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### Volunteers Needed for Shrewsbury Police Domestic Violence Response Team

Shrewsbury Police is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on Two River Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In conjunction with 180 Turning Lives Around and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Shrewsbury Police continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence. Applications are available now and interviews will begin shortly.

The DVRT Advocates are civilian members of the community who provide support, information, and referrals to victims of domestic violence at police headquarters. The advocates also discuss with the victim their legal rights in regard to obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order. DVRT volunteers, whose identities are kept anonymous, are available 24-hours a day to meet confidentially with victims. The volunteer advocates are specially trained to empower victims to make decisions about their own lives. The 40-hour intensive, mandatory training course will be provided to successful applicants. There is no fee for this training. 180-Turning Lives Around will be conducting the four-week training October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings 6:00-9:30pm, at Howell Township Police Headquarters, 300 Old Tavern Roac in Howell. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required.

Basic requirements for volunteers to apply for the DVRT program include that applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have access to 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 mandatory training. Shrewsbury Police and 180-Turning Lives Around are committed to a culturally diverse team to better serve the community, therefore bi-lingual capability is helpful. To obtain an application for the Two River Domestic Violence Response Team, or for additional information, please contact Officer Mary Ellen Rumola, DVRT LIAISON OFFICER at 732 741-2500 ex.329.

For over 30 years, 180-Turning Lives Around has been dedicated to providing shelter, counseling, protection, support, prevention, education, and advocacy for residents of Monmouth County who are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. 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, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. For more information, visit [www.180nj.org](http://www.180nj.org). In an emergency, dial 911.