



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The mission of the Women's Rural Advocacy Programs is to provide supportive services including crisis intervention, advocacy and safe-housing. The priority population, work and dedication is to provide services for women and their children victimized by domestic violence. Assisting to protect battered women and their children from further violence. Committed to bringing women's strengths together in creating empowerment where domestic abuse exists. Educating communities and systems about the realities of violence in the home. Assisting communities in planning and organizing to end domestic violence. The ultimate goal is to work for the major societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all women and their children. The management team is based on equality, honesty and an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect. Its structure is non-hierarchical and non-bureaucratic. The group as a whole share decision making and responsibilities.

MN Domestic Violence Homicide 2012

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW) tracks homicides in which the known or suspected perpetrator was a current or former intimate partner or the homicide is the result of domestic violence between current or former intimate partners. This includes family members, friends, and interveners who are killed as a result of the domestic violence being perpetrated by a current/former intimate partner. The chart to the right represents the adult victims that were murdered in 2012 and the relationship to the alleged perpetrators.

So far in 2013...

Minnesota has seen a number of what prosecutors are calling "domestic violence incidents". As of March 12, 2013, there had been 13.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s2960150.shtml>

There have been a cluster of recent cases involving young women who have either been reported missing or killed. Many times, their husbands or boyfriends have been suspects, and those numbers have domestic violence advocates sounding the alarm.

Domestic violence is a complicated issue that affects people in every demographic, and there is no simple solution to stop it -- but the data collected so far this year has experts wondering what more can be learned to combat the problem.

"We like to think of bad things happening out there and not here with us, and that is one of the things we know," explained Liz Richards, executive director of the Coalition for Battered Women.

Each year, the coalition compiles the Femicide Report, a list of women who died as a result of domestic violence in Minnesota.

"It's sort of a reminder. These are our friends, our coworkers - this is really an issue that touches all of us," Richards said. On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, Richards and other domestic violence advocates took the stories of the victims to the Capitol to seek additional funding for shelters -- especially since

	2012		
Relationship to Victim	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Current or former boyfriend or Husband	11	61%	Ashantai Nicole Finch Carolyn Leete Dominga Limon Sharon Love Kathleen Ponsness Tensia Richard Georgia Lynn Rogers Adelaida Sadd Lane Christine Schnor Woynshet Woldemariam Lora Ann Wright
Former Girlfriend	1	6%	Bret Struck
Other	6	33%	Christopher Fulmer Patrick Jaworski Vinessa Lozano Lolitta Malone Rosemary Oberg-Johnson Jennifer Smith
Total:	18		

three offices have closed their doors in the past year even though the number of people seeking help in the state is close to 63,000.

"The numbers point to a high rate of domestic violence going on," Richards said.

Richards says it's too early to know how many of the victims on the 2013 Femicide Report may have tried to get help, but simply being aware of the situation often spurs others to look at their own relationships and loved ones differently.

"Hopefully, it won't continue at that rate through the year, but we never know," she said.

On average, the number of domestic violence-related deaths in Minnesota ranges from 15-30 annually.

Article amended from <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/21569197/femicide-report-7-deaths-in-2013-advocates-plan-capitol-rally#ixzz2RERkXgIrl>

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MINNESOTA KEY FEMICIDE STATISTICS (2010-2012)

ADULT WOMEN MURDERED BY A CURRENT OR FORMER INTIMATE PARTNER

Cause of Death	2010		2011		2012	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Gunshot	10	60%	12	52%	7	50%
Stabbing	3	20%	6	26%	3	21%
Strangulation	2	13%	2	9%	2	14%
Beating			2	9%	2	14%
Unknown	1	7%	1	4%		
Total:	16		23		14	

HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

History of Violence	2010		2011		2012	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Prior history of abuse but no documented involvement with legal system	2	14%	6	26%	1	7%
Prior history of abuse and prior law enforcement involvement or OFP	5	33%	8	35%	7	50%
Unknown	9	53%	9	39%	6	40%
Total:	16		23		14	

VICTIM WAS SEPARATED FROM PERPETRATOR OR ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE

	2010		2011		2012	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Separated or attempting to leave	10	67%	11	48%	6	43%
Together	6	33%	12	52%	5	36%
Not applicable	-	-	-	-	3	21%
Total:	16		23		14	

MURDER OF MOTHERS AND EFFECT ON CHILDREN

Children	2010		2011		2012	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Murders of mothers with minor children	7	47%	6	26%	7*	50%
Number of minor children who lost mother	10		11		11	
Number of adult children who lost mother	10		16		8	
Child(ren) present at time of murder or discovered the body	14		7		2**	

Whatever YOU can do to help is critical and much appreciated!!

IMPORTANT INFO!

Although WRAP has been hit hard by State budget cuts recently and had to close our outreach offices, we want to remind everyone that

WRAP is still providing services to domestic violence victims in Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties.

All of the services we offer to victims of domestic violence are still the same as they were prior to the budget cuts. WRAP still provides free, 24/7 confidential services. Please feel free to contact us using the contact information on the back page of this newsletter!

DONOR INFORMATION

NAME: _____
 ORGANIZATION: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ AMOUNT: _____
 REQUEST FOR RECEIPT: YES NO

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc.
 WRAP is a non-profit organization. Your gift to the program is tax deductible.
 A receipt for your donation will be sent to you upon request.
MAIL DONATION TO:
 WRAP, Box 1193, Marshall, MN 56258

THANK YOU!

Volunteer Opportunities With WRAP

- *Collect personal items for battered women and their children that are needed when they need to leave and go to a safe place (bathroom and laundry items)
- *Head up or participate in a fundraiser for WRAP (if wanting to head up a fundraiser, please make contact with WRAP first)
- *Contact (and collect, if needed) area grocery stores and gas stations asking them to donate gift cards for battered women and their children that would be needed in an emergency
- *Make copies of (in the Marshall office) and distribute WRAP information in either or all the counties (Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood and Yellow

- Medicine)
- *Research grants, present to Staff and may have the opportunity to assist with applying for such grant/s
- *Contact beauty salons, etc, asking them to donate services to battered women/survivors and their children
- *Assist with moving or transporting battered women and their children
- *Become a Board Member
- *If you have an idea, please contact WRAP:
 Lyon/Lincoln Co (507.532.9532)
 Redwood Co (507.637.3040)
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- *A Confidentiality Contract will need to signed and witnessed
- *Volunteer Application/Board Member Application will need to be completed and approved by WRAP Staff, and possibly by the Board of Directors with a interview if applying to be a Board member.
- *Depending on what you want to volunteer your time with, you may have to provide a proof of insurance, copy of current valid drivers license and pass a Background Check
- *Also, depending on what you want to volunteer for and are approved for, you may have to have some training

Qualifications

- *Understanding and empathy for victims of domestic violence