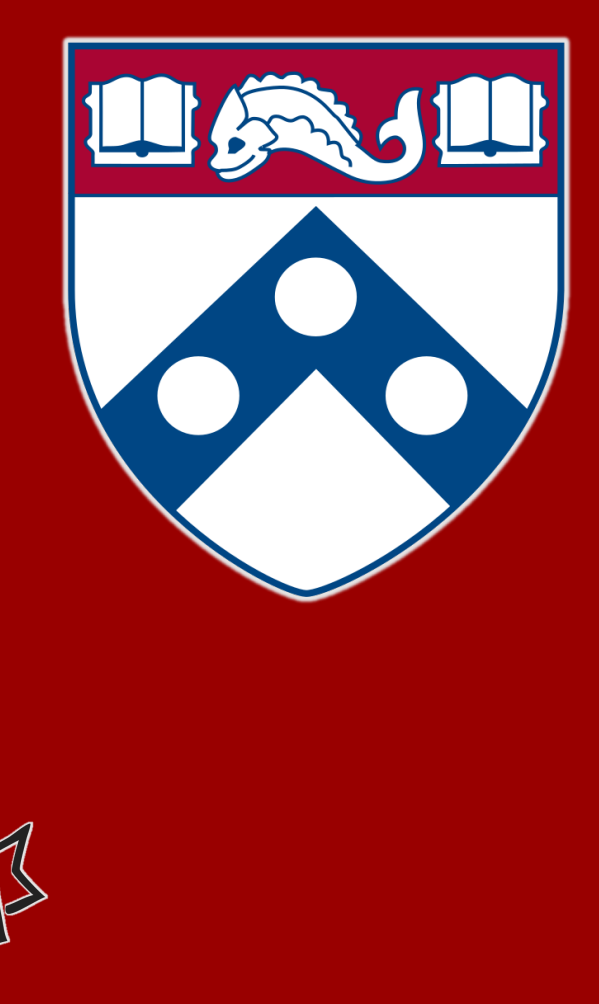




Frequency of gatekeeper conversations about suicide in the Army National Guard: Preliminary findings from the Army-Suicide Prevention Research on Implementation in the National Guard (Army-SPRING) study

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INTRO

- Research Question: How often do Suicide Intervention Officers, Chaplains, and Religious Affairs Specialists in the CTARNG engage in conversations about suicide?

METHODS

- N = 32 non-clinical suicide preventionists consented (n = 27 SIOs, n = 5 Religious Affairs)
- Weekly data reported for n = 17 (n = 12 SIOs, n = 5 Religious Affairs)
- Reporting on 50 weeks of data; data collection ongoing

RESULTS

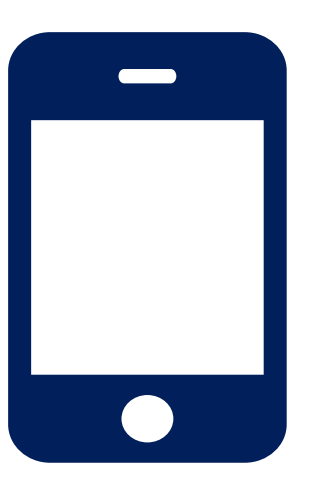
- Each participant had an average of 28.59 (SD = 42.74) conversations over the 50-week period
- Out of the 50 weeks of data collection, at least one participant had a conversation re: suicide in 47

