

Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Area News Directors
FROM: Melinda Storley, Minnehaha County Commission Assistant
DATE: July 10, 2017
RE: Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Regional Infant and Child Mortality Review Committee (RICMRC) Annual Press Conference

On July 12 at 2:00PM in the Commission Meeting Room of the Minnehaha County Administrative Building, the Regional Infant and Child Mortality Review Committee (RICMRC) will hold its annual press conference to present its findings from its 2016 review of 26 deaths. The RICMRC, chaired by Dr. Kenneth Snell, Minnehaha County Coroner, with the multi-disciplinary expertise of its members, reviews deaths that occur following post-partum hospitalization of residents under 18 years of age in the ten county region of South Eastern South Dakota. Notable in the 2016 cohort of deaths, were three fatalities due to maltreatment of children and three injuries sustained by children and adolescents who were not restrained by a seat belt or properly belted in a child car seat. In addition, there were five Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths, four of which occurred in an unsafe sleep environment. Strategies that prevent loss of young life will be presented.

For more information, please contact the Minnehaha County Commission Office at 605-367-4206.

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