



# **MONTANA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION**

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## OVERVIEW

- Created by 2003 legislature – MCA 2-15-2017
  - Placed in Office of Attorney General [appoints members, oversees work of team]
  - Outlines membership, including requiring a Native American & a legislator [currently vacant due to Jesse O’Hara’s retirement]
  - Scope
  - Confidentiality
  - Biennial Report to the Legislature changed to Law & Justice Committee in 2013
    - Summarize work, identify Trends & Recommendations – 4 reviews per biennium
- Funded primarily by annual Montana Board of Crime Control grant
  - Covers mileage, lodging & per diem
  - Funds for facilitator
  - Legislator stipend
- Two reviews per year – 2 days each
  - Travel to community
  - Interview family members

## MDVFR COMMISSION MEMBERS

Name	Position	Organization	City
Angela Smith	Psychiatrist	Self-Employed	Big Fork
Beki Brandborg	Team Facilitator	Mediator	Helena
Caroline Fleming	Executive Director	Custer Network Against DV	Miles City
Chuck Munson	Assistant Attorney General	Department of Justice	Helena
Connie Harvey	Therapist	Self-Employed	Lewistown
Dan Doyle	Professor	The University of Montana	Missoula
Dan Murphy	Detective	Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement	Butte
Dennis Loveless	Judge	City Court	East Helena
Diana Garrett	Attorney	Montana Legal Services Assoc.	Missoula
{ VACANT }	Legislator		
Joan McCracken	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner	Retired	Billings
John Brown	District Judge	State of Montana	Bozeman
John Buttram	Licensed Professional Counselor	Batterer's Treatment Program	Kalispell
Lee Johnson	Investigator	Division of Criminal Investigation	Bozeman
Matthew Dale	Team Coordinator	Office of Victim Services	Helena
Phoebe Blount	Victim Witness Specialist	FBI	Glasgow
Roxanne Ross	Intelligence Analyst	Division of Criminal Investigation	Helena
Sarah Corbally	Administrator	Child & Family Services Division	Helena
Suzy Boylan	Prosecutor	Missoula County	Missoula
Warren Hiebert	Chaplain	Gallatin County Sheriff's Dept.	Bozeman

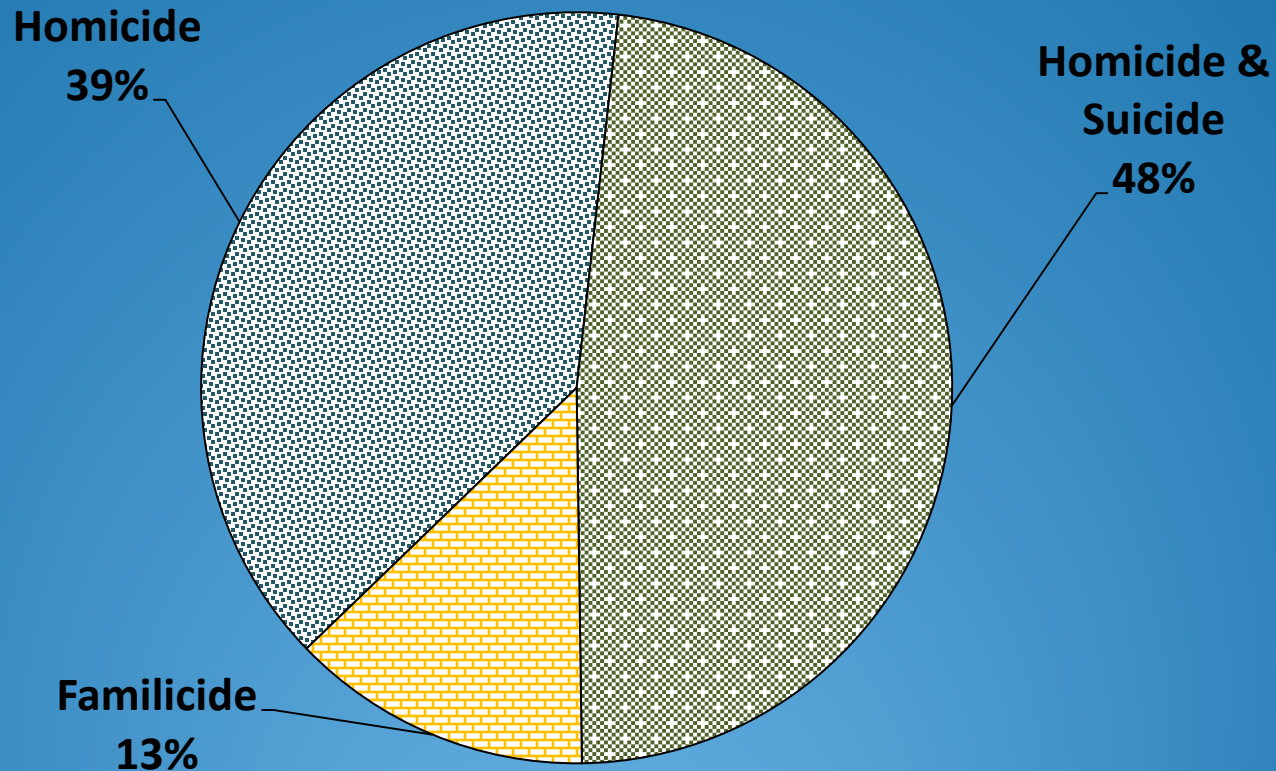
## IP HOMICIDES SINCE 2009/LOCATION 2010-2013

