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IOWA VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

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Violence Prevention
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Summer 2017 Update

Status of Data Collection & Reporting

- On June 30, 2017, we closed out cases of violent deaths that occurred in CY2015. Data for this year was collected only on deaths that occurred in Iowa's seven largest counties. Death Certificate data was 100% complete, ME reports were 97% complete and LE reports were 90% complete. We were pleased with our efforts to obtain as many LE records as possible to close out the year!
- For CY2016, we expanded data collection to all violent deaths in Iowa. By early August, there are 620 cases entered in the database. Of them, death certificate data is 95% complete; ME records are 88% complete, and we are now requesting LE reports.
- CY2017 cases have started rolling in already. There are 302 cases we have received so far. Our death certificates are received monthly from IDPH Vital Records, which allows us to upload them within 1 – 2 months after the death. The Iowa State Medical Examiner is now sending all ME records electronically, decreasing the amount of time to initiate those data elements. We are so grateful to our colleagues in IDPH Vital Records and the IOSME for their strong support of the IA VDRS

The IAVDRS is finishing work on a special report to be issued in the coming month. Stay tuned for more information!

Spotlight on Staff



Tracy Young Tracy Young is our part-time epidemiologist and works for the IPRC. She assists with data management and analysis as well as report development. Tracy has a Master's degree in Epidemiology from the University of Iowa Department of Preventive Medicine. Since 1998, she has worked on multiple injury prevention research studies at the University of Iowa including delays in triage and transfer of trauma patients, rural trauma system evaluation, safe teen driving, poisoning surveillance, farm equipment crashes, agricultural injury surveillance, as well as other smaller projects. Her interests include acute trauma care, including road traffic injuries, falls, and poisoning-related injuries. She can be reached at tracy-young@uiowa.edu.

Upcoming Events

9/1/2017 – IAVDRS will begin Year 4 of a 5-year grant from the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

9/22-23/2017 – IAVDRS will exhibit at the 2017 IACME Fall Meeting and Education Expo in Coralville IA.

IAVDRS staff will attend regional LEIN meetings around the state over the coming months to introduce themselves.