



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.<sup>1</sup> **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.<sup>2</sup>
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.<sup>3</sup>
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.<sup>4</sup>
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.<sup>5</sup>
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.<sup>6</sup>

## CHALLENGES<sup>7</sup>

- Minnesota's largest state funding source for domestic violence victim services decreased from \$18.4 million in 2004 to \$15.4 million in 2005.
  - ◇ Funding cuts have left shelter programs with less staff which means less personal time and attention is available to help victims.
- Although transitional and long-term supportive housing is key to providing safety and stability for a victim of domestic violence, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find stable and affordable low-income housing in Minnesota. This leads to longer stays in shelters and fewer openings for women seeking shelter.

## STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

*"Between July 2006 and June 2007, we had to turn away 401 women from our shelter and have referred 592 to other area shelters due to lack of capacity."*

- Executive Director, Women's Advocates, Inc.

*"Recognizing that there can never be enough emergency services if we also are not working to change the societal values and institutions that support the violence, advocates have begun to re-examine and embrace activism and social change as central tenets to the work."*

-Executive Director, MCBW

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN MINNESOTA

- There were 12,067 filings for orders of protection filings in Minnesota in 2006.<sup>8</sup>
- There were 2,681 domestic assault cases and 113 felony charges brought against the offender in 2004.<sup>9</sup>
- 2,542 forcible rapes were known or reported in Minnesota in 2006.<sup>10</sup>
- At least 20 women were murdered as a result of domestic violence in 2006.<sup>11</sup>
- At least 12 children were killed in Minnesota as a result of domestic violence or child abuse in 2006.<sup>11</sup>
- 37,010 women and children in Minnesota were served by battered women community advocacy programs in 2006.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2006:<sup>11</sup>
  - ◇ 5,295 battered women and 5,131 children used Minnesota emergency shelter services.
  - ◇ 434 battered women and 535 children used emergency motel-hotel housing.

## STATE RESOURCES

### The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women [www.mcbw.org](http://www.mcbw.org)

- ◇ MCBW is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving as a unifying voice for battered women and linking battered women's programs in Minnesota with the common goal of ending domestic violence. The organization is made up of local, regional and statewide programs advocating on behalf of battered women and their children.

### The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault [www.mncasa.org](http://www.mncasa.org)

- ◇ The Coalition acts as a voice for victims, survivors, sexual assault programs, and allies committed to ending sexual violence. MNCASA's services, designed to assist local programs, include membership services and outreach, prevention, training, and the Sexual Violence Justice Institute which encourages effective and victim-centered investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases.

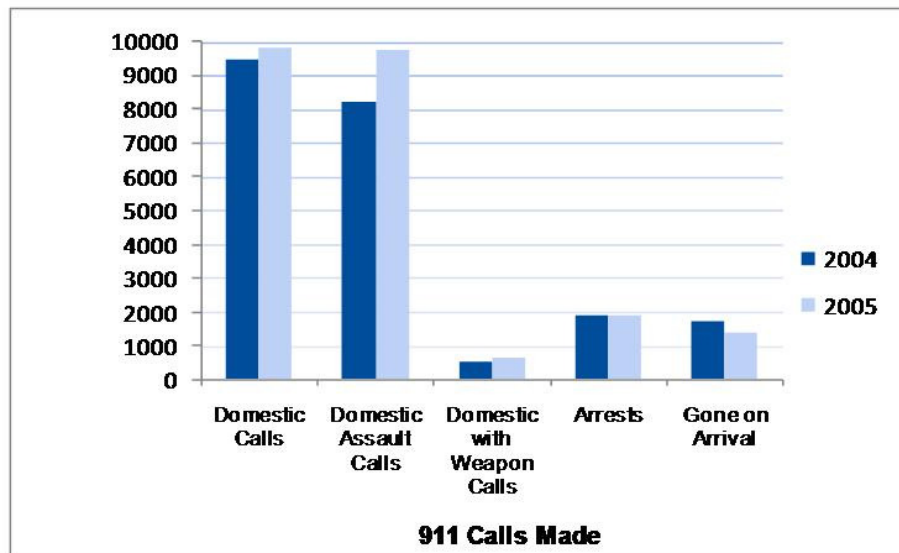
For more information or to get help, please contact the  
 Minnesota Domestic Violence Crisis Line at  
**1-866-223-1111**

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE  
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

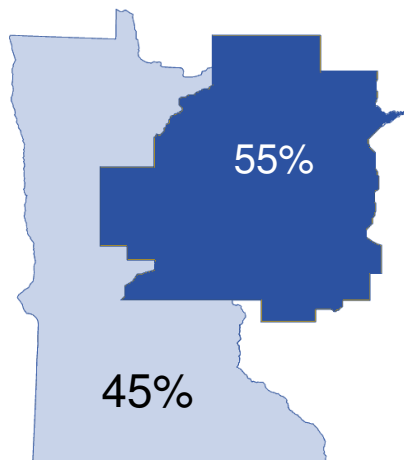
## Domestic Violence in Minneapolis<sup>9</sup>

In 2005, the Minneapolis Police Department received 20,210 domestic violence calls through 911.

- There was a 19% increase in domestic calls between 2004 and 2005.
- The number of domestic with weapons calls, however, increased 20%.



## Femicide in Minnesota<sup>11</sup>



### Geographical Breakdown of Femicides in Minnesota for 2006:

- 11 women were killed as a result of domestic violence in the Twin Cities Metro Area
- 9 women were killed as a result of domestic violence in Greater Minnesota

- Twin Cities Metro Area
- Greater Minnesota

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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

(NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.