

Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee

Participation Agreement

The goal of the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee (DMDVFC) is not to place blame, but rather to better understand the complicated dynamics of domestic violence when death is involved in order to potentially prevent some of the future fatalities. The process is a quasi-scientific, (in that we are gathering relevant data), intellectually-based discussion for the purpose of a more thorough understanding of the complicated and tragic issue of domestic violence homicide. As a participant of the Fatality Review Committee, you are expected to:

- Share any information you/your agency has pertaining to any defendant and/or victim on each case that is being reviewed (within the legal confides that have been established by your agency).
- Make a minimum one year commitment to attend monthly meetings, and designate an alternate for times when you must be absent. *follow-up meetings will be attended and made priority due to the importance of participation from committee members _____ **Initial**
- Distribute the “Fatality Review Report” to other professionals within your agency.
- When possible send notification to Fatality Review staff whenever there is a recent DV homicide within your jurisdiction.
- Share any pertinent DV homicide articles with other fatality review team members. This can be accomplished through e-mail or at the monthly meetings.
- Bring appropriate knowledge and expertise to the committee. Involvement in this process assumes participant knowledge of domestic violence past a 'dv 101' level, since limited time for discussion doesn't allow the rehashing of basic assumptions regarding domestic violence
- Leave personal antagonisms and agency agendas at the door.
- While we acknowledge the information is sensitive and difficult to process, the place for voicing discomfort or agitation with the nature of the discussion is most appropriate outside of the meeting.
- Have a sincere interest in increasing victim safety and perpetrator accountability, improving collaboration among agencies that work with domestic violence victims, their children, and domestic violence perpetrators; and identify trends and patterns in domestic violence fatalities.
- Communicate with the Coordinator or Director if you wish to resign from the committee or can not attend meetings regularly. _____ **Initial**

Confidentiality Agreement

The effectiveness of this committee’s work is contingent upon the confidentiality of the review process and the information shared. I therefore agree to keep confidential any information obtained through the review process, and not use any material or information obtained for any reason other than which it was intended. However, I understand information discussed here may be subject to discovery, if ordered by a judge in a civil or criminal matter. I will immediately notify the Fatality Review Committee Director and Executive Committee if I am subpoenaed for information in this capacity. **I agree that information will only be released or discussed in the aggregate form outside of the committee meetings. No case identifying material will be taken or shared from a review meeting by any person other than whose agency provided the data.** _____ **Initial**

I hereby agree to keep confidential all case related information discussed at the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee and all related subcommittee meetings. I also agree to abide by the confidentiality procedures established by and for this committee.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Email

Agency/Affiliation

Telephone