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Florida Department of Law Enforcement recently released their annual crime statistics for 2012 year. While domestic violence crime is down overall 3.3% from the previous year, there were 108,046 total crimes versus 111,681. Of the total 108,046 offenses, there were 65,107 arrests or 60%.

Of the 10 categories that the FDLE tracks under the Domestic Violence Offenses, four had increases. Those categories are: forcible fondlings up 19.8%, forcible rapes up 3.5%, forcible sodomies up 14.6% and murder up 6%.

There were 191 domestic violence murders and of those 65 of the victims were the spouse of the offender. Of the 1009 murders last year in Florida nearly 20% of them were domestic violence murders.

“These statistics clearly show us now more than ever, we must continue our education, awareness and prevention programs. The Domestic Abuse Council will advocate for victims and assist them with individualized safety plans,” Cheryl Fuller CEO of the Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County, Inc. said.

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