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From 2000-2010 in Summit County, Ohio:

• 370 homicides

• 24 of those homicides were victims of domestic violence
THE PURPOSE

To prevent or decrease domestic violence fatalities the Summit County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee:

- will examine the circumstances leading up to and surrounding DV fatalities,
- will make recommendations as a result of the fatality reviews, and
- will increase the coordination and communication among systems and agencies involved in DV issues.
THE COMMITTEE

- Battered Women’s Shelter
- Summit County Medical Examiner’s Office
- Summit County Prosecutor’s Office
- Akron City Prosecutor
- Various Municipal Prosecutors
- Summit County Sheriff’s Department
- Local Police Departments
- Victim Assistance
- Akron General Medical Center
- DOVE, Summa Health System
- Summit County Children Services
Hurdles and stumbling blocks that we faced as we started this review process

- Confidentiality
- Defensiveness
- Fear of Community Reaction to Findings
- Need for trust
TODAY’S CASE REVIEW

- Victim: Amy Smith
- Offender: Tom Jones

Review Team:
- Medical Examiners Office
- Battered Women’s Shelter
- SANE Unit
- Prosecutors Office / also representing the Police
- Children’s Services Board
- Other members would be present at all reviews
DV RELATED HOMICIDE REVIEW STATS

# of Male Offenders: 20
Male Offenders Age Range 13 to 81 years old

# of Female Offenders: 4
Female Offenders Age Range 20 to 39 years old
## Relationship of Offender to Victim (at time of death)

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11 out of 24 fatalities occurred in marriage, with marriages ranging from months to 40 years.
Age of Offender
at time of homicide

- 13-17: 1
- 18-20: 1
- 21-30: 1
- 31-40: 1
- 41-50: 4
- 51-60: 3
- 61-70: 1
- 71-80: 1
- 81-90: 1

Total: 12
Age of Victim
at time of homicide

- 21-30: 7
- 31-40: 6
- 41-50: 8
- 51-60: 1
- 61-70: 1
- 71-80: 1
In all 4 cases where the Female was the Offender, the cause of deaths were all ruled as stabbings.
Location of Fatality

- Residence of Victim: 15
- Residence of Offender: 3
- Residence of Family Member: 3
- Vehicle: 1
- Empty Home: 1
- Unknown: 1
FACTS

OF THE 24 FATALITIES, 9 OCCURRED WHILE CHILDREN WERE IN THE HOME.

In total, there were 15 children present, in the residence, at the time of the homicides.
About 21% of the offenders had alcohol and/or drugs in their systems at the time of the homicide.
** two offenders committed suicide at the scene
IMPACT OF REVIEWS

a. Unified DV Court
b. Cross Jurisdictional Communication
   - Domestic Relations Judges now review the record on cases where emergency motions or agreed entries are filed to look at the history
   - Sheriff to share his information on criminal case histories on booking so that all information is available at time of bond hearing and sentencing
c. Akron Police Department 911 Priority
d. CBCF Recognition of Protection Orders
e. General Education and Community Workshops
f. CSB: Internal Fatherhood Initiative
g. Know Your Date Project