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Marlboro Township Police Department Seeks Volunteers for Domestic Violence Response Team

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (August 18, 2017) – Marlboro Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the 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 this free, confidential service available to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience. 180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers October 2-25, Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm at Ocean Township Police Headquarters, 399 Monmouth Road. 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 support, information, and resources 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, successfully complete the mandatory training, and attend a monthly supervisory meeting. Marlboro Township Police Department and 180 are committed to a socially and 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. Stephen J. Levy DVRT DVLO, at 732 536-0100 ext. 1082, to obtain an application or for additional information.

For over forty-years, 180 Turning Lives Around, a private non-profit organization, has been dedicated to providing emergency safe housing, support, counseling, advocacy, education, and prevention in Monmouth County for individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call 180's Confidential Domestic Violence Hotline at 732-264-4111 or 888-843-9262, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Visit www.180nj.org for more information. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

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