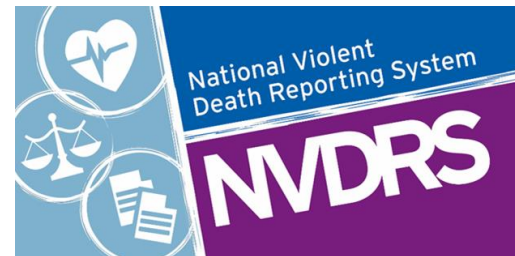




National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) Public Safety Officer Suicide (PSOS) Module

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- National Sheriff's Association
- Law Enforcement Roundtable Session
- NORA Public Safety Sector Council
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National Violent Death Reporting System

- Ongoing state-based surveillance system*
- Data collected by recipients through partnerships
- Information entered in a CDC web-based application
- *No personally identifying information collected in system*
- Information entered according to CDC guidance
- Data used to inform, develop, and tailor prevention

*Suicide, homicide, deaths of undetermined intent, legal intervention deaths (excluding executions), unintentional firearm deaths

Multiple Data Source Approach



Death Certificates



Coroner/Medical Examiner (C/ME) Reports



Law Enforcement (LE) Reports



>600 data elements



Injury characteristics



Demographics



Circumstances



Mental Health Diagnoses



Toxicology

Information Collected in NVDRS



Demographics



Injury and death



Weapon type (Method of Injury)



Toxicology



Precipitating circumstances



Abstractor-drafted narratives from C/ME and LE reports

What are Circumstances in NVDRS?

Events that preceded or were related to the incident:

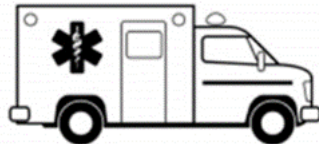
- Arguments
- Intimate partner violence
- Job problems
- Mental health problems
- Relationship problems
- Financial problems
- Physical health problems
- Crime and criminal activity
- Recent releases from institutions



Public Safety Officer Suicide Module

NVDRS Public Safety Officer Suicide Reporting Module

- Funded through Congressional Appropriation in FY 2021
- Developed in 2021
- Implemented January 2022
- Tracks suicide among public safety officers
- Builds upon existing NVDRS infrastructure



Definition of Public Safety Officer

“All local, state, federal, military, and tribal law enforcement, corrections officers, Parole/Probation, officers of the Court, firefighters, emergency medical service clinicians (EMTs, paramedics, etc.), emergency medical responders, and public safety telecommunicators (e.g., 911 operators and dispatchers).

For example, this definition includes police, sheriffs, and federal law enforcement (officers, agents, etc.).”

Overview of Public Safety Officer Suicide Reporting Module



Victim 1:

Demographics

Injury and Death

Circumstances

Weapon(s)

Suspect(s)

The decedent is a Public Safety Officer

Module Variables

Victim

- Agency Type
- Role (occupation)
- Pay Status
- Active vs. Retired

Work Environment

- History of chronic or acute traumatic work-related event
- Timing and/or onset of most recent chronic or acute traumatic work-related event
- Type of chronic or acute traumatic work-related event (text field)
- Work-related stressors
- Referred to Employee Assistance Program (EAP) or work-provided mental health

Victim 1:

- Demographics**
- Injury and Death**
- Circumstances**
- Weapon(s)**
- Suspect(s)**
- Toxicology**
- OD**
- IPV**
- CFR**
- SAVD**
- PSOS**

The decedent is a Public Safety Officer

- Demographics**
- Injury and Death**
- Circumstances**
- Weapon(s)**
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The decedent is a Public Safety Officer

Agency, Role, and Status

Type of Agency 1

Subtype of Agency 1

Type of Agency 1, if other

Type of Agency 2

Subtype of Agency 2

Type of Agency 2, if other

Type of Role 1

Subtype of Role 1

Type of Role 1, if other

Type of Role 2

Subtype of Role 2

Type of Role 2, if other

Active vs. Retired

Pay Status

- Paid, full-time
- Paid, part-time
- Paid, on call
- Other (specify below)
- Volunteer
- N/A (e.g. retired)
- Unknown

Type of Agency 2, if other

Type of Role 2, if other

Work Environment

- History of traumatic work-related event(s) (chronic or acute)

Timing of most recent chronic or acute traumatic work-related event

Type of chronic or acute traumatic work-related event(s)

128 character(s) remaining.

- Referred to EAP or work-provided mental health

Work-related stressors

- Homicide of colleague
- Suicide of colleague
- Witness to serious injury of a colleague
- Interpersonal conflict with partner, crew, or other co-worker
- Psychological stress of work
- Signs or feelings of burnout
- Shift-work related stress
- Personnel/human resources issues
- Recent/upcoming retirement
- Other (specify below)

Module Variables

Injury Details

- Where injury occurred (expanded from core NVDRS)
- Duty status at time of suicide (on duty, off duty, other)
- Decedent affected by chronic or acute work-related injury/disability

Weapon Information

- Firearm was work-issued or service weapon

Injury Details

Duty Status at time of injury

Duty Status at time of injury, other

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Decedent affected by chronic or acute work-related injury/disability

Detail about where fatal injury occurred

- Work/service vehicle
- Work site (e.g., Firehouse, police department)
- Training site (police academy, fire academy)
- Military installation/post
- Dispatch location (responding to a call)
- In the field (includes both dispatched & non-dispatched)
- Shooting range
- Courthouse
- Jail/corrections facility
- Unknown
- Other (specify below)

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Weapon Add

+ Add Weapon

Weapon type

Firearm type

Firearm make or NCIC code

Additional weapon information

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Firearm caliber

Other firearm make text

Firearm gauge

Firearm model

Gun Stored Loaded

Gun Stored Locked

Other firearm model text

Gun Owner

Firearm Stolen

Public Safety Officer Module

Firearm was work-issued (Public Safety Officers only)

NVDRS Public Safety Officer Module - Moving Forward



- **Continue work with partners**
 - **First responder organizations**
 - **CDC (Division of Injury Prevention, NIOSH)**
 - **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
 - **Department of Justice (DOJ)**
 - **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**
 - **NORA Public Safety Sector Council**
- **Check in with VDRS abstractor colleagues**
- **Report will follow after 2022 data year closeout**

Preliminary Results

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