DISCUSSION

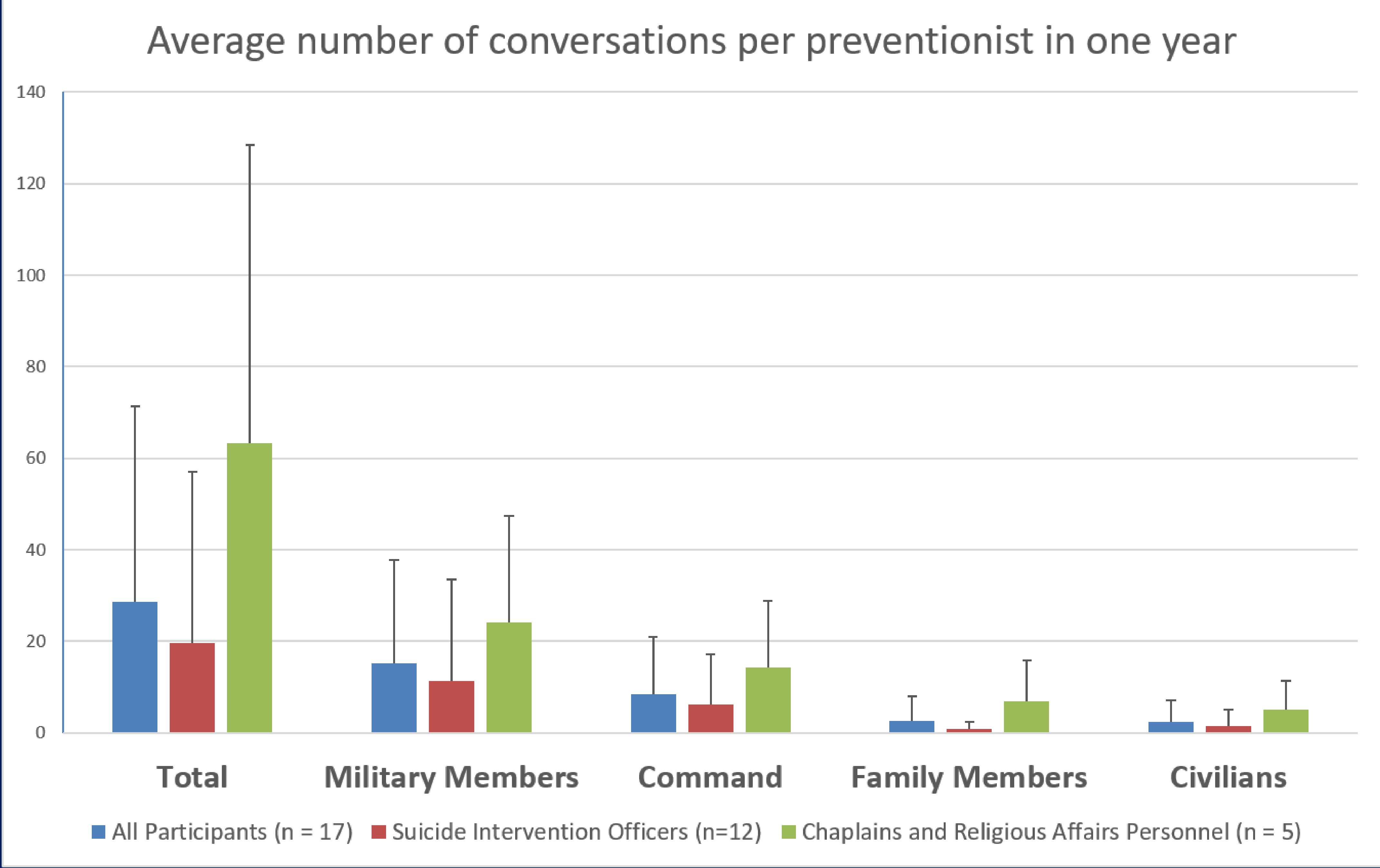
- Guard preventionists regularly engage in suicide prevention conversations
- Preventionists vary substantially in how often they have suicide-related discussions
- Qualitative data collection underway to understand the content, delivery, and perceived impact of conversations
- Clinical trial analyses will examine impacts and mechanisms of SIOs on suicide prevention in 2028.



Access references and additional information here.



Suicide Intervention Officers, Chaplains, & Religious Affairs Specialists in the National Guard engage in conversations related to suicide nearly every week.



Results from the overall study will illuminate if, how, and why SIOs prevent suicide in the CTARNG.

Additional Information

Participant Guard Status Demographics:

MDAY (Part-Time)	Full-Time
n = 11	n = 6

Info About Trial Design:

- Hybrid Type III Randomized Clinical Trial
- Participants randomized to either an additional suicide prevention implementation training (intervention) or to a resilience training (active control)
- Data collected through weekly surveys on MetricWire

Pertinent Statistics:

- 333 total responses over 50 weeks (average 19.59, SD 14.82 per participant)
- Average response rate: 64.13%
- Military service members: Avg. 15.12 (SD = 25.44) per participant
- Command: Avg. 8.47 (SD = 12.39) per participant
- Family: Avg. 2.53 (SD = 5.52) per participant
- Civilians: Avg. 2.47 (SD = 4.68) per participant
- Total number of all conversations re: suicide reported in surveys: 486
- 94 of these 486 conversations reported during drill weekends; suggests many conversations happen outside of drill (drill weekend data may be an underestimate)

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