thing the individual must have is a firearm because every law enforcement officer is provided with a gun. Thirdly is to be an affiliate of the law enforcement agency, and finally, the person was killed or died from wounds conventional associated with the occurrence.

Twenty-three law enforcement officers died while performing investigations or enforcement activities. Of the twenty-three law enforcement officers, eight of them were directly involved in investigation work. Several crimes scene and criminal activities do happen without the parties involved being identified. Therefore it is the work of the law enforcement officers from the investigation department to commence their task by using features and things left in the crime scene to identify the criminals. The investigation process is always a very critical task because it involves a subsequent development of tasks from collecting evidence, analyzing the evidence collected such as data and equipment from the scene to development of relevant information that can be believable since it is gathered from facts (Heinonen & Ellonen, 2016). The information developed can then lead to arrest and charge of the suspected criminals. Data and equipment collected from the scene of crime can be either fingerprint, forensic, or photographs. The officers involved in an investigation may be murdered when criminals identify them because they are part of the threat.

Moreover, law enforcement officers are also involved in critical investigating situations regarding suspicious severe criminals. For instance, an officer may be assigned a duty to investigate a suspected criminal so that they can get evidence of the activity the person is involved in and provide it to court for the person can pay for the mistakes done to the citizens. But, during the process of investigation, the officer is identified and gets killed so that they cannot testify or provide the information they have gathered. In 2017, three officers died while

inspecting suspicious individuals (FBI, 2018). However, other law enforcement officers are found cooperating with wanted individuals. Although the law has set clear how law enforcement officials have to behave in public by following their moral and ethical responsibilities, some officers do not adhere to the requirements and their moral values, hence interacting and working with the criminals. Criminals always provide a remarkable gift to the law enforcement officer to provide them with secrets from the law enforcement agency and thus making them more durable.

Criminals perform their activities with extreme keenness, and whenever they notice any threat to them, they can kill since it is their life at stake. Thus, law enforcement officers can be killed in the process of responding to crime in progress. Crimes are of different categories, and it is challenging for the officers to counter-attack the criminal because they do not easily realize the kind of weapon the criminals have and thus ending up being killed by the criminals (Hess et al., 2016). For instance, in 2018, four law enforcement individuals died when responding to crimes. Officers are required to serve people and when a crime is reported, they are mandated to arrive in the scene as fast as possible to reduce effects that might be caused by the criminals such as killing individuals or theft of property.

In summation, the work of law enforcement officers requires individuals who are committed to their responsibilities of serving other people. Their work always involves risky situations of dealing with criminals to ensure citizens are safe. For that reason, there are several circumstances that officers may be attacked leading to death. Law enforcement officers are required always to have their badges and a firearm when going towards a crime scene. Moreover, officers under investigation should perform their work with extreme carefulness as they may be hijacked and killed by the involved criminals.

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