



FY 2016 FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2017 PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	FY 2017 NVPN'S REQUEST
\$16 M	\$23.5 M	\$25.0 M

NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM (NVDRS)

Violent deaths are a serious public health problem in the United States.

- Every hour, nearly six Americans die from violence-related injuries and **a total of 57,000** people die by homicide and suicide annually.
- Violent deaths in the US **cost \$77 billion** in annual medical and work-related costs.
- U.S. males aged 15-19 **are five times more likely** to die from violence than those in other OECD countries.

Data to inform policy: *Violent deaths are preventable.* To obtain the data necessary to track violent deaths and eventually develop prevention strategies, CDC administers the NVDRS.

- NVDRS is a **state-based surveillance system that centralizes information** from a variety of state and local agencies and sources – medical examiners, coroners, police, crime labs, and death certificates— to **better characterize and monitor violent deaths.**
- NVDRS provides tools necessary for public health officials and policymakers to **design and implement targeted prevention efforts.**

The 2014 WHO Global Status Report on Violence Prevention calls on Congress to strengthen data collection on violent deaths from multiple sources and promote linkage of data to provide more complete and comprehensive information to inform prevention efforts.

NVDRS has been essential in identifying problem areas and developing successful prevention efforts in Alaska:



- Having joined the NVDRS program in 2003, the **Alaska-VDRS (AK-VDRS)** program has allowed state health officials to **monitor suicides more accurately among specific populations** and to better understand and prevent suicide among foster children and youths in custody.
- Epidemiologic information from **AK-VDRS** has **helped improve forensic toxicological capabilities** in Alaska and helped **strengthen public health and law enforcement communications and infrastructure.**
- In 2012, Alaska health officials partnered with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Epidemiology Center to publish a **statewide report** highlighting Alaska-Native and non-Native suicide rates based on **AK-VDRS** data. The report offered recommendations for current and future suicide prevention strategies in the state.

The National Violence Prevention Network supports implementing the nationwide expansion of NVDRS by providing an increase of \$9 million to the CDC Injury Center.

CONGRESSIONAL ASK:
SUPPORT FY2017 FUNDING LEVEL OF \$25.0 MILLION FOR NVDRS

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