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Press Release

Detroit Homicide Investigator Darryl Byrge was the recipient of the “Power of One: Child Death Review Field Award 2010” at the annual Child Death Review (CDR) Team Member Training at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Michigan on April 27th, 2010. The award was announced in front of over one hundred attendees from around the state, representing law enforcement, public health, social services, the courts, medical fields, mental health and others.

This was a new award, given to three local CDR team members this year. All three are outstanding individuals who have proven themselves to be truly committed to issues affecting children’s health, safety and protection, and have supported the CDR process in their communities.

As a relatively new member, Investigator Byrge brings a lot to the table as one of the representatives of the Detroit Police Department on the multi-disciplinary Wayne County CDR Team. He has used this process to help identify how and why children are dying in Wayne County, to address issues surrounding investigation and service delivery, and to identify where improvements might be made to reduce other such deaths in the future.

Investigating homicides is a complex and difficult task, requiring a wide array of skill and intuition. The investigation of children’s deaths is an even more demanding and delicate undertaking. After attending a training on child death investigation and scene re-enactment, Investigator Byrge was unfortunately able to quickly translate the information learned to actual child death investigations, which uncovered information that would otherwise have gone undetected in those cases.

We are grateful to have the support and efforts of committed individuals like Inspector Byrge partnering with us as we work toward providing healthier, safer communities for our children. For his dedication in going the extra mile, Detroit is lucky to have him!