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Hillsborough Township Police Department Reaches Out to the Community for Assistance with Domestic Violence

“The Hillsborough Township Police Department seeks volunteers to join their Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) through its partnership with Safe+Sound Somerset, a private non-profit organization in Somerset County that provides support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence”, announced Committeeman Frank DelCore, Liaison to Public Safety, at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

DVRT volunteers are specially trained members of the community who assist victims of domestic violence at local police stations. They work collaboratively with law enforcement to supply information and resources to victims in the aftermath of very stressful and traumatic events. They help victims with safety planning and navigating the Temporary Restraining Order process. By providing empathy and information, volunteers help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.

“October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this is an appropriate time to encourage participation”, added Committeeman Frank DelCore.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license as well as access to reliable transportation. In addition, volunteers must participate in an interview process, submit to background checks and successfully complete Safe+Sound Somerset's mandatory 40 hour training. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required.

Be an agent of change in our community. Contact Rochelle Ostenfeld, rostenfeld@safe-sound.org, 908-359-0003 x 201 at Safe+Sound Somerset for more information about how you can become a Domestic Violence Response Team volunteer and help to stop the cycle of violence!

About Safe+Sound Somerset: Founded in 1978, Safe+Sound Somerset is the only non-profit organization in Somerset County exclusively dedicated to serving those whose lives have been impacted by domestic abuse. Services include counseling for adults and children, emergency shelter, transitional housing and legal advocacy. If you or someone you know needs help, please call