Rickett	Hazel	Miles City	47	01/08/10	Homicide
Olson	Monica	Plentywood	44	01/26/10	Homicide/Suicide
Crazy Bull	Charles	Poplar	49	06/26/10	Homicide
Popham	Connie	Great Falls	59	08/28/10	Homicide/Suicide
Hardgrove	Swanie	Libby	81	08/28/10	Homicide/Suicide
Mahoney	Shelly	Great Falls	40	11/11/10	Homicide/Suicide
Hurlbert	Jaimie Lynn	Kalispell	35	12/25/10	Homicide + 1 Child (15)
Hartwell	Sandra	Anaconda	72	12/31/10	Homicide/Suicide
Dube-Woodard	Kelly Jo	Superior	47	05/24/11	Homicide
Gable	Joseph	Helena	48	10/13/11	Homicide + girlfriend
Welch	Bryan	Libby	50	12/08/11	Homicide
Kinniburgh	Catherine	Libby	55	01/03/12	Homicide/Suicide
Roberts	Suzanne Rene	Great Falls	46	02/24/12	Homicide/Suicide
Hawkins	Jessica	Hamilton	40	11/13/12	Homicide
Smith	Alicia Nicole	Bozeman	33	11/19/12	Homicide/Suicide
Schowengerdt	Tina	Deer Lodge	66	12/08/12	Homicide
Salle	Tammy	Anaconda	41	12/23/12	Homicide/Suicide
EngeBretson	Ordean	Whitefish	42	02/02/13	Homicide
Yurian	Erica	Worden	22	05/24/13	Homicide/Death by Officer
Johnson	Cody	Kalispell	25	07/07/13	Homicide
Newton	Chad	Whitefish	37	12/30/13*	Homicide
Schick-Lewis	Holly	Darby	50	01/16/14	Homicide
Edwards	Thomas	Hungry Horse	71	02/14/14	Homicide
Beeman	Dawn	Havre	35	03/23/14	Homicide
Roberts	Debi	Gardiner	59	03/28/14	Homicide/Suicide
Lane	Emma Jean	Superior	87	05/28/14	Homicide/Suicide

