



# SAFE TEMPORARY FIREARM STORAGE

NEBRASKA

2025

# disclaimer



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WE WANT NOTHING FROM YOU.

NO NEW PAPERWORK.

NO FORMS. NO BUSYWORK.

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SIMPLY KNOW THAT  
THIS PROGRAM EXISTS\*

\* and maybe direct someone to the website if they need it.

# SAFE TEMPORARY FIREARM STORAGE (STFS)

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A VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR  
PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR  
FIREARMS SAFE.

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Provided by local  
gun shops and law enforcement

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# CONTEXT

We believe firearms are an American way of life.

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IT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AND  
A NECESSITY IN ORDER TO PROTECT  
OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES.

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And with this **RIGHT** to bear  
arms comes **RESPONSIBILITY**.

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# ANY VARIETY OF REASONS

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STFS IS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO  
MENTAL HEALTH OR CONCERNs  
ABOUT SUICIDE.



STFS IS FOR PROVIDING RESOURCES  
FOR GUN OWNERS

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# Why would gun owners sometimes store firearms away from the home?



The grandkids are visiting for a week.

When traveling out of state and having the additional safety of storing out of the home brings peace of mind.

A couple are divorcing, and arguments are getting heated.

A homeowner is listing their home for sale and wants firearms to be secure while showings occur.





## GETTING ON THE MAP

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CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AND GUN SHOPS

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FOLLOW UP WITH A EMAIL TO ME:  
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STFS REACHES OUT, ANSWERS  
QUESTIONS, AND SETS UP AN  
ON-SITE VISIT

# THE STFS SUPPORTS THE PARTNERING LOCATION

# STFS PROVIDES SUPPORT BY

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CONTRACT-TO-HOLD  
TEMPLATES

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POTENTIAL DONATION OF  
LOCKER, GUN SAFE OR OTHER  
NEEDS

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AND SWAG!

# Suicide Mortality Review System

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Nebraska



# What is a Suicide Mortality Review?

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A Suicide Mortality Review (SMR) team is a group of people from different local organizations who collectively review records and reports of deaths by suicide. Their goal is to find risk factors, gaps in services, and ways to prevent future suicides. Team members may include people from mental health, law enforcement, health care, public health, and other community members who can share helpful insights. An SMR is meant to take a ‘deep dive’ at a suicide case, using all available information to better understand what led up to the death.



# Goal:

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To explore missed opportunities for intervention and enhance the community's ability to respond to prevent future suicide deaths.

# Purpose:

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- Improve our understanding of how and why a person dies by suicide
- Develop recommendations to improve our response to suicide deaths
- Develop prevention initiatives to take action to improve the health and safety of our community.



Why is this a Nebraska Department  
of Veterans' Affairs project?

