

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Manalapan Township Police Department Seeks Domestic Violence Response Volunteers: You Can Make a Difference

Manalapan Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Manalapan Township Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Manalapan Township Police Department continues to make this free, 24/7 confidential service available to victims of domestic violence in the aftermath of a highly emotional and traumatic experience. 180 will be conducting the mandatory 40-hour training course for new DVRT volunteers April 20<sup>th</sup>–May 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm, remotely via Zoom. Applications are currently being accepted.

180's volunteer DVRT Advocates are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to provide support, information, and resources to victims of domestic violence at 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, pass background investigations and fingerprinting, successfully complete the mandatory training, and attend a monthly supervisory meeting. Manalapan Township Police Department and 180 are committed to a culturally and socially diverse team to better serve the community. Bi-lingual capability is helpful. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Please contact Detective Jennie Rae Hensley, Manalapan Township Police Department, DVRT DVLO, at 732-446-8392, to obtain an application or for additional information. Applications are also available for download at <https://180nj.org/give-help/volunteer/volunteer-advocate-for-victims-of-domestic-violence/> Deadline to apply is April 9th.

\* EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER \*  
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For forty-five 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 and sexual violence. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call 180's 24/7 Confidential Domestic Violence Hotline at 732-264-4111 or 888-843-9262. Visit [www.180nj.org](http://www.180nj.org) for more information. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.