

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**1110-0006**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR ASSAULTED**

A. Justification.

1. Necessity of Information Collection

In 1930, under Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code, *Acquisition, Preservation, and Exchange of Identification Records; Appointment of Officials*, the FBI was designated by the Attorney General to acquire, collect, classify, and preserve national data on criminal offenses as part of the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). As part of the UCR Program, the FBI is required to collect data about law enforcement officers feloniously and accidentally killed and officers assaulted in the line of duty.

The 1-705 Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA) form supplies the national UCR Program with a monthly count on line of duty felonious or accidental officer killings and information on officer assaults. The LEOKA form assault data identifies the type of activity in which the officer was engaged in at the time of the assault, the type of weapon, the type of assignment, the time of the assault, whether the assault was with or without injury, and the number of officer assaults cleared.

The LEOKA form is received from city, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the country. For over 40 years, the FBI has maintained a database and served as the national clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of law enforcement officers killed and assaulted statistics for the Nation, by region, by state, and by agency. Collection of officer assault data on this form allows for quality control measures to be applied uniformly, ultimately resulting in the release of data in the annual *LEOKA* publication. This publication serves as a rich source of annual, as well as 5 and 10 year data on officer deaths and assaults.

The following serve in an advisory capacity to the FBI's UCR Program: Criminal Justice Information Systems Committees of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Sheriffs' Association; Advisory Policy Board; and the Association of State Uniform Crime Reporting Programs.

A revision of this currently approved collection is requested in addition to a 3-year extension.

The revisions on the existing form are:

1. Adjust the Rev. date to 10-10-06,  
Delete, Form Approved,  
Replace with OMB No. 1110-0006  
Under the OMB No., insert Expires 2-29-10

2. First paragraph should be deleted and under the title, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR ASSAULTED, the following should appear:

This report is authorized by law Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code. Your cooperation in using this form to report the number of your officers who were killed or assaulted in the line of duty during the month will assist the FBI in compiling timely, comprehensive, and accurate data. Please submit this report, by the seventh day after the close of the month, and any questions to the FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Attention: Uniform Crime Reports/Module E-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306; telephone 304-625-4830, facsimile 304-625-3566. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, you are not required to complete this form unless it contains a valid OMB control number. The form takes approximately 7 minutes to complete. Instructions for preparing the form are on the reverse side. Additional information on officers who were assaulted and injured with a firearm or a knife or other cutting instrument will be requested on a separate questionnaire, *Analysis of Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*.

3. #9, Delete Mentally deranged, and replace with Handling persons with mental illness

4. In the DO NOT WRITE HERE box, delete Punched and replace with Entered.

## 2. Needs and Uses

The LEOKA form is necessary in order that law enforcement agencies can report officer assaults if reporting data on hard copy. Law enforcement data are used only for research and statistical purposes. The national UCR Program is able to generate reliable information on law enforcement officers killed and assaulted in the line of duty. The law enforcement community in general and training centers specializing in law enforcement use the *LEOKA* publication as a tool to develop training initiatives that support officer safety. In addition, members of city, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement organizations use this publication as part of their research, as do governmental offices, special interest groups, academe, and all who are concerned about the men and women who serve in law enforcement. Examples of other agencies uses are:

- a. Law enforcement agencies and training academies request LEOKA information to incorporate in law enforcement training programs.
- b. City, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies request LEOKA information to perform research on specific topics of interest, i.e., use of body

armor, weapon information, etc.

- c. Local, state, and national legislators request LEOKA information.
- d. The White House is supplied LEOKA information on a monthly basis to be used for condolence purposes.
- e. Special interest groups, media, and academe request LEOKA information for research.

### 3. Use of Information Technology

Currently, 57 percent of participating law enforcement agencies submit monthly LEOKA data electronically. Electronic submissions are received via magnetic media and/or Law Enforcement Online, (LEO) e-mail ucrstat@leo.gov. Of the 57 percent, 36 percent are received via LEO. The ability of agency participants (state UCR Programs/Direct Contributors) to transmit monthly data via the LEO has eliminated the need for participants to mail magnetic media or hard copy reports to the FBI.

### 4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

This information collection was authorized in direct response to the enactment of Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code. The FBI is the only agency collecting extensive data on law enforcement officers killed and assaulted in the line of duty.

### 5. Minimizing Burden on Small Businesses

This information will have no significant impact on small entities. No small business will be affected by this collection.

### 6. Consequences of Not Conducting or Less Frequent Collection

An accounting of law enforcement officers killed and assaulted in the line of duty is reported monthly for each participating UCR Program contributor. The law enforcement community has an ever-increasing need for timely and accurate data for a variety of purposes. The tabular data maintained on felonious deaths, accidental deaths, and assaults on officers can further assist the law enforcement community in possibly reducing officer deaths/assaults.

### 7. Special Circumstances

All summary and incident-based data are collected/received from Program participants on a monthly basis. The FBI's UCR Program has established various time frames and deadlines for acquiring the monthly data. Monthly reports/submissions should be received by the FBI by the seventh day after the close of each month. Annual deadlines are also designated in order to collect/assess receipt of monthly submissions. There are times when special circumstances may cause an agency to request an extension. The FBI's UCR Program has the authority to grant these extensions. Participation in the national UCR Program is voluntary.

8. Public Comments and Consultations

This information collection, as part of the FBI's UCR Program, has been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board. These organizations represent the information collection's respondents and provide valuable feedback on the UCR data collection, usage, and UCR policy. These organizations foster widespread and responsible use of uniform crime statistics and lend assistance to contributors when needed. The 60 and 30 day notice have been published in the Federal Register and no comments were received.

9. Provision of Payments or Gifts to Respondents

The FBI's UCR Program does not provide any payment or gift to respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

This information collection monitors the number of law enforcement officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty. The LEOKA data does not contain information that may reveal the identity of an individual.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

The LEOKA form does not collect information of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate of Respondent's Burden

The estimated cost of the respondent's burden for this data collection is as follows:

Number of respondents	17,456
Frequency of responses	12 times per year
Total annual responses	209,472



document. However, there would be associated costs to prepare the web-based document; costs are not yet available for inclusion in this justification.

a. Processing costs by staff	\$ 209,480
b. Data collection and processing costs	\$ 542,714
e. Total cost to federal government	\$ 752,194

15. Reason for Change in Burden

There is no increase in burden on the individual respondents; however, the overall annual burden hours have decreased. This is an adjustment, a decrease from 24,115 to 20,448 which is a decrease of 3,667 due to the reduction in the number of respondents reporting on hard copy.

16. Anticipated Publication Plan and Schedule

Published data are derived from data submissions furnished to the FBI from local, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the country. National, regional, state, and agency data are published in the annual edition of *LEOKA*.

Request for missing Jan-Jun data	August and September
Request for missing 12 month data	February and March, following year
Deadline to submit data	mid-March
Data processing/analysis	July-June
Publication of data	<i>LEOKA</i> /October of following year

17. Display of Expiration Date

All information collected under this clearance will display the OMB Clearance Number. Any *LEOKA* form disseminated from the FBI's UCR Program will include the OMB clearance number.

18. Exception to the Certification Statement

The FBI's CJIS Division does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

The CJIS Division does not employ statistical methods when collecting this information.