

L.O.S.S. Volunteer Code of Conduct

- I understand and agree that we are invited to a scene by law enforcement and/or the coroner's office and they are in charge of the scene and the body respectively.
- I will do nothing to interfere with law enforcement/the coroner's work or investigation. I will consistently defer to their requests. (sign in and provide identification if asked, do not cross yellow tape).
- I will not make suggestions to law enforcement or the coroner's office while on a scene.
- I will not advocate for the survivor(s) to see the body. I understand the survivor may want to do this and that is between them and the officials at the scene.
- I will never attend or arrive at a scene alone.
- I will respond to a scene as fast as possible and if for some reason I cannot arrive at the agreed upon meeting place within 35 minutes I will call one of the team members that are also on that call and let them know what time I will be there.
- I understand our goal is to arrive at a scene within 1 hour of the original phone call coming in from the Coroner's office and will strive for a stricter 45 minute response.
- I understand the importance of being respectful and handling information in a confidential way. I will not share details of a scene or survivors with anyone other than my counselor (if applicable) and my fellow volunteers.
- I will maintain appropriate boundaries with survivors. I understand it could be unsafe to give out my personal phone number or address. Follow-ups will be handled by the L.O.S.S. Team Coordinator. Any exceptions must be approved by the Coordinator prior to initiating contact.
- If I have a personal relationship with the deceased, when receiving the activation phone call I will excuse myself from going on that call.
- I understand I will be serving a wide variety of people throughout Licking County and I will be consistently respectful of all cultures and religious beliefs. I will not force my view or my opinion on any survivors.
- I understand the culture within Law Enforcement and the Coroner's Office to be sometimes one of light humor. I will not be disrespectful of these first responders if I see them engaging in laughter at the scene. This is part of their coping with doing this day in and day out.
- I agree to wear my id badge to each scene.
- I agree to be part of the immediate debriefing after we leave the scene.
- I agree to notify the L.O.S.S. Team Coordinator within 24 hours of attending a scene that I was on a scene. This will be a phone call or an email. I agree to briefly meet or speak with the Team Coordinator after being on a scene (by phone or in person if needed).
- I agree to attending at least 3 of the 4 annual team meetings and I take responsibility for learning the training materials if I was unable to attend a meeting.
- I understand a monthly gathering for all who were on a scene in the previous month will be available to me but this is not a mandatory meeting.
- I will take the brief depression/anxiety assessment 3x per year.

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- I will invite feedback from my peers.
- I will give feedback to my peers.

Signed _____

Date _____