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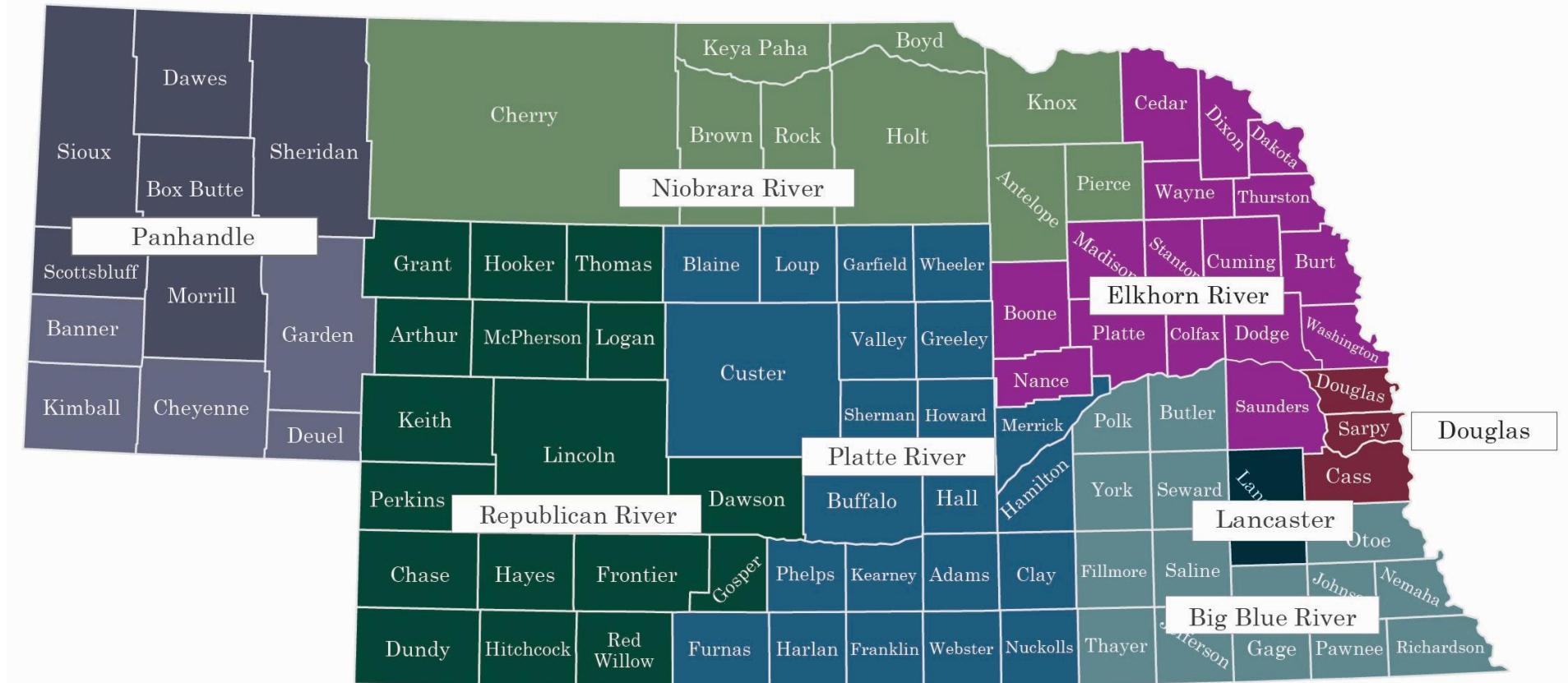
# The Deep Dive

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# Nebraska's Suicide Mortality Review Regions

SMR Launch: 8 Regions

- Panhandle
- Republican River
- Niobrara River
- Platte River
- Elkhorn River
- Big Blue River
- Lancaster
- Douglas



# 1. Screening & Identification of Reported Deaths By Suicide

The SMR core office reviews the state data and records of deaths by suicide\* :

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- Death investigation reports from a coroner
- Forensic autopsy reports
- Law enforcement reports, including probation and corrections reports
- Emergency medical services data
- Prescription drug monitoring program data
- Toxicology findings

After an initial review, the SMR core office can request further records:

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- Mental health therapy notes
- Substance use or treatment reports
- School records
- Employment records
- Interviews with next of kin (when available and willing to participate)
- Any additional documents identified that can provide a robust perspective
- Medical records and discharge notes, including:
  - Hospital
  - Primary care
  - Outpatient
  - Specialist records

## **2. Development of De-Identified, Narrative Reports**

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The SMR core office creates a de-identified, narrative report and timeline of events

