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.

30% of cases involved a suicide.

101 fatalities in 69 cases.

94% of homicide/suicide cases involved guns.*

80 people were shot.*

70 fatalities were caused by guns.*

74% of fatal incidents involved guns.*

15 of 17 perpetrated against female victims.

12% of cases involved children at scene.

25% of cases involved children at scene.

ALL completed homicide/suicides were perpetrated by males.

8 suspected attackers were killed by law enforcement.

2 law enforcement officers killed by perpetrators.

2 law enforcement officers were shot but survived.

12% of cases involved children at scene.

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*Excludes use of law enforcement firearms.
“Ugh, I feel so vulnerable right now.”
—text from homicide victim immediately prior to being shot by estranged husband.

“He’s in here killing us!”
—cries from a young girl fatally stabbed with her mother and sister.

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.