

1 **Rule 507. First Responder Peer Support.**

2 **(a) Definitions.**

3 (a)(1) "Peer Support communication" means information that is communicated in
4 confidence to a peer support team member for the purpose of providing peer support
5 services, including but not limited to oral statements, written statements, notes, records,
6 or reports.

7 (a)(2) "Peer support team member" means a person who is:

8 (a)(2)(A) designated as a peer support team member for first responders under UCA §
9 78B-5-901; and

10 (a)(2)(B) providing peer support services in accordance with written guidelines
11 required by UCA § 78B-5-901.

12 (a)(3) "Peer support team member" does not mean a person who was a witness or a
13 party to an incident that prompted the delivery of the peer support services.

14 **(b) Statement of the Privilege.** A person receiving peer support services from a peer
15 support team member has a privilege during the person's life, to refuse to disclose and
16 to prevent any other person from disclosing peer support communications.

17 **(c) Who May Claim the Privilege.** The privilege may be claimed by the person who
18 received the peer support services, or the guardian or conservator of the person who
19 received the peer support services. A person who was a peer support team member at
20 the time of the communication is presumed to have authority during the life of the
21 person who received the peer support services to claim the privilege on behalf of the
22 person who received the peer support services.

23 **(d) Exceptions.** No privilege exists under paragraph (b) for:

24 (d)(1) communication to a peer support team member that is evidence of actual or
25 suspected child neglect or abuse;

26 (d)(2) communication to a peer support team member that is evidence a person
27 receiving peer support services is a clear and immediate danger to the person's self or
28 others.

29 (d)(3) communication to a peer support team member that establishes reasonable
30 cause for the peer support team member to believe the person receiving peer support
31 services is mentally or emotionally unfit for duty; or

32 (d)(4) communication to the peer support team member that is evidence that the
33 person who is receiving the peer support services has committed a crime, plans to
34 commit a crime, or intends to conceal a crime.