



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 **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 World Health Organization 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 North Carolina:



- Data from **North Carolina-VDRS (NC-VDRS)** have **provided critical information on violent deaths.** For example, it showed that nearly half of female victims of violent deaths in 2013 were due to intimate partner violence.
- **NC-VDRS** officials have published **reports analyzing violence by each county** in their state, helping local communities better understand and respond to the problems of violence by appropriately targeting outreach and prevention programs.
- **NC-VDRS** officials are also working with communities to better understand the high number of **homicides** observed in **black males.**
- **North Carolina** public health officials are using the NC-VDRS data to determine if the nationwide rise in deaths among pregnant women is related to violence.

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

**CONGRESSIONAL ASK:**  
**SUPPORT FY2017 FUNDING LEVEL OF \$25M FOR NVDRS**