



ARIZONA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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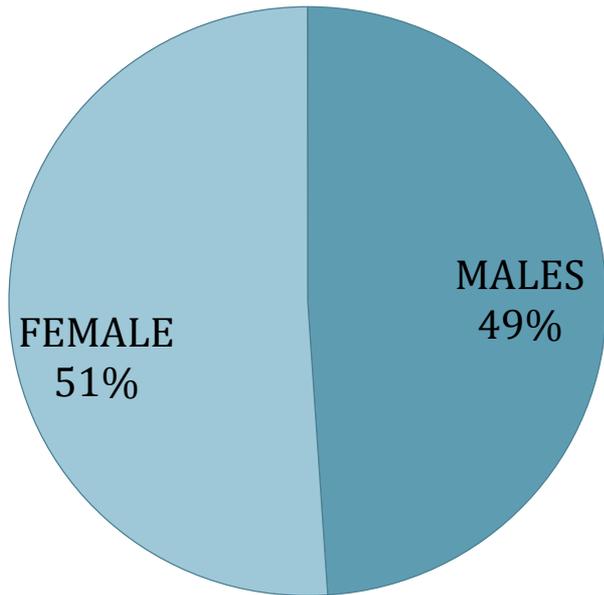
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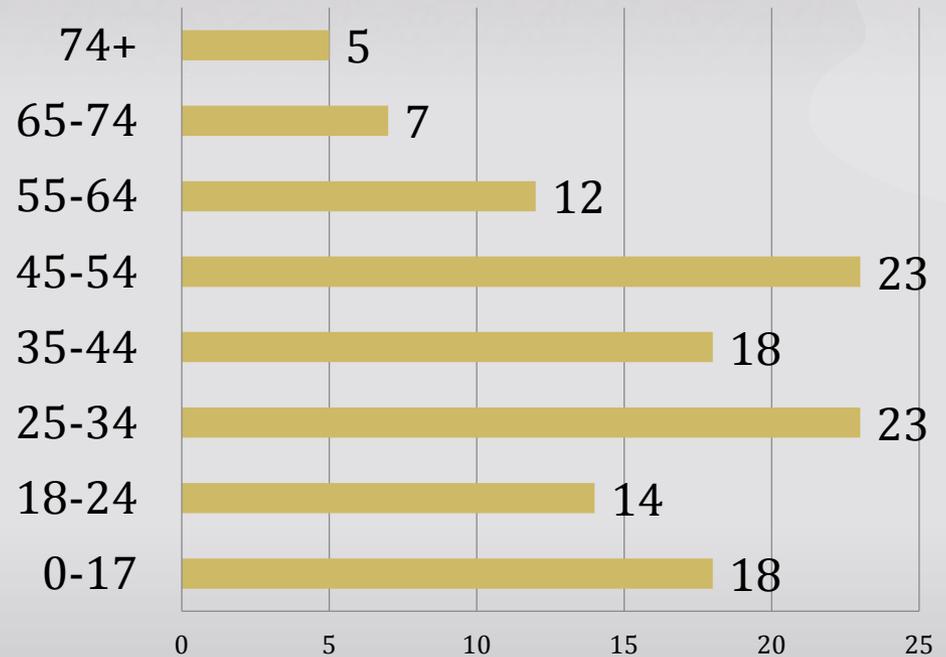
- Intimate Personal Violence
- Homicide with Suicide
- Familicide
- Suicide
- Law Enforcement Involved
- Bystanders
- Child Abuse
- Other Family

