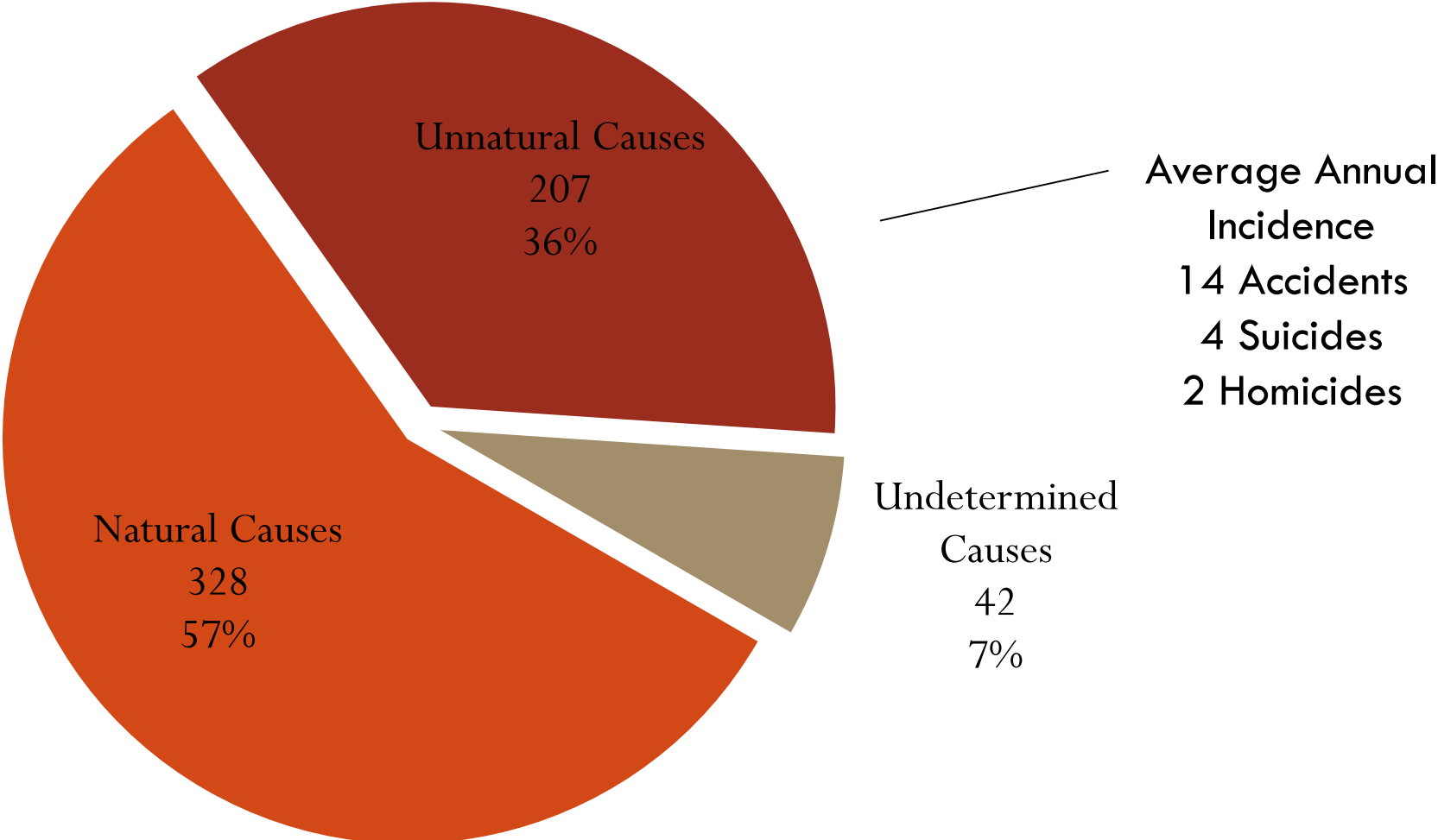


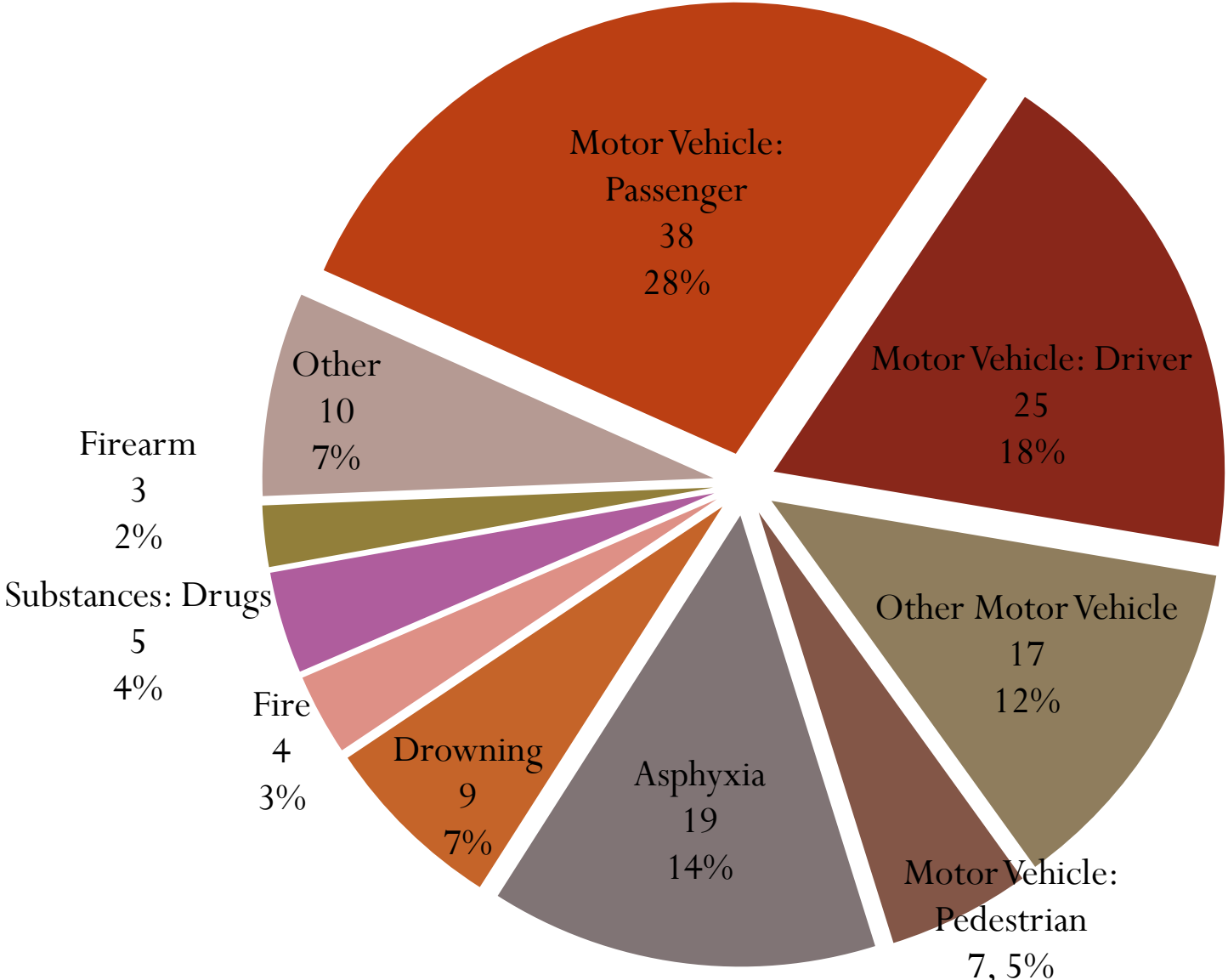
Child Fatality Review Team

Child Fatality by Cause 2006-2015



VT Resident Children [0-18 years] 2006-2015

Accidental Child Fatality by Type 2006-2015



Vermont's Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT)

- Formal child death review teams began in the 1980's as a strategy to understand how and why children die by abuse and maltreatment
 - ▣ There are now over 1,350 CFRTs around the country – many have authority under statute
- The CFRT is a multidisciplinary team that examines child deaths to identify:
 - ▣ risk factors
 - ▣ system gaps
 - ▣ educational needs
 - ▣ on prevention outreach
 - ▣ policy gaps

Shifting from Abuse Prevention to Public Health

- Over the years, the team's focus has expanded from abuse and neglect to include all causes of unnatural or unexpected child death, such as:
 - ▣ suicide
 - ▣ infant unsafe sleep (e.g. bed-sharing and suffocation)
 - ▣ accidents (drownings, motor vehicle crashes, drugs)
- A public health approach can prevent future deaths

Proposed legislation

- Establish a specific scope
 - Unnatural and unexpected child deaths, ages 0-18 years
- Provide access to information
 - Authorize the committee to request information necessary for comprehensive case reviews to generate meaningful and data-supported recommendations
- Confidentiality
 - Address issues such as immunity, subpoenas, confidentiality and discoverability of team deliberations and documents
- Public health approach
 - Specifically codify CFRT under the Health Department