

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-16-CM
AMENDING TIPPECANOE COUNTY CODE
ADDING NEW CHAPTER 31.3

TIPPECANOE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County desires to establish a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team for the purpose of reviewing deaths resulting from domestic violence in Tippecanoe County and to appoint and reappoint members of that local domestic violence fatality review team, all as authorized by Indiana Code 12-18-8-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, that the Tippecanoe County Code be amended to add a new Chapter 31.3, reading as follows:

Section 31.300 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Established. There is hereby created a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team in the County of Tippecanoe, State of Indiana.

Section 31.301 Purpose. The purpose of the Domestic Violence Review Team shall be to review deaths resulting from domestic violence in this County as authorized by IC §12-18-8-1 *et seq.*

Section 31.302 Membership. The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team shall consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County as described under IC § 12-18-8-10 and IC § 12-18-8-11, and shall include:

- (1) A survivor of domestic violence.
- (2) A domestic violence direct service provider agency.
- (3) A representative of law enforcement from the area served by the local domestic violence review team.
- (4) The Tippecanoe County Prosecutor or the Prosecutor's designee.
- (5) An expert in the field of forensic pathology or a coroner or a deputy coroner.
- (6) A medical practitioner with expertise in domestic violence.
- (7) A judge who hears civil or criminal cases.
- (8) An employee of a child protective services agency.
- (9) Seven additional members, selected from among the following:
 - (A) A clergy member.
 - (B) A representative of county government.
 - (C) A representative from the Tippecanoe County Health Department.

- (D) A representative from the Tippecanoe County Bar Association.
- (E) A defense attorney.
 - (F) An educator.
 - (G) A probation officer.
 - (I) A representative from the business community.
 - (J) An animal control officer.
 - (K) An attorney who represents victims of domestic violence.
 - (L) A provider of a batterers intervention program.

Members of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team shall be appointed or reappointed for two-year terms.

Section 31.303 Scope. The team shall review only those deaths in which the person who commits the act of domestic violence resulting in death:

- (1) Is charged with a criminal offense that results in final judgment; or
- (2) Is deceased.

Section 31.304 Duties.

- (1) The Team shall do the following:
 - (A) Assist a local agency in identifying and reviewing a homicide or suicide that results from domestic violence.
 - (B) Develop recommendations for coordinated community prevention and intervention strategies to prevent future homicides or suicides resulting from domestic violence.
 - (C) Collect data described in IC12-18-8-14 related to a death resulting from domestic violence.
- (2) The Team may develop a protocol to assist a person who performs an autopsy in:
 - (A) Identifying a victim of domestic violence; and
 - (B) Preparing a written report identifying a person as the victim of domestic violence and describing the cause of death.
- (3) The Team shall be operated in conjunction with a:

- (A) Local domestic violence shelter;
- (B) Domestic violence program; or
- (C) Domestic violence coordinated community response team.

Section 31.305 Chairperson

- (1) Any member of the Team may serve as chairperson. The chairperson shall be elected annually by the members of the Team at the first meeting of the team each year, and shall serve until his or her successor takes office.
- (2) The Team shall meet at the call of the chairperson.
- (3) The Team chairperson shall determine the agenda for each meeting.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following persons are appointed as the initial members of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team for the term of August 18, 2008 through December 31, 2009:

- (1) Kathryn L. Taylor--A survivor of domestic violence.
- (2) Danielle Gaylord--A domestic violence direct service provider agency.
- (3) Cindy Marion, Nate Brown & David Payne--A representative of law enforcement from the area served by the local domestic violence review team.
- (4) Dawn Gross--The Tippecanoe County Prosecutor or the Prosecutor's designee.
- (5) Martin Avolt--An expert in the field of forensic pathology or a coroner or a deputy coroner.
- (6) Tracey Campbell--A medical practitioner with expertise in domestic violence.
- (7) Judge Les Meade--A judge who hears civil or criminal cases.
- (8) Angela Smith-Grossman--An employee of a child protective services agency.
- (9) The following ^{seven (7)}~~four (4)~~ additional members, selected from among the following:
 - (A) Harold Mueller--A clergy member.
 - (B) Kevin Underwood--A representative of county government.
 - (C) Ronald Cripe--A representative from the Tippecanoe County Health Department.
 - (D) Lori Stein Sabol--A representative from the Tippecanoe County Bar Association.

- (E) Gregg Theobald--A defense attorney.
- (F) Chris Eckhardt--An educator.
- (G) Patricia Foerg--A probation officer.
- (I) Claudia Samulowitz--A representative from the business community.
- (J) Michelle Warren--An animal control officer.
- (K) James Gothard--An attorney who represents victims of domestic violence.
- (L) Terry Moore--A provider of a batterers intervention program.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signing.

Presented to the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and approved on first reading this 2 day of September, 2008, by the following vote:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
TIPPECANOE COUNTY

VOTE

yes
absent

Ruth E. Shedd
Ruth Shedd, President
absent
John Knochel, Vice President

yes

KD Benson
KD Benson, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston
Jennifer Weston, Auditor of
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