Bowie County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Task Force

Confidentiality Agreement

The purpose of a Domestic Violence Fatality Review is to conduct a thorough examination of adult deaths that have occurred as a result of Intimate Partner Violence in Bowie County, Texas.

In order to assure a coordinated response that fully addresses concerns surrounding deaths as a result of intimate partner violence all relevant data, including historical information concerning the deceased and his or her family, must be shared at team reviews.

Information and records acquired by this task force in the exercise of its' purpose and duties are confidential and exempt from disclosure under the open records law, Chapter 552, Government Code, and may only be disclosed as necessary to carry out the review team's purpose and duties. The BCDVFRTF meetings are closed to the public, and confidential information cannot be lawfully disclosed.

As stated in our policies and procedures the only designated parties that may address actions of the BCDVFRTF to outside parties are the nominated Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. In doing so, case discretion should be used at all times. Members of the task force are free to discuss their agencies policy or procedural changes that were recommended by the task force.

Failure to observe confidentiality guidelines may violate statues that contain penalties under both criminal and civil law.

The undersigned person agrees to abide by the terms of this confidentiality agreement.

Date of Meeting: _____

Team Member's Signature:	Agency:
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