

# Georgia Violent Death Reporting System



## DCCA MEETING

A consortium collectively representing law enforcement to the citizens of DeKalb County to obtain their understanding and support of professional law enforcement.



## DATA SUMMARY

Current death data trends and statistics.



## COLLABORATION

We rely on our partners to join us in a prevention campaign to reduce violent deaths. Please inform us about your upcoming meetings and we would love to attend!

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT

### DCCA MEETING

The DeKalb County Chiefs' Association (DCCA) meeting was established to increase cooperation and promote professionalism among the law enforcement agencies operating in and around DeKalb County. DeKalb County Chiefs' meet monthly to discuss issues, trends, and opportunities for improvement within law enforcement agencies and their communities

The DCCA's mission is to promote professional standards for law enforcement in all areas of life safety and property safety as to better serve the members of the community. This mission supports DeKalb County's top public safety priorities of strengthening partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to reinforce DeKalb County's commitment to protecting law-abiding citizens and residents. As a state-based surveillance system, GA-VDRS is working in collaboration with DCCA to ensure a local partnership for quality statistics that create violent death reduction strategies in DeKalb County.

IN 2017, **2419** VIOLENT DEATHS WERE REPORTED IN GEORGIA.

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**THREE** out of **FOUR**



violent death victims were  
**MALES.**

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**FROM 2013 TO 2017**

the age-adjusted **suicide** death rate:



**INCREASED 8% in MALES**



**INCREASED 20% in FEMALES**

the age-adjusted **homicide** death rate:



**INCREASED 22% in MALES**



**INCREASED 15% in FEMALES**

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More than  
**HALF**  
of violent deaths were  
**SUICIDES.**

#### NEW STAFF MEMBER



Liz Blankenship has recently joined the Georgia Department of Public Health as an epidemiologist for the Georgia Violent Death Reporting System (GA-VDRS). Liz graduated from Clemson University's class of 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Sciences. In 2017, she moved to Atlanta after attaining a Master of Public Health degree from Georgia Southern University. Liz spent two years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a data analyst and web developer before excitedly joining the GA-VDRS team in August of this year.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30, 2020  
Data Close Out  
End of year data close out and submission to CDC

March 10, 2020  
Advisory Committee  
Biannual stakeholder meeting from 10 am-12pm

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