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.

38% of cases involved suicide.

109 fatalities in 77 cases:
- 71 deceased victims
- 38 deceased perpetrators

(55 female fatalities; 54 male fatalities)

1 law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty by a batterer.

4 young victims were killed, including two 2-year-old girls, a six-year-old boy, and a 17-year-old girl.

18% of cases involved children at the scene.

88 people were killed or injured by guns.

The oldest victim was an 82-year-old man.

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In at least 70% of fatalities, the deceased were killed by guns, excluding shootings by law enforcement.

In at least 22 cases, there was both a homicide and a suicide.

At least 20 perpetrators had previously been charged with or convicted of domestic violence prior to the fatal incident.

8 cases required SWAT or a strategic response team action from law enforcement.

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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.