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**2022**

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**JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

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- **91% OF FATALITIES, THE DECEASED WERE KILLED BY GUNS, 90 PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR INJURED BY GUNS**
- **35% OF CASES INVOLVED CHILDREN AT THE SCENE**
- **22 CHILDREN WERE KILLED LAST YEAR—THE MOST EVER; SIX OF THE VICTIMS WERE JUST BABIES**
- **IN 22 CASES, THERE WAS BOTH A HOMICIDE AND A SUICIDE**
- **25.6% OF CASES INVOLVED VICTIMS WHO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT TO POLICE**
- **6 CASES REQUIRED SWAT OR A STRATEGIC RESPONSE TEAM ACTION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- **FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, NO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY A BATTERER**
- **42% OF CASES INVOLVED PERPETRATOR SUICIDE**
- **THERE WERE 66 MALE PERPETRATORS AND 6 FEMALE PERPETRATORS**
- **82.4% OF THE HOMICIDES WERE COMMITTED IN A HOME**
- **THE YOUNGEST VICTIM WAS A 1-DAY-OLD BABY; THE OLDEST VICTIM WAS AN 90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN**
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In 2021:
- Average cost to provide shelter per survivor was $4,130
- On average, nearly 1 in 5 survivors are turned away every day.
- By providing shelter, ODVN member programs together saved Ohio communities more than $32 million in short-term costs associated with medical care, property damage, law enforcement, emergency response, child protective services, legal fees, and loss of life including end-of-life expenses.

How Ohio Compares—On a per-capita basis, Ohio is LAST in funding domestic violence services compared to all surrounding funded states.

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*If the DV line item were increased to $20 million in SFY22-23, Ohio’s per capita DV spending rate would be 85 cents.

To successfully accommodate 100% of survivors seeking shelter, ODVN programs would need at least $23.6 million².

**We are requesting $20 million in the next state operating budget to support services for survivors.**

“We’ve had survivors say, ‘I would have never left if it weren’t for you guys. I wouldn’t even be alive. My kids wouldn’t be alive.’”

- Shelter Staff Member

1In spring 2022, ODVN engaged a third-party research firm, Measurement Resources Company (MRC), to calculate the impact and estimated social return on investment (ESROI) of domestic violence shelters. For more information, see Social Return on Investment 2021.

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