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.

- **32%** of cases involved a suicide.
- **86%** of fatal incidents involved guns*.
- **4** attackers were killed by law enforcement.
- **24 of 25** homicide/suicides were perpetrated against female victims.
- **116** fatalities in **84** cases.
- **100%** of homicide/suicide cases involved guns*.
- **1** law enforcement officer killed by a perpetrator.
- **10%** of cases required SWAT response.
- **23%** of cases involved children at the scene.
- **1** seventeen-year-old boy was shot and saw his grandfather kill his grandmother.
- **2** amber alerts issued for children abducted from murdered mothers.
- **1** three-year-old rescued by a friend as they fled a multiple homicide scene.
- **2** pregnancies lost to homicides.
- **1** infant son was held hostage but rescued by SWAT.

*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.