## IP HOMICIDES SINCE 2009/Weapon Used 2010-2013

Rickett	Hazel	47	01/08/10	Homicide	Firearm
Olson	Monica	44	01/26/10	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Crazy Bull	Charles	49	06/26/10	Homicide	Knife
Popham	Connie	59	08/28/10	Homicide/Suicide	Knife/Firearm
Hardgrove	Swanie	81	08/28/10	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Mahoney	Shelly	40	11/11/10	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Hurlbert	Jaimie Lynn	35	12/25/10	Homicide + 1 child	Firearm
Hartwell	Sandra	72	12/31/10	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Dube-Woodard	Kelly Jo	47	05/24/11	Homicide	Strangulation
Gable	Joseph	48	10/13/11	Homicide + girlfriend	Firearm
Welch	Bryan	50	12/08/11	Homicide	Firearm
Kinniburgh	Catherine	55	01/03/12	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Roberts	Suzanne Rene	46	02/24/12	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Hawkins	Jessica	40	11/13/12	Homicide	Beaten to death
Smith	Alicia Nicole	33	11/19/12	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Schowengerdt	Tina	66	12/08/12	Homicide	Knife
Salle	Tammy	41	12/23/12	Homicide/Suicide	Uncertain
EngeBretson	Ordean	42	02/02/13	Homicide	Firearm
Yurian	Erica	22	05/24/13	Homicide/Death By Officer	Firearm
Johnson	Cody	25	07/07/13	Homicide	Pushed Off Cliff
Newton	Chad	37	12/30/13*	Homicide	Knife
Schick-Lewis	Holly	50	01/06/14	Homicide/Suicide	Firearm
Edwards	Thomas	71	02/14/14	Homicide	Firearm
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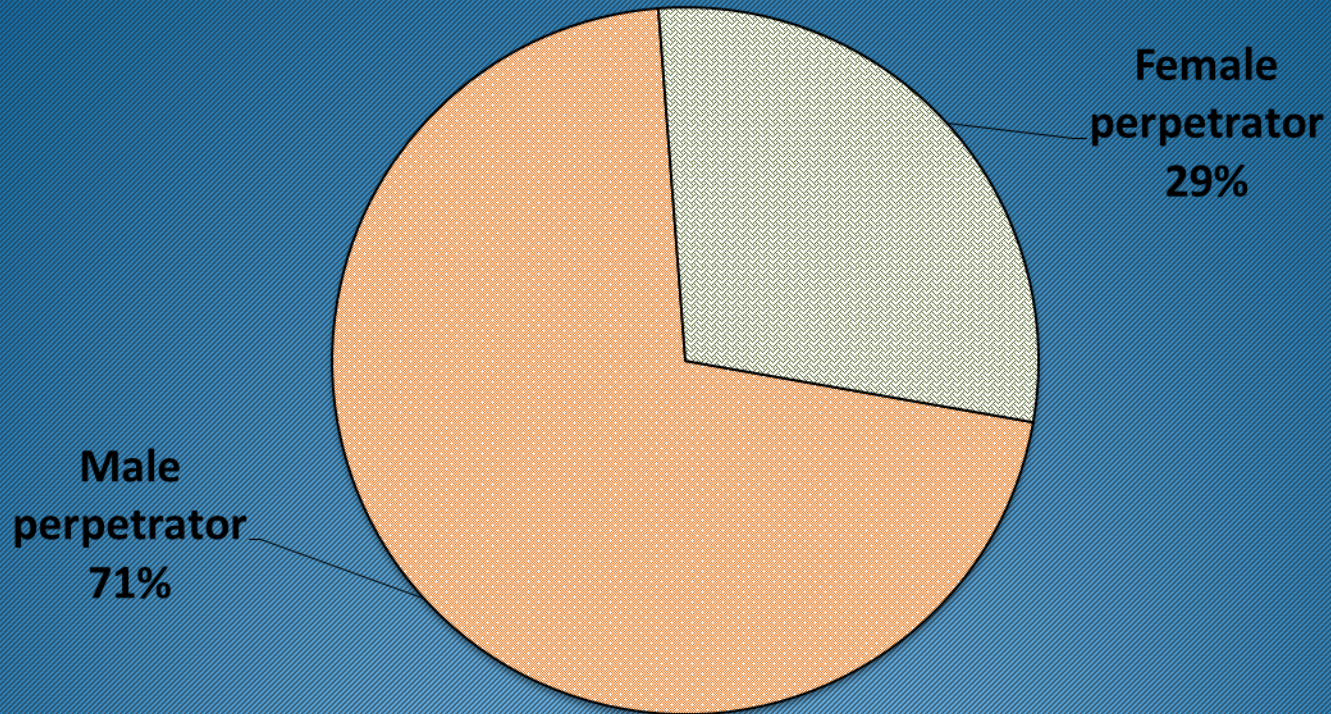
**Fatalities\* Due to Intimate Partner Homicide in Montana Since 2000**  
**125 Deaths as of June 9, 2014**  
**TYPE OF DEATH**



