



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 Utah:



- In partnership with other state departments as well as nonprofit and community stakeholders, **Utah** uses NVDRS data to **produce an annual domestic and sexual violence report** entitled “No More Secrets.” This report is intended to organize and rally stakeholders and communities in efforts to end domestic violence in the state.
- In **Utah**, NVDRS data **enabled the state-wide task force to identify trends and risk factors for prescription drug-related suicides.** As a result, a number of prevention strategies are currently underway including training on prescribing practices and improved access to a controlled substances database for medical providers.
- Although **Utah-VDRS** data indicated that suicides accounted for 83 percent of violent deaths in Utah, newspapers mostly reported homicide cases. As a result, a **Suicide Awareness Toolkit** was developed to provide the media with tools to more adequately address suicide.

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
\$25.0M FOR NVDRS**

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