



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 Maryland:



- **Maryland VDRS (MD-VDRS)** which began in 2003, has **published reports and briefs on various violence-related topics** and has been key in supporting state-wide efforts to reduce homicides, suicides, and drug poisoning-related deaths.
- **MD-VDRS** assists researchers and prevention specialists by **providing updated information on suicide and homicide trends in the state.** For example, The Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is using MD-VDRS data to investigate homicides in Baltimore.
- **MD-VDRS** has successfully collaborated with several organizations in order to highlight violent death trends in specific population groups. In 2015, these included working with the Baltimore-based Healthcare for the Homeless to bring attention to violent deaths among people experiencing homelessness. Data on intimate partner violence related deaths in Baltimore County were used by the Baltimore County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team to make several recommendations for providing expanded services to at-risk citizens.

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