\* Fatalities include victims, perpetrators, and children who died in 82 IPH events  
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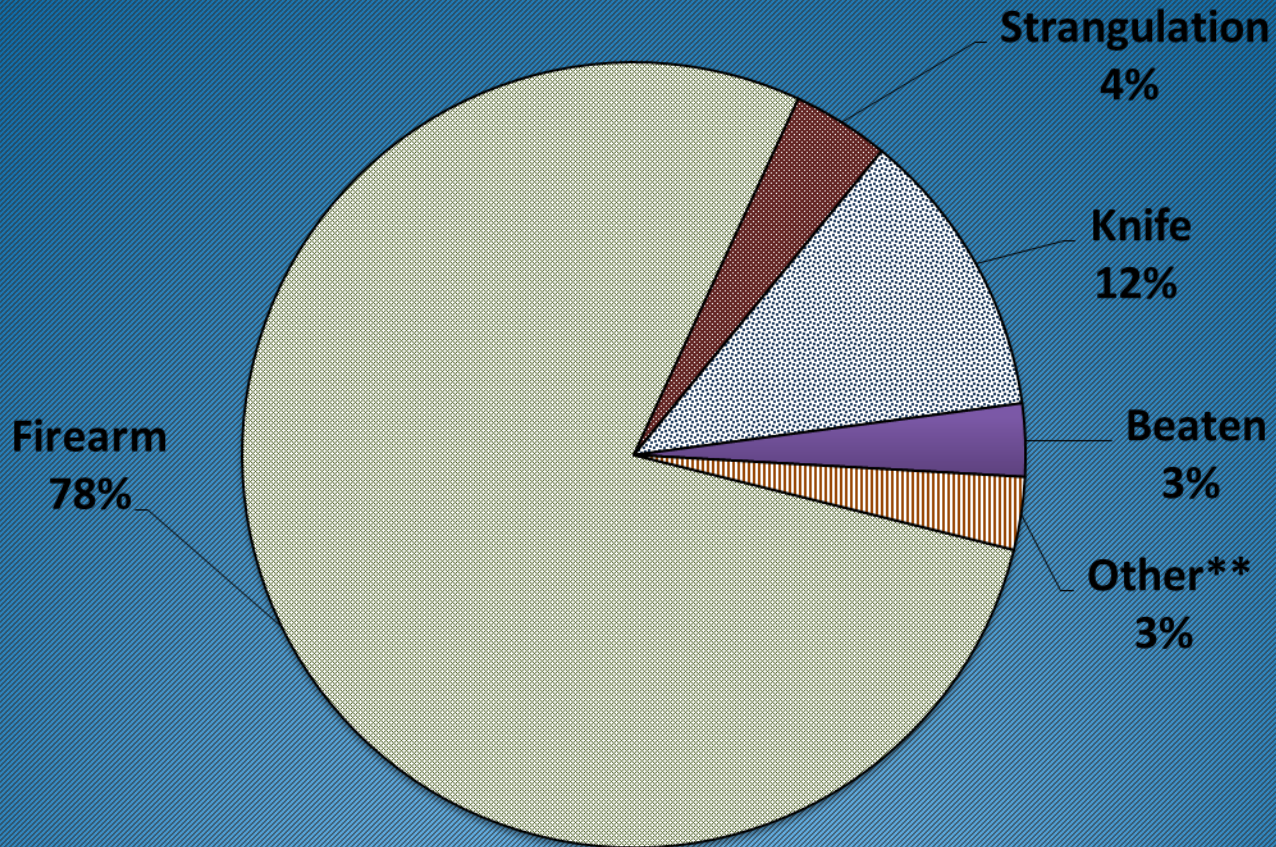
## PERPETRATOR BY GENDER



