

**611A.73 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply to this section and section 611A.74.

Subd. 2. **Appropriate authority.** "Appropriate authority" includes anyone who is the subject of a complaint under sections 611A.72 to 611A.74 to the commissioner or anyone within the agency who is in a supervisory position with regard to one who is the subject of a complaint under sections 611A.72 to 611A.74.

Subd. 3. **Elements of the criminal justice system.** "Elements of the criminal justice system" refers to prosecuting attorneys and members of their staff; peace officers; probation and corrections officers; city, state, and county officials involved in the criminal justice system; and does not include the judiciary.

Subd. 4. **Victim.** "Victim" refers to anyone or the next of kin of anyone who has been or purports to have been subjected to a criminal act, whether a felony, a gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. **Victim assistance program.** "Victim assistance program" refers to any entity which provides or claims to provide services and assistance to victims on a regular, ongoing basis.

Subd. 6. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

**History:** *1Sp1985 c 4 s 19; 1995 c 226 art 7 s 16; 2002 c 220 art 7 s 20,21*