139 Reported DV Related Fatalities

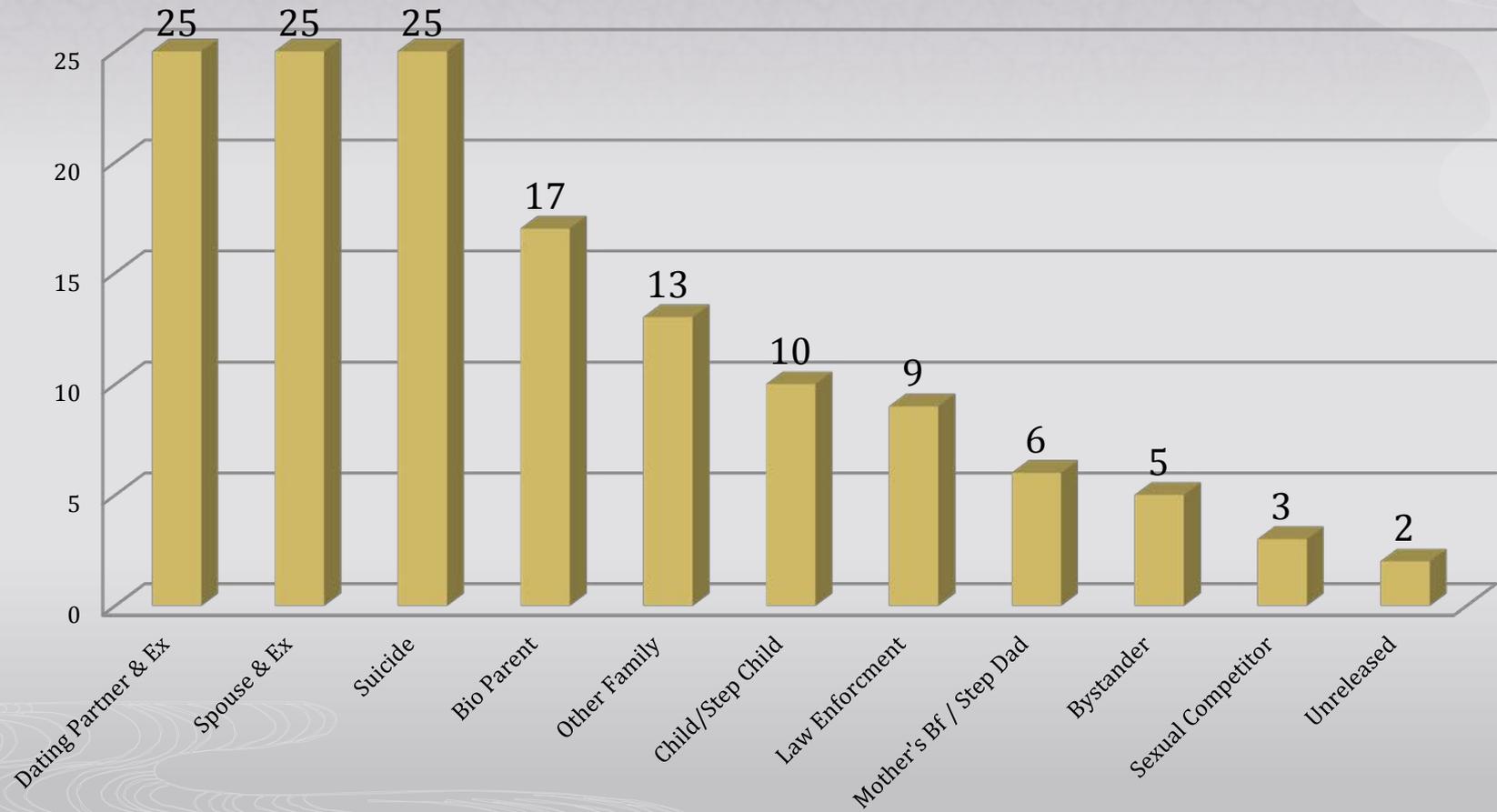
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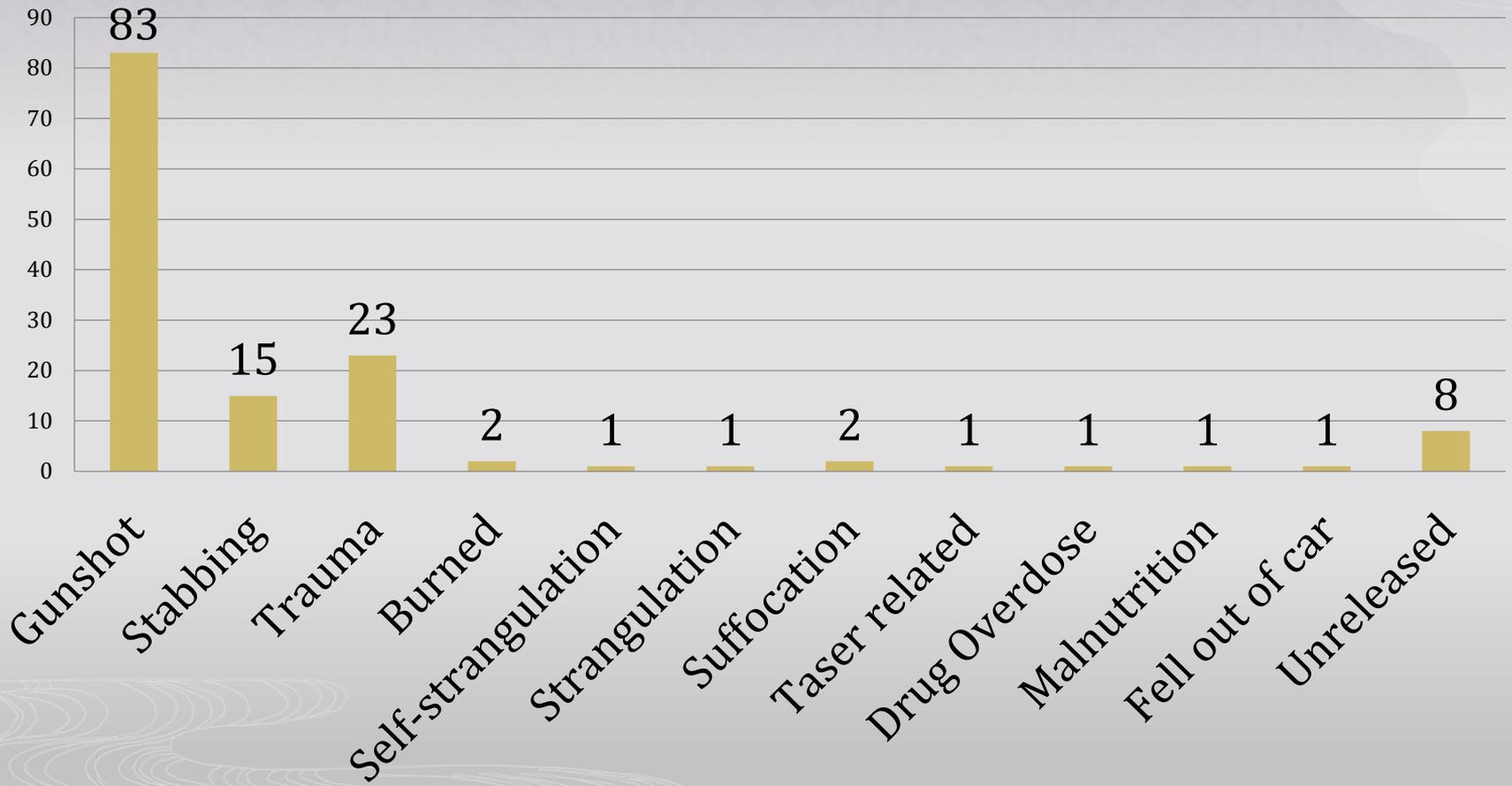
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Relationship of Perpetrator to Deceased



