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## NVPN Monthly Newsletter

### Join NVPN for Hill Day in March!

The National Violence Prevention Network (NVPN) invites you to participate in a public education campaign on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** aimed at educating members of Congress about the public health utility of NVDRS. Held in collaboration with the Safe States Alliance, the event is intended to bring state NVDRS staff or their partner representatives to Washington, DC to meet with their elected officials to enhance awareness and understanding of the NVDRS program.



Participants will receive background materials and meet with congressional staff of their Representative and Senators. The event will officially start with a Monday evening staff briefing and conclude by 4:30pm on March 14. All travel and meeting-related costs will be reimbursed by NVPN.

Our aim is to have NVDRS representatives meet with the offices of their elected officials to discuss the work you do with the NVDRS program. There will be no direct advocacy or request for federal funding during these meetings. The goal is only to educate.

Please consider attending the NVDRS education campaign March 14 in Washington, DC. Should you be unable to attend, please consider sending an NVDRS colleague or partner in your stead.

Please **RSVP no later than Friday, Feb. 3rd** directly to [pbonta@acpm.org](mailto:pbonta@acpm.org).

### NC-VDRS 2014 Fact Sheets Available!



North Carolina VDRS has released a series of fact sheets featuring 2014 data:

- [Firearms Deaths in North Carolina, 2014](#)
- [Violent Deaths in North Carolina, 2014](#)
- [Suicides in North Carolina, 2014](#)
- [Homicides in North Carolina, 2014 and](#)
- [Intimate Partner Violence in North Carolina, 2014](#)

### Job Opportunity: Epidemiologist at LA-VDRS

Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) is [seeking](#) a full-time epidemiologist who will be contracted through the Louisiana Public Health Institute and assigned to the Center for Preventive Health at OPH.



The epidemiologist will be responsible for specialized and complex data collection, analysis, and evaluation work involving the planning, gathering, analysis and reporting of health related statistical data **associated with Louisiana VDRS (LA-VDRS)**.

[Click here](#) for complete job description, qualifications and application requirements. **The application closes on January 31, 2017.**



### NVDRS in 21st Century Cures Act

The *21st Century Cures* act included language encouraging the expansion and improvement of NVDRS. The following language can be found in **Section 9013 of the 21st Century Cures Bill**:

- Encourages the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to improve, particularly through the inclusion of other states, the existing National Violent Death Reporting System.

This is a strong signal of Republican support for NVDRS and provides some early momentum for NVPN to build on as we head into the FY2018 appropriations process.

### NVPN at Injury Prevention Alliance



Paul Bonta represented NVPN at the recent [Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance](#) conference where he discussed opportunities for state-based NVDRS staff to engage in policy and advocacy activities at the state and national levels. With NVDRS now in 42 states, it is imperative that NVDRS-funded states communicate the successes of their program to help policymakers understand the public health utility of the program.