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**TYPE OF WEAPON USED**



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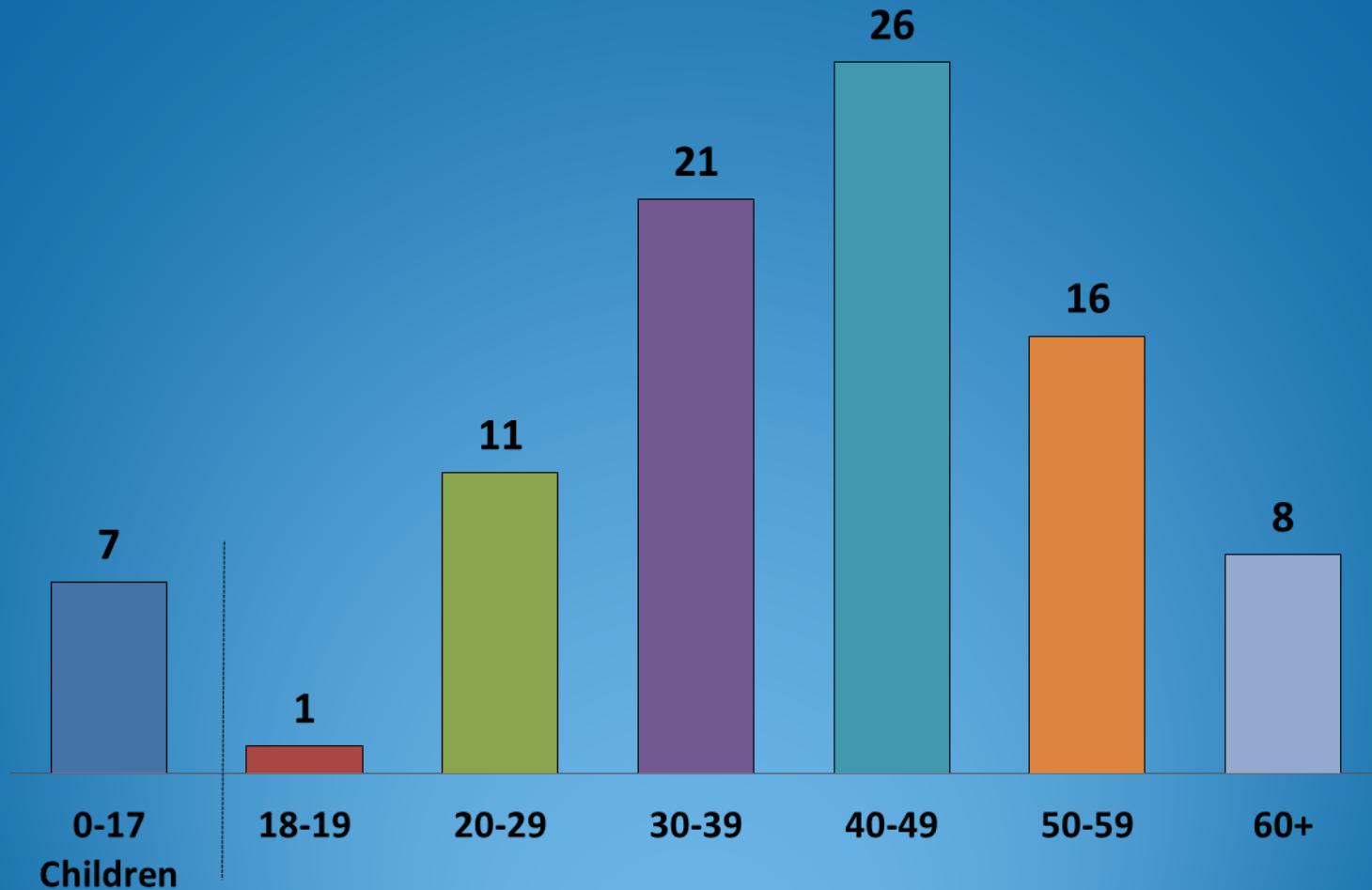
\*\* Other: Run over, hanging, suffocation, pushed off cliff

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**AGE RANGE OF 90 VICTIMS\***



\* Includes 7 children, 82 primary victims, 1 girlfriend; Excludes 35 perpetrators