Cause of Death



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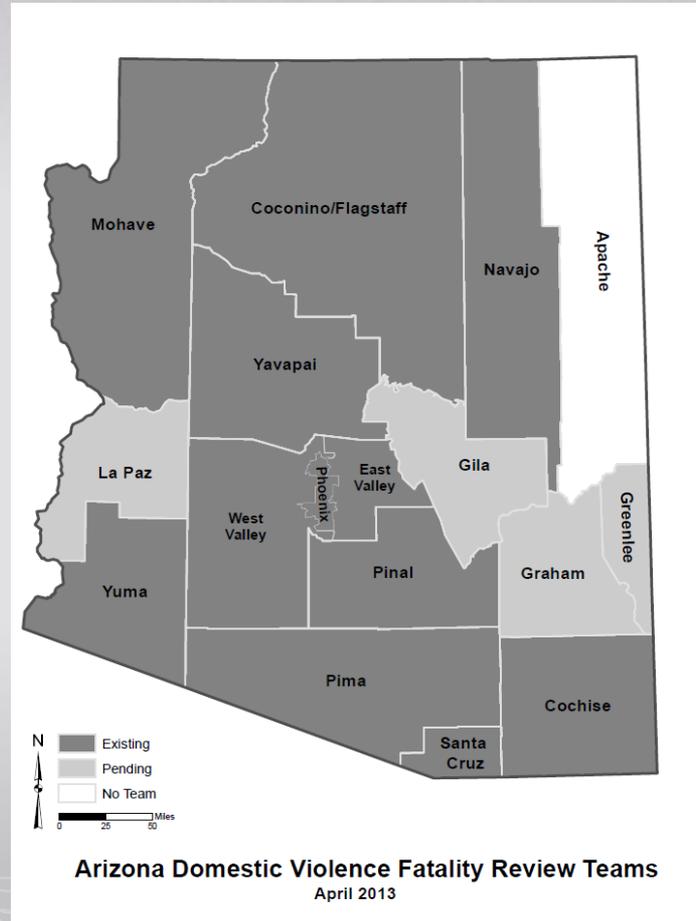
Intimate Partner Violence Homicide

