

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT FOR WITNESSES

◆ The purposes of the Commission are:

1. To examine the trends and patterns of domestic violence-related fatalities in Vermont.
2. To identify barriers to safety, the strengths and weaknesses in communities and systemic responses to domestic violence.
3. To educate the public, service providers and policymakers about domestic violence fatalities and strategies for intervention and prevention.
4. To recommend policies, practices and services that will encourage collaboration and reduce fatalities due to domestic violence.

◆ As a witness for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission, I understand that all spoken and written testimony is private and confidential with the following exceptions:

1. If I give information about a crime other than the death being reviewed, the Commission will send this new information to the proper law enforcement authorities.
2. If I give information about suspected abuse and neglect of children, elders or disabled adults, certain members of the Commission are required by the law to report this information to the authorities.

◆ I will notify the Commission if I am subpoenaed or served with any court order for information relating to my appearing before the Commission.

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SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

