

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Oakland County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (OCDVFRT) is to conduct a thorough review of all domestic violence homicides, suicides and near homicides in Oakland County in order to learn how to prevent domestic homicides and suicides by improving the response of individuals and agencies to domestic violence.

In order to assure a coordinated response that fully addresses all systemic concerns surrounding domestic homicides, suicides and near homicides, all relevant data should be shared and reviewed by the OCDVFRT, as permitted by law, including historical information concerning the victim, his or her family and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Public Act 192 of 2001 stipulates that a fatality review team is confidential and not subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. All information secured in the course of the OCDVFRT will remain confidential and will not be used for reasons other than that which was intended. In no case will any team member disclose any information regarding team discussion outside of the meeting other than pursuant to the mandated agency responsibilities of that individual. Failure to observe this procedure may violate various confidentiality statutes that contain penalty. Public statements about the general purpose of the Oakland County Domestic Violence Fatality Review process may be made, as long as they are not identified with any specific case.

**The undersigned agrees to abide by the terms of this confidentiality policy.**

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Name

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Agency

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Signature

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Date