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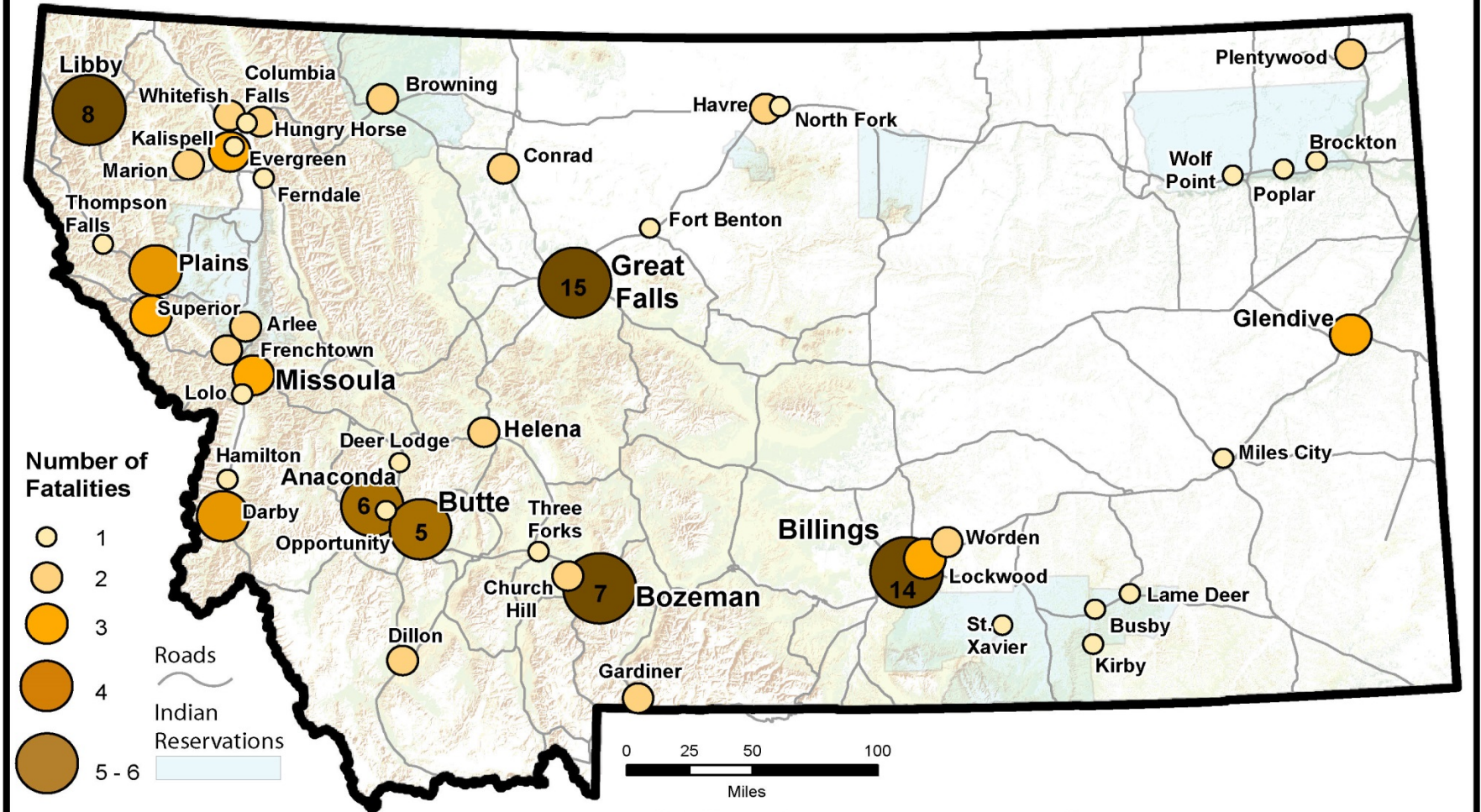
# Number of Deaths in Montana Due to Intimate Partner Homicide By Year: 2000 through June 9, 2014 125 Deaths\* from 82 IPH events



