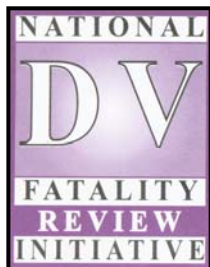


# THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW INITIATIVE 2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



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August 15-16, 2005  
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## APPROACH

The upcoming Phoenix conference of the NDVFRI will be interactive in nature, providing the team members from across the country the opportunity for extensive participation through workshops. We have selected a small number of people to offer their thoughts at the front end of the three learning tracks. Based in part on issues raised during these presentations, attendees will engage in an interactive dialogue. In this way we hope teams will learn from each other and at the same time work through many of the issues raised by panelists. We will create a record of these discussions and disseminate them in newsletter form after the conference as well as placing a summary of the deliberations on our website ([www.ndvfri.org](http://www.ndvfri.org)).

The three principal learning tracks include: (1) **Lessons Learned/Mistakes Made**; (2) **Thorny Issues in Domestic Violence**; and (3) **Risk/Prevention**. These thematic discussions will elicit a broad range of productive exchanges and address a number of issues arising across the country.

### ❖ **Lessons Learned/Mistakes Made**

Cynthia Rubenstein will oversee this track. Within the Lessons Learned/Mistakes Made track attendees will have the opportunity to engage in mock review activity. Robin Thompson, J.D., will oversee this sub-track activity. Please come prepared to share your own team experiences and contribute to the discussions.

### ❖ **Thorny Issues in Domestic Violence**

Chic Dabby and Dr. Kathleen Ferraro will lead and facilitate the Thorny Issues track. Among the issues up for discussion are: “Good victims and bad victims,” “Women’s violence,” “Roles of men,” “Roles of faith,” “Waiving rights to confidentiality,” and “Why doesn’t she leave?” We invite your comments and suggestions on the kinds of issues/questions we might include in this track. Send specific comments regarding the Thorny Issues track to [Neil.Websdale@nau.edu](mailto:Neil.Websdale@nau.edu) or call Neil at (928)523-9205.

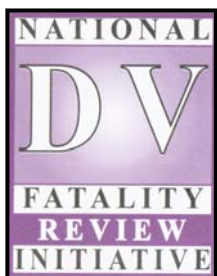
### ❖ **Risk/Prevention**

This track brings together a group of panelists skilled in the field of Risk Assessment and Management. Neil Websdale will facilitate this learning session. We approach this topic from a critical perspective and seek to transcend the mere listing of risk factors. Again, we invite your suggestions as to topics we might raise and how we might discuss them.

## THEME

The theme of “experience” pervades the conference. We want to learn about the experiences of team members as well as hearing from survivors. To this end we have a survivor of domestic violence to help us address a number of the questions raised at the conference. In our wrap-up we will expressly address matters of attendees’ concerns, implementing change, and applying knowledge. We will also seek your feedback on the usefulness and feasibility of setting up a moderated web-based communication network between fatality review teams. Such a network might be a natural outcome of an interactive conference such as this.

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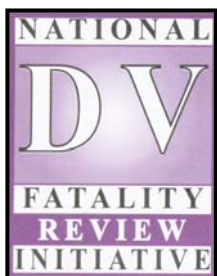
**Sunday, August 14, 2005**

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration

**Monday, August 15, 2005**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:05 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. Opening Remarks: Byron Johnson, Director, NDVFRI  
8:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. Welcome: TBA  
8:20 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. Conference Overview: Neil Websdale, NDVFRI  
8:30 a.m. – Noon Track One: Lessons Learned/Mistakes Made  
Judge Sue Carbon, Alison Paul, Roberta Hacker, Cynthia  
Rubenstein, Robin Thompson, Judge Mike Brigner  
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch Speaker: TBA  
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Track Two: Thorny Issues  
Chic Dabby, Kathleen Ferraro, Byron Johnson, Doreen Nicholas,  
Judge Sue Carbon  
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Poolside Reception  
Aztec Room & Aztec Patio

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**Tuesday, August 16, 2005**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Track Three: Risk/Prevention David Adams, Sgt. Scott Jenkins, Rhonda Martinson, Neil Websdale
11:30 a.m. – Noon	Wrap-Up: Fatality Review & Survivors of Domestic Violence Doreen Nicholas