In an attempt to better understand the prevalence and circumstances of domestic violence fatalities in Ohio, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network reviewed media reports identified by staff members or local member programs. Fatalities included targeted victims, perpetrators, and others at incidents involving intimate partner relationships.

OF CASES INVOLVED A SUICIDE

32%

COMPLETED HOMICIDE/SUICIDES WERE PERPETRATED BY MALES

ALL

4 ATTACKERS WERE KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

24 OF 25 HOMICIDE/SUICIDES WERE PERPETRATED AGAINST FEMALE VICTIMS

OF FATAL INCIDENTS INVOLVED GUNS*

86%

PEOPLE WERE INJURED OR KILLED BY GUNS

100% OF HOMICIDE/SUICIDE CASES INVOLVED GUNS*

116

FATALITIES IN 84 CASES

98 FATALITIES WERE CAUSED BY GUNS*

176

PEOPLE WERE INJURED OR KILLED BY GUNS

23% OF CASES INVOLVED CHILDREN AT THE SCENE

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS SHOT AND SAW HIS GRANDFATHER KILL HIS GRANDMOTHER

1

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KILLED BY A PERPETRATOR

PREGNANCIES LOST TO HOMICIDES

1

INFANT SON WAS HELD HOSTAGE BUT RESCUED BY SWAT

1

AMBER ALERTS ISSUED FOR CHILDREN ABDUCTED FROM MURDERED MOTHERS

2

OF CASES REQUIRED SWAT RESPONSE

OF FATAL INCIDENTS INVOLVED GUNS*

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*Excludes use of law enforcement firearms.
Remember these losses, strive to understand the issue, and support advances toward long-term solutions.

ODVN will be working with legislators, domestic violence programs, public officials and others to design more effective responses that can prevent these tragedies.

83 CASES REVIEWED

MULTIPLE FATALITIES

- 27 cases involved multiple fatalities.

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIP

- 1 case involved a same sex relationship.

3RD PARTY FATALITIES

- 19 fatalities were 3rd parties to an intimate relationship.

KILLED BY 3RD PARTY

- 6 attackers were killed by a 3rd party.

"We will never be the same."

—Sister of a murdered woman recounting the murder scene with victim’s children present

SOCIAL NETWORKING WAS CENTRAL TO HOMICIDE EVENTS IN AT LEAST THREE CASES.

- Facebook status update by 23-year-old victim, one day before she was killed by ex-boyfriend.

AN ADDITIONAL 33 CASES OF FATAL FAMILY VIOLENCE WERE REVIEWED, BUT ISOLATED FROM INTIMATE PARTNER CASES.

- 42 family members died, including 10 children

  - Four children, ages 12-14, killed their parents or caregiver.

Incidents occurred in homes, workplaces, public spaces and roadsides.

In a Relationship

—Facebook status update by 23-year-old victim, one day before she was killed by ex-boyfriend.