

Notification of Next of Kin

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Notification of Next of Kin in Event of Death or Serious Injury

Police officers and other police employees are required to make a reasonable effort to notify the next of kin of any person killed or seriously injured in an accident before any statement disclosing the person's name is given to the press. The investigating officer shall make a determination whether a person is seriously injured. Neither the officer nor officer's employer shall be liable for the officer's opinion as to whether a person is seriously injured. T.C.A. § 38-1-106.

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