

## Lewis County Victim Impact Program (VIP) Instructions

1. You must have access to the internet with a computer (a tablet or smart phone will not work) to complete this from home. You will be watching two videos as well as reading stories from the “*Shattered Lives*” Booklet. The instructions are on the respective attached question sheets.
  2. Fill out the attached Lewis County VIP form or send that information on a separate sheet with your answers. We need the court’s entire information – Name of Judge, mailing address for the Court including zip code. If we are to send copies to someone else such as Probation Officer; Parole Officer or lawyer—you must include their name and mailing address too.
  3. **Please type (preferred) or write your answers legibly on an 8½” X 11” sheet of paper. DO NOT write your answers on the question sheet. (A clean copy of the questions will be sent to the Court/Probation Officer along with your answers.)**
  4. One or two word answers are not acceptable. Two or three sentences will do for most questions, but please feel free to write more if you wish. Unacceptable or incomplete answers will delay your completion of the Victim Impact Program.  
**DO NOT RE-WRITE THE QUESTIONS.**
  5. **DO NOT use pens with green or red or teal colors as they don’t copy/skan well.**
  6. You will have **one (1) week** to get the answers back to Matthew Morrow, Lewis County STOP-DWI Coordinator, for both videos and “*Shattered Lives*” questions.
    - If you mail the answers, please call 315-376-5358 to see if we have received them. For your records, you should always keep a copy. Mail them to:  
Matthew Morrow  
Court House - Lewis County STOP-DWI  
7660 N. State Street, Suite 217  
Lowville, NY 13367
    - If you email your answers, please send **both** video and “*Shattered Lives*” answers in the same email. E-mail your answers to [mattmorrow@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:mattmorrow@lewiscounty.ny.gov)
- If you e-mail your answers to Matthew, please put your name and VIP in the subject line (ex: VIP for your name) of your e-mail so Matthew will be able to tell who the e-mail is from, especially if someone else sends the e-mail for you.**
7. The cost for the VIP is **\$10.00**. We will take only money orders. **(Make money order out to Lewis County STOP DWI.)** If emailing answers, send a money order to the above address. The completion notice will not be created until payment has been received. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.**

# Lewis County VIP Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Probation/Parole Officer and mailing address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Court where convicted: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Court Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Video Viewed \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

(Make out to Lewis County STOP DWI)

Date Answers Returned \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form and your payment along with  
your answers to:**

Matthew Morrow  
Lewis County STOP-DWI  
Court House - 7660 N. State St., Suite 217  
Lowville, NY 13367



## **LEWIS COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAM**

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### From Mobile Device Go to [www.stopdwi.org](http://www.stopdwi.org)

Scroll to bottom of page, Under the Useful Links there are three lines, click the three lines, click Free Resources

Under Publications is the “**Shattered Lives Impaired Driving Tragedies—Victim Perspectives**”

Read through “*Shattered Lives*” and respond to the corresponding questions.

Open link to get to the stories listed below.

#### **Depraved Indifference Murder by Maureen McCormick (pages 2-3)**

1. The Nassau County’s District Attorney’s Office charged and convicted Martin Heidgen with depraved indifference murder. In your opinion is driving impaired (alcohol or under the influence of drugs) and killing another individual considered murder? Why or why not?

#### **Katie Flynn statement by Jennifer Flynn (pages 4-8)**

2. Jennifer Flynn writes about her feelings about what exactly happened the night of the crash that killed her daughter, Katie, and Stanley Rabinowitz, the limo driver, as well as the aftermath with her family and court proceedings. After reading her comments, how would you summarize this article to others who continue to drink/drug/drive? What is one message that you would give to others to prevent these types of tragedies?

#### **Emily Collins, Rachel Nargiso, Katie Almeter by Kelly Collins-Colosi, Sarah Nargiso and Betsy Almeter (pages 9-11)**

3. Emily, Rachel and Katie were walking back to the Colgate campus when they were offered a ride by Robert Koester in his Jeep. Seconds later the vehicle crashes into a tree killing four out of seven in the vehicle. Police suspect everyone involved might have been drinking. How does a tragedy like this affect others (family, friends, classmates, police, emergency personnel, fire department, etc)? What words of advice would you give to young adults about catching a ride with someone potentially impaired behind the wheel?

