

**Question for written answer E-000718/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Attacks on women in uniform (police and fire officers)

Against the background of the drive for gender equality, the Commission no doubt welcomes the recruitment of women to the Member State police forces and fire brigades.

However, women in uniform are regularly the targets of abuse by men or groups of men.

In recent years, the number of attacks against men and women in uniform has increased steadily. In Strasbourg, at the turn of the year, groups of migrants set large numbers of cars on fire and fire officers arriving to tackle the blazes were attacked.

Unfortunately, the European Parliamentary Research Service can provide no EU-wide figures on the number of attacks against uniform wearers, much less on the sex of the victims or the origins of the perpetrators.

1. Is the Commission endeavouring to compile more accurate EU-wide statistics on attacks against uniform wearers?
2. How can careers with the police or fire brigade be made more attractive if women in these professions are particularly likely to be the victims of violent crime and if women can, for example, only go out on patrol accompanied by a man?
3. Does the Commission acknowledge migration from North Africa and Arab countries as a reason for the increasing levels of violence against uniform wearers and the lack of respect they are shown?

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