

***Thank you for your interest in the Northern Burlington County Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)!***

***Represented Police Departments in the Northern Burlington County DVRT:***

Bordentown Twp (609) 298-4300 • Bordentown City (609) 298-0101 • Chesterfield Twp (609) 291-0912  
North Hanover Twp (609) 758-3351 • Mansfield Twp (609) 298-4411 • Springfield Twp (609) 723-5100

**STEPS TO JOIN THE DVRT:**

1. **Complete the full application (attached)**
2. **Return completed application to:**  
**Mansfield Twp Police**  
**Attn: Sgt. David Mueller**  
190-A Atlantic Ave  
PO Box 177  
Columbus, NJ 08022
3. **Await scheduling of personal interview/ training**
4. **Meet new team members**
5. **Begin to assist victims of Domestic Violence**

We welcome all those who are interested in dedicating their time and energy for this worthwhile service. We would like to take this opportunity to detail the qualifications and characteristics which applicants should possess, as well as explain the program and process for application.

The Mansfield Township Police Department, in collaboration with Providence House/Catholic Charities has developed a volunteer driven program to better serve the victims of domestic violence that we encounter on a daily basis. The volunteer team will provide twenty-four hours a day, seven day a week service to domestic violence victims. Those victims of domestic violence who are encountered by the Police Departments will be referred to meet with a Team member. Team members will assist the victim in a variety of ways, ultimately providing support and information to help them make informed decisions on the options that are available to them.

In order to accomplish the goals and objectives of this program, it is necessary for volunteers to possess minimum qualifications. The following is a list of these minimum standards for volunteers:

- 18 years of age or older
- Resident of, or employed in the Burlington County area
- Valid driver's license
- Available transportation
- No criminal history
- No prior history as defendant in a domestic violence related matter
- Available to be on-call a minimum of four times per month
- Ability to communicate well with others
- Good listener
- Sensitivity to victim's feelings and concerns
- Desire to help others

- Available to participate in initial and ongoing domestic violence training

Bilingual individuals and persons fluent in American Sign Language are encouraged to participate in order to assist those victims who have special language and cultural needs or issues.

Applicants will be required to participate in the forty-hour initial training course. This course will be provided over an approximate six-week period. Following certification, volunteers will be assigned to The Team and will immediately enter the on-call rotation. On-call rotations for new volunteers will be done in a mentoring atmosphere. The Police Department will contact volunteers via primary phone number provided by the volunteer (usually cell phone) and volunteers will respond to meet victims at the police station or hospital. Volunteers will never be asked to respond to an unsafe location nor will they ever encounter the perpetrators or accused.

Attached is an application for consideration to be a volunteer for the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team. Please complete this application, and the attached waiver form, and return them to your local Police Department. After your application is received it will be reviewed for acceptance, and the Police Department will conduct a background investigation. Upon successful completion of the background investigation, you will be contacted for a personal interview. The interview process is the final step in the application procedure, and successful completion of the interview process will result in an offer for one of the vacant volunteer positions.

Once again, the Police and Providence House thanks you for your interest in the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team. We recognize the importance of the community in our endeavor to provide enhanced services to victims of domestic violence. Without the assistance of community volunteers it would not be possible to operate the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

Sgt. David Mueller  
Mansfield Twp Police Department