



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Volunteers Needed for the Township of Ocean Police Department
Domestic Violence Response Team

LOCATION: Township of Ocean Police Department

NARRATIVE:

The Township of Ocean Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on our Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Township of Ocean 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 October 4-27, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00p-9:30p at Wall Township Police Headquarters, 2700 Allaire Road. Applications are currently being accepted until September 21st.

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 the Township of Ocean 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. The Township of Ocean 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 email Lieutenant Eduardo Segarra of the Township of Ocean Police Department, DVRT DVLO, at esegarra@oceantwp.org, 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. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

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