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Gov. Shumlin Statement on Situation in Barre

MONTPELIER - Earlier this evening, a Department of Children and Families (DCF) employee was fatally shot outside of a state office building in Barre. While the investigation is ongoing, it appears at this time that the incident is in connection with the employee's work on behalf of DCF. The identity of the employee is being withheld pending notification of the family. Gov. Shumlin has been briefed on the incident and is receiving updates as they become available. He issued the following statement.

"While we won't know all the details for some time, the initial reports are horrific and break my heart. I've asked the Department of Human Resources to immediately make available crisis and grief counseling services to state employees affected by this incident. I have also asked the Agency of Administration to work with Vermont State Police to support the investigation. While there is no indication of a broader threat, the Agency of Administration will review security procedures in state buildings in light of this tragic event and provide any additional measures immediately. Additionally, until we know more about this incident, DCF staff have been directed to only go out on emergency calls this weekend accompanied by law enforcement.

"The employees at DCF deal with the most challenging family situations that one can imagine. They do the work out of their dedication to the children and families of this great state. To lose one of our own in the course of that duty is shocking and heartbreaking."

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