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# 125 Total Fatalities

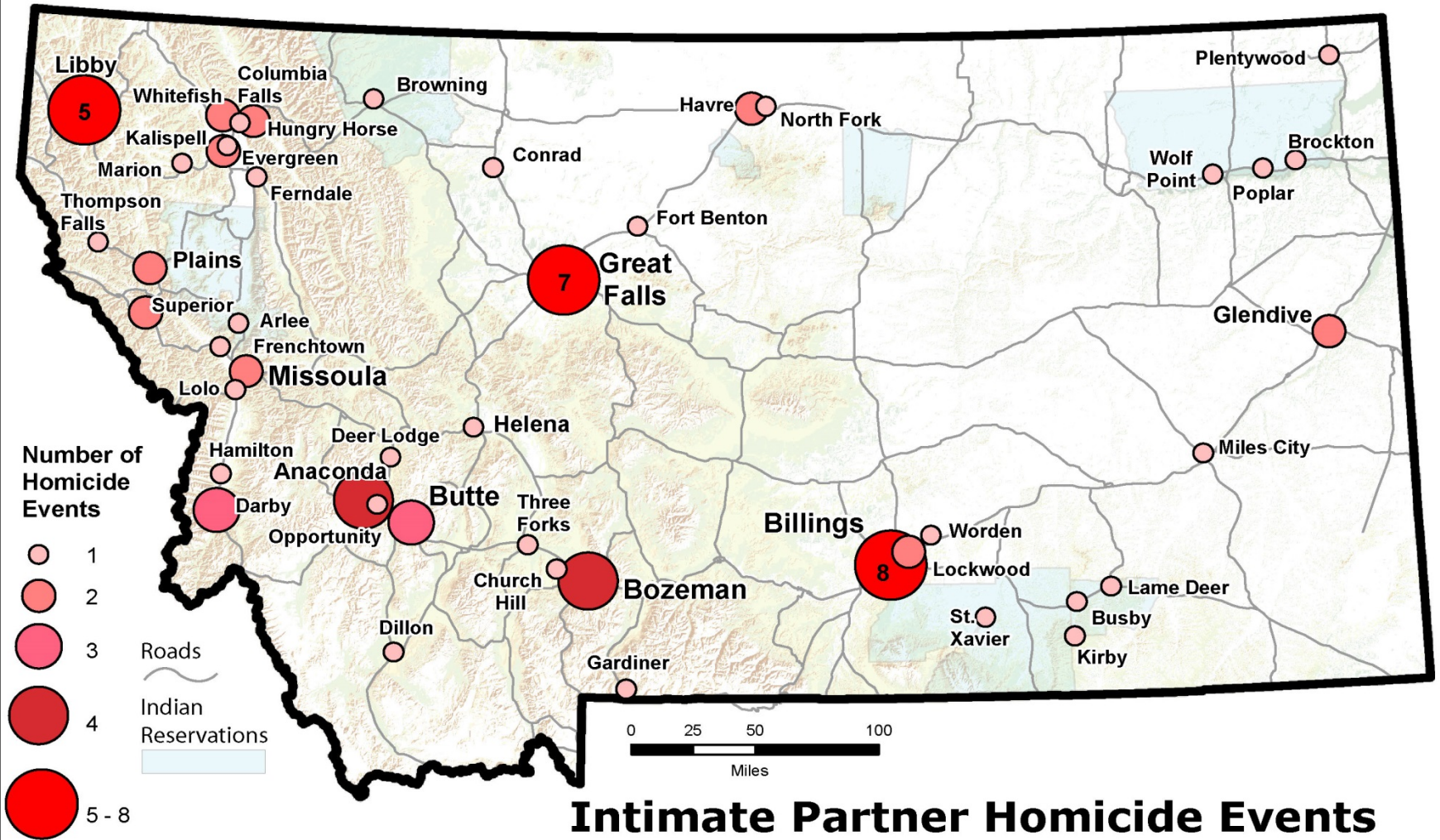


## Fatalities\* Due to Intimate Partner Violence in Montana Since 2000

\*The 125 fatalities include intimate partner victim, suicidal perpetrator and children.



# 82 Total Intimate Partner Homicide Events



## Intimate Partner Homicide Events in Montana Since 2000\*

\*Homicide events resulted in 125 fatalities including intimate partner victim, suicidal perpetrator and children.