## **3. Delivery of Narrative Reports for Quarterly Reviews**

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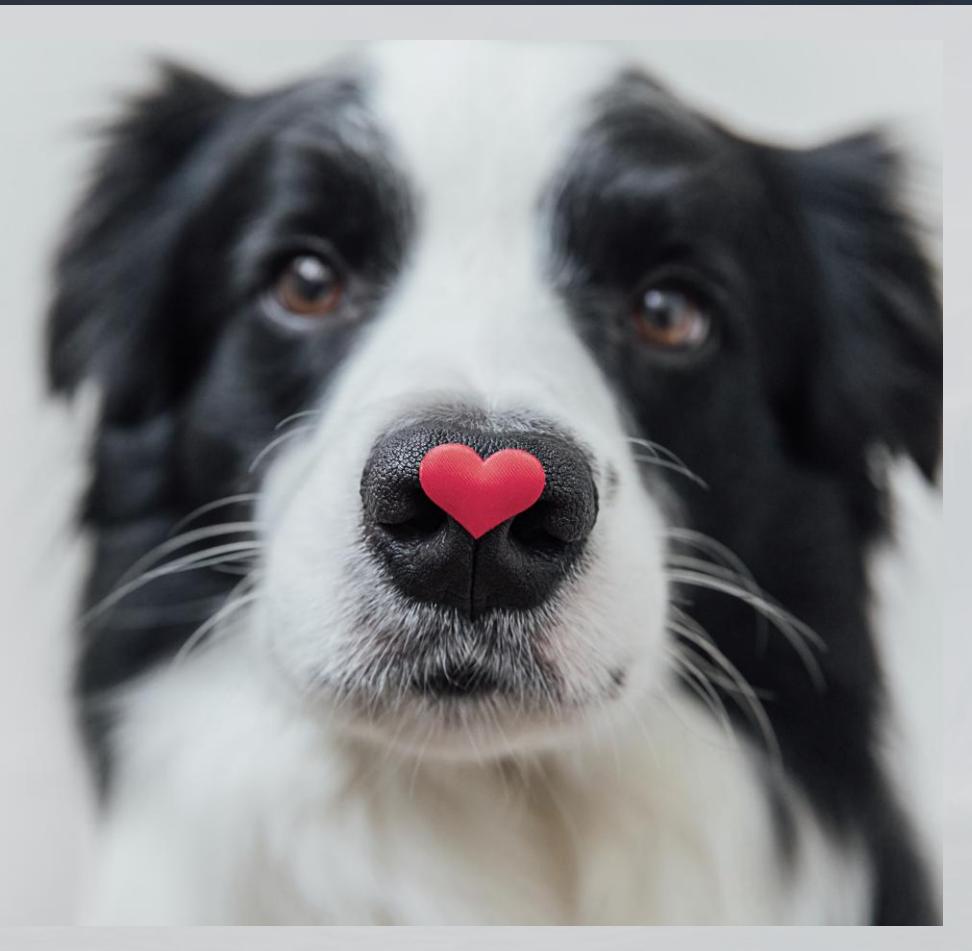


The ‘thread’ of the quarterly review for that team is identified, and outreach to additional ad hoc members can be initiated.

## 4. Regional Suicide Mortality Reviews

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- Each review period will examine 8-12 deaths that share an overlapping ‘thread’ of commonality.
- Stakeholders in the team will implement the local interventions, and report back to the team on progress, barriers, and successes.
- The team will collaborate to identify strengths and opportunities for upstream intervention. These recommendations address local opportunities at a grassroots level, as well as statewide.



