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**Volunteers Needed for Marlboro Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team**

Marlboro Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Marlboro Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Marlboro Township Police Department continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience. 180 will be conducting an intensive 40-hour mandatory training course for Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) volunteers April 4<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm in the courtroom at Hazlet Police Headquarters, 255 Middle Road in Hazlet. Applications are currently being accepted.

The volunteer advocates with 180's DVRT Program are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to provide confidential support, information, and referrals to victims of domestic violence at Marlboro Police Headquarters. Advocates also discuss with victims safety planning and their legal rights in regard to obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order. By providing support and crucial perspective of the situation, these specially-trained advocates help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.

Basic requirements for volunteers to apply include that they must be eighteen years of age or older, have access to reliable transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis, participate in an interview process, submit to background investigations and fingerprinting, and successfully complete the mandatory training. Marlboro Township Police Department and 180 are committed to a culturally diverse team to better serve the community, so bi-lingual capability is helpful. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Please contact Lt. Christopher Cherbini, Marlboro Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO, at 732 536-0100, to obtain an application or for additional information.

For forty years, 180 Turning Lives Around has been dedicated to providing shelter, counseling, support, prevention, education, and advocacy for residents of Monmouth County who are affected by domestic violence and sexual violence. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of domestic violence or sexual violence, you can call the 180 Turning Lives Around Confidential Hotline at 732-264-4111 or 888-843-9262, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. For more information, visit [www.180nj.org](http://www.180nj.org). In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.