<u>Male Victims of IPV</u>	5
Wife / Common Law Wife	4
Boyfriend	1
<u>Female Victims of IPV</u>	47
Husband / Common Law Husband	17
Ex /Estranged Husband	4
Boyfriend	18
Ex-Boyfriend	4
Girlfriend	1
Other (Unreleased, Sexual Partner)	3

23 CASES INVOLVING MURDER-SUICIDE & FAMILICIDE

- ❑ 17 men killed their intimate partner / ex and then themselves
- ❑ 1 man killed his wife, their 3 children & then himself
- ❑ 2 men killed their children and then themselves
- ❑ 1 man killed his intimate partner, her daughter, granddaughter, bystander and himself
- ❑ 2 women killed their intimate partners and themselves

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams



2012 DVFRT Key Findings

- ❑ Little communication / coordination among various officers
- ❑ Variation among officers on how to handle OOP violations
- ❑ Bystanders / neighbors / co-workers/ medical community do not know how to respond
- ❑ Lack of communication from mental health community to family and employment system
- ❑ Homicide occurred even after completing of two 26-week offender treatment series

2012 DVFRT Key Findings

- ❑ Little to no information regarding services for children in the wake of IPV attacks.
- ❑ Attack occurred even though victim had education, knowledge and opportunity for services and/or action
- ❑ Victims whose perpetrators are law enforcement personnel have additional barriers, such as guns in the home, OOP jeopardizes partner's employment, etc.
- ❑ On-going resentment by a partner even years after a divorce.

2012 DVFRT Recommendations

- Offender Treatment Programs
 - Assist in improving effectiveness; fidelity to evidenced base models
- Orders Of Protection
 - On-going training; education when requesting to quash
- Lethality Assessment Tools & Screening Tools
 - Available for first responding officers & medical personnel

2012 DVFRT Recommendations

- Community Awareness and Information
 - Including education to youth
- Increase Case Specific Information to Judges and Prosecution
- Military, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues
- Law Enforcement Lead Officer Position for DV

2012 DVFRT Recommendations

- Children Impacted by Domestic Violence
- Family Court
- Law enforcement employee mandatory evaluations (those charged with DV)
- Coordination with military systems

Thank you



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Intimate Personal Violence

- *Shaniqua Hall, 21, was found dead in a burning apt. Her boyfriend, Dwandarrus Robinson, 21, called police and told them he had returned to find the apt on fire. Police discovered he had purchased the materials used to restrain her before she was set on fire. She was 8 ½ months pregnant at the time, and Robinson was the father. They also had a 2 year old son.*

Homicide - Suicide

- *Maria Carolina Coleman-Cota's estranged husband Julio Ceasar Velasco, waited outside Marias workplace until she drove into the parking lot. He shot Maria multiple times as she sat in the driver's seat of her car. Julio then turned the gun on himself. Maria was 49 and the mother of 2 children.*

Familicide

- *In June, officials discovered a burned SUV in the desert in Pinal County. The investigation identified the five bodies as James and Yafit Butwin, along with their three children: Malissa, Daniel and Matthew. The couple was going through a divorce, and police reported that the notes found at the scene indicated that James killed his family before driving the car into the desert and shooting himself.*

Suicide

- *Mark Abbott, 24, went to his ex-girlfriend's house. He forced his way inside and locked her mother outside before taking her sister hostage and demanding his ex-girlfriend's phone number. When Mark Abbott realized that police were responding, he released the woman physically unharmed. Police heard a single gunshot inside the house and found Abbott dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.*

Las Enforcement Involved

- *Two law enforcement officers were walking up to a house to talk to the woman who called for assistance when 49-year-old Samuel William Barnes came out of the house with a rifle and pointed it at her. The officers yelled at him to drop the rifle, but he did not. Both officers opened fire on Barnes. Barnes then pointed the rifle at one of the officers, who again fired at him. Barnes was pronounced dead at a hospital.*

Bystanders

- *Jim Hiott, 24, was killed last May by JT Ready when JT Ready shot and killed his girlfriend and his girlfriend's family. Jim Hiott was at the house visiting JT Ready's girlfriend's daughter.*

Child Abuse

- ❑ *2 year old Victoria Rodriguez died from injuries that included severe head trauma. Victoria was left in her mother's boyfriend's care when her mother went to work. Her boyfriend, 25 year old Jose Zenaido Acevedo was arrested and charged with her murder.*

Other Family

- *Vladimir Hurley and his wife Karlysha was shot and killed execution style by their nephew and buried in a shallow grave outside of Inscription House.*