# Turning Insights into Impact

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Washington County, Oregon

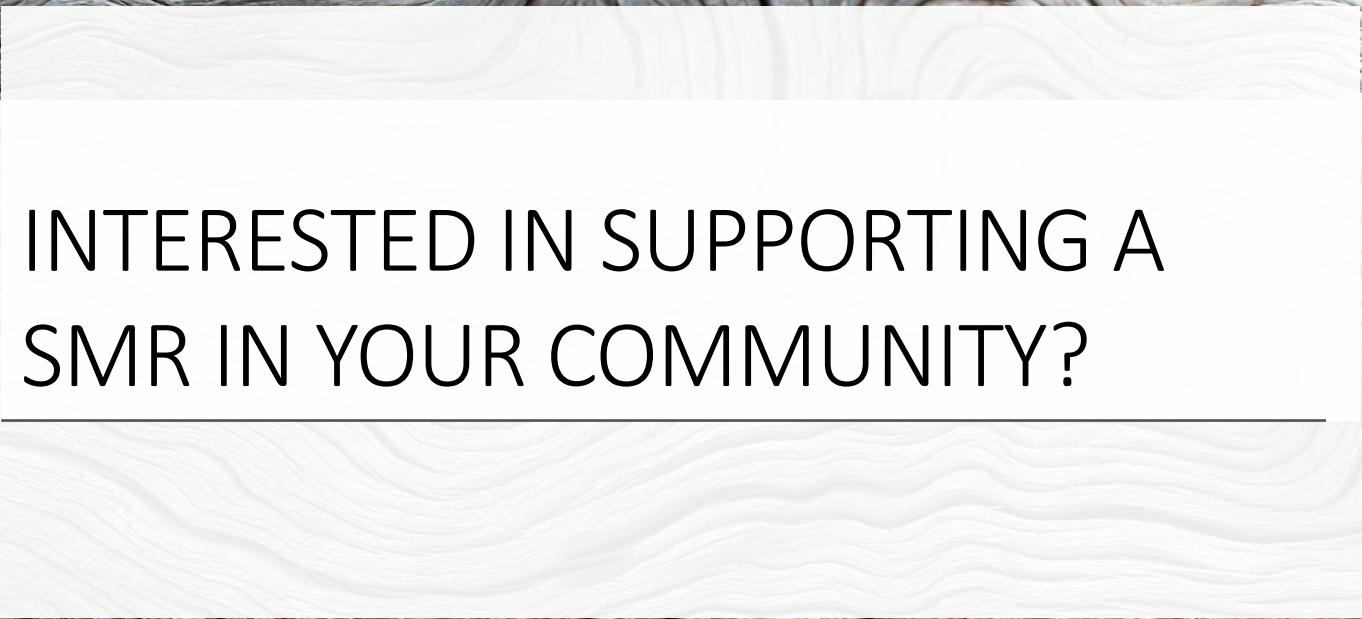
## Pet Surrender Training

A Suicide Mortality Review team identified pet surrenders at animal shelters as a risk factor for suicide. This led to rapid training of all shelter staff in suicide awareness, resulting in interventions with seven individuals who admitted suicidal intent within three months.

## 5. Progress & Reporting

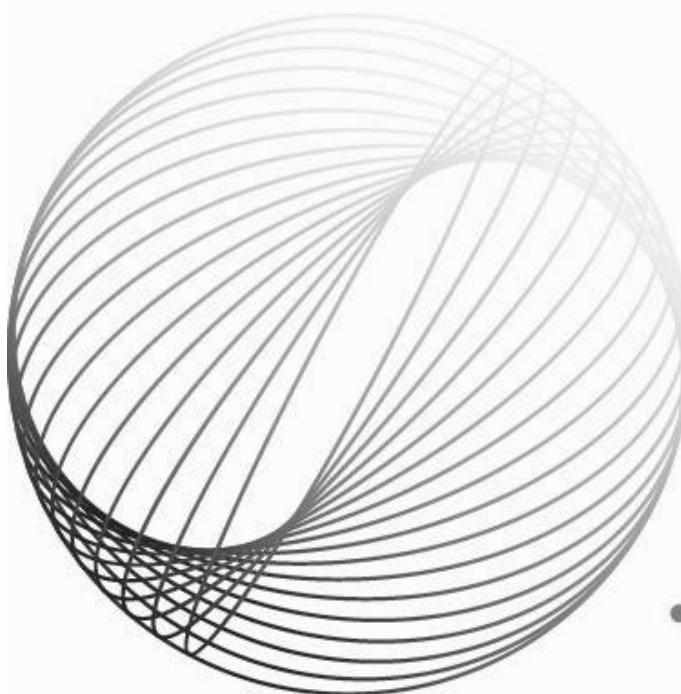
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- Annually a report will be generated of all SMR meetings providing insight into their findings, recommendations, and outcomes.
- The report will be provided to Nebraska Legislature and other stakeholders in the community to utilize.



INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING A  
SMR IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

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# Suicide Mortality Review

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Thank you

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