

Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team

Application and Information Sheet

The Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) is a volunteer organization that assists victims of domestic violence. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is required to complete an application. A criminal background check and an interview will be conducted. All applicants must possess a valid NJ driver's license and have their own transportation to police headquarters for assistance calls. Applicants that have criminal records or have been convicted of domestic violence may be denied acceptance into the training. Other conditions that may prevent an applicant's approval include, but are not limited to, psychiatric or mental problems, inability to read, write, or clearly speak English, alcohol or substance abuse problems, or any other issue that may interfere with the applicant's ability to assist a domestic violence victim.

All applicants must attend 40 hours of training conducted during evening and/or weekend hours. Once the mandatory classroom training is completed, the new members will respond to police headquarters with veteran team members for field training. Team members are required to be "on call" a minimum of 2 shifts per month and possibly more, if needed. While the team member is "on call", s/he is either accessible by phone or pager and the police department will call the team member to respond to headquarters to assist a victim. The team members are expected to respond immediately when called. When assisting a victim of domestic violence, the team member explains all options to the victim and helps them with the process involved in receiving help either through a restraining order, a shelter, counseling groups, or any other options available. The response team member assists all victims of domestic violence regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, race or religion.

Monthly team meetings are held and team members must attend although some excused absences are allowed. Additional training may be required during the team members' time on the team. In addition to responding to headquarters to assist victims, the team is involved in many community events to promote public awareness and education on domestic violence. All team members are expected and required to participate in as many events as possible.

Training is run on a periodic basis. Completed applications can be mailed/returned to:

DVRT

Woodbridge Police Dept.

1 Main St.

Woodbridge, NJ 07095

The applicant will be contacted before the next training session for an interview.

For further information contact:

DVRT voice mail – 732-634-4500 Ext 2812

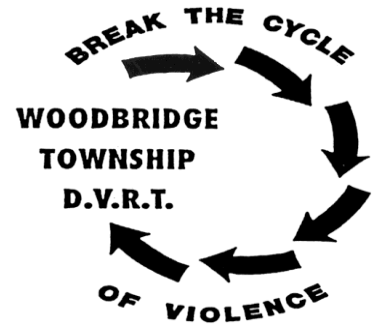
Detective Cindy Chavez–732-634-7700

Thank you for your interest in the Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team.



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1 Main Street
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
732-634-4500 ext. 2812



Domestic Violence Response Team
Application Form

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Current Address: _____

Previous Address (within 5 years) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Home E-Mail Address: _____

Driver's License # _____ Social Security # _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

If you are able to receive Emails at work, please provide your email address: _____

Length of current employment: _____ Business Phone _____

May we contact you at work? (circle one) Yes No

Education:

Highest level achieved: _____ Degrees _____

Specialized Training _____

Special Skills: _____

Hobbies: _____

Previous Volunteer Experience: _____

Can you read, write and speak the English language? (circle one) Yes No

Personal History:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? (circle one) Yes No If yes, please explain below:

Are you an alcoholic? (circle one) Yes No If Yes, please explain below:

Are you dependent upon the use of any narcotic or any other controlled dangerous substances, subscribed or illegal? (circle one) Yes No If Yes, please explain below:

Have you ever been confined or committed to a mental institution or hospital for treatment or observation of a mental/psychiatric condition? (circle one) Yes No If yes, please explain below:

Have you ever been convicted of any domestic violence related offenses? (circle one) Yes No If Yes, please explain below?

Have you ever or do you currently have a restraining order against you? (circle one) Yes No if yes, please explain below.

Have you ever or do you currently have a restraining order on someone? (circle one) Yes No if yes, please explain below.

Can you make a commitment to this program for a minimum of 1 year? (circle one) Yes No

We work on 12 hour shifts, "A" shift" is 6am to 6pm and "B" shift is 6pm to 6am. Can you commit to a minimum of at least two 12-hour shifts per month? (circle one) Yes No

Below, or on a separate sheet of paper, please write or type your comments on domestic violence and why you would like to be a part of the Domestic Violence Response Team. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

The undersigned is applying as a volunteer with the Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team and acknowledges that a background check will be conducted on the applicant. I represent that the above information is true and is to be used to determine acceptance into the DVRT Training.

Signature

Print name

Date

Comments:

Mail completed application to: Detective Cindy Chavez
Woodbridge Police Department
1 Main St.
Woodbridge, NJ 07095