# 2013 Trends Identified By The Commission

- Native American IPH deaths have declined in the past two years. There hasn't been a Reservation-based death that the Commission is aware of since June 2010. Even so, Native Americans remain victims of intimate partner homicide at a disproportionate rate. While constituting approximately 7% of the state's population, they make up 11% of intimate partner deaths.
- Firearms continue to be the most frequently used weapons.
- The fourth quarter of the year has become the most dangerous for victims. The months of October—December accounted for three of four deaths in 2011 and half of the deaths in 2012.
- All recent deaths took place in Western Montana. The last intimate partner killings east of Billings occurred in 2010.
- Dr. Neil Websdale's concept of "humiliated fury" was evident in three of the four reviews conducted. Further discussion of what the team discovered can be found on page 7 .
- In each of these killings, family, friends and/or coworkers were aware of violence within the home, but struggled with how, or whether, to intervene.
- Three of the perpetrators attempted suicide with two completions.
- The majority of children who survive the death of one or both parents receive few, if any, services.
- Alcohol was a significant factor in three of the four incidents reviewed. Those killings took the lives of five individuals

# Recommendations 2013

- Provide the final three tribal courts (Blackfeet, Fort Belknap and Rocky Boys) with the capacity for Hope Cards – electronic court case management systems and specialized printers.
- It is essential that those who work with victims and their children be trained to develop safety plans. This should be a skill of clergy, teachers, medical professionals, social service providers and criminal justice staff, among others.
- Continue the collaboration and joint trainings between Montana's Department of Justice, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the MT – WY Tribal Judges Association.
- Expand the state's Crime Victim Compensation Program to increase the reimbursement rate for funeral expenses. The \$3,500 figure has not been raised since 1995 and its limitation can place a financial burden on families of those killed in intimate partner homicides.
- Identify, train and provide financial support to members of a statewide Native American domestic violence fatality review team. Conduct at least one review of a Reservation-based death this biennium.
- Increase knowledge and use of DOJ's Limited English Proficiency language line services for domestic violence victims.

# 2013 Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Increase training on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study and the effects on children who grow up in violent homes.
- Institute automatic referrals to Child Protective Services and a guardian ad litem or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for all children following an IPH.
- Adapt Missoula's bystander sexual assault campaign to domestic violence and expand it statewide.
- Mandate ongoing DV education for law enforcement, making it eligible for POST credit. Currently there is no requirement beyond basic Academy training. Make the training available to all law enforcement personnel – Highway Patrol, game wardens, Division of Criminal Investigation agents, etc.
- Adapt Montana's 24/7 Sobriety Program to arrests for Partner or Family Member Assault (PFMA) that include substance abuse. This would require that those free on bond and/or serving a suspended sentence be tested daily for alcohol use. A positive test would revoke the bond or suspended sentence and return the offender to jail.

RESPONDENT

**JOHN DOE**



**DOB: 01/01/1980**

**Sex: Male**

**Race: White**

**Height: 5'11"**

**Weight: 170**

**Eyes: Brown**

**Hair: Brown**

**Scars/Marks/Tattoos:**

**Tattoo on Left Shoulder**

**Protection Order**

This card certifies that the person named on the back of this card has a Protection Order on file with the State of Montana against the individual listed above. Violation of the Protection Order, even if invited, is a misdemeanor under §§ 45-5-220 and/or 45-5-626, MCA. Pursuant to Title 18 USC §2265 (a). Protection Orders issued by outside jurisdictions shall be provided full faith and credit.



**State of Montana**

County: **Carbon**

Court: **Justice Court**

Case No.: **123456**

Issued: **04/01/2010**

Expires: **04/01/2012**

**Petitioner**

**JANE DOE**

DOB: **01/01/1980**

Sex: **Female**

Race: **White**

Height: **5'6"**



Other People Protected by this Order:

**KATELYN DOE**

DOB: **02/14/2001**

**JODIE DOE**

DOB: **07/24/2003**

Law Enforcement Must Verify This Order with Local Dispatch.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Tracking statewide IPH deaths
- Biennial report
- 72 hour no contact order – MCA 45-5-209 [2005]
- DV intervention account – MCA 44-4-310 [2005]
- Augment 24/7 program – MCA 44-4-1205 [2013]
- Fort Peck training [2009]
- Hope Card [2010]
- First Indian Country DV Fatality Review [2008]
- Native American DV Fatality Review Team created [2014]
- One of 3 VAWA funded programs recognized nationwide [film released in 2011]
- Served as mentor for teams from several other states