#### **Danielle Stento by Diane Stento (pages 14-15)**

4. Danielle was hit by a drunk driver as she crossed the street. Danielle survived with permanent brain damage and needs 24-hour care. Danielle’s mother says, “A drunk driver who kills or injures someone might spend time in jail, or even get off with probation or a fine; but we, the victims, are sentenced to a lifetime of pain.” How would this impact you personally if your family was placed in a similar situation?

#### **Rosemarie Hume, Carol Lansing, Frances Pallozzi by Catherine Pallozzi (pages 16-17)**

5. Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Lansing, and Mrs. Pallozzi were struck and killed by a person who was driving drug impaired on prescription drugs. The driver never applied the brakes, and over a year later has no recollection of the crash. According to the article, what drugs was the driver taking? What are three ways we can educate others about impairment by drugs and getting behind the wheel?



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**View the following videos and respond to the corresponding questions.**

From Mobile Device Go to [www.stopdwi.org](http://www.stopdwi.org)

Scroll down until you see YouTube and vimeo video channels. Click on the vimeo link, click on “videos”.  
**You will find “Friends... An American College Tragedy” and “One Second... Everything Changes”**

**Friends...An American College Tragedy**      <https://vimeo.com/72205214>

1. Ashley Starkey, college friend, and Erik Poje, lifelong friend of Kevin King, both stated that fake IDs were used to obtain alcohol during the evening of the crash. What advice would you give to a young family member regarding fake ID's? Why or why not should they have a fake ID?
2. What were the details leading up to the crash—where had the young men been prior to driving back to campus? Where had the young women been prior to the crash?
3. What happened to Kevin King, Katie Almeter, Emily Collins and Rachel Nargiso?
4. According the State Trooper he asks students when he does presentations regarding this crash “who hurt the worse in this crash?” What is his response? What was his advice to others?

**One Second...Everything Changes**      <https://vimeo.com/72264991>

1. What age did Chris Devitt, convicted of Vehicular Manslaughter, start to drink? Since he was under the age of 21, how did obtain the alcohol?
2. Chris Devitt claimed he had heard the message of “Don’t Drink and Drive” throughout high school. Yet, he admitted that his decision to drive while under influence was “selfish”, “untouchable”, and “indestructible”. What message would you recommend to stop impaired (whether by alcohol &/or drugs) persons from driving?
3. Discuss the emotional effects on how Kevin King, Katie Almeter, Emily Collins and Rachel Nargiso’s parents found out that their child was involved in a drunk driving crash. And how they are coping with their loss?
4. Chris Devitt and his friend Brian were drinking in a bar even though they were underage. Chris lost control of the car and smashed into a telephone pole. Brian died at the scene. Once Chris recovered from his coma he was sentenced and jailed for Vehicular Manslaughter. How did this crash impact Chris’ family?
5. How did Chris Devitt’s crash affect his friends? The police officer on the scene?
6. Jason accepted a ride to his high school which ultimately cost him his life. He didn’t know the driver of that car. The driver was speeding and driving recklessly. What message would you tell your child, niece, or nephew, etc. about accepting rides at the spur of the moment?
7. Martin Heidgen has been given a second chance at the age of 20 because he was arrested of driving drunk charge that was dismissed by the judge and only received a ticket for possession of alcohol as a minor. His friends warned him not to drink and drive a week before the crash that killed Katie Flynn and Stanley Rabinowitz. But he continued to drink and drive. Katie and Stanley did not receive a second chance. Maureen McCormick, Chief Vehicular Crimes, Nassau County District Attorney’s Office, said suggested that young offenders or first time offenders that the message has to be sent loud and clear “This is not a game. This is not a rite of passage. You have to be responsible for other people’s lives...This didn’t have to happen.” How did this impact your feelings about drinking and driving?
8. What are the ripple effects of making poor choices? How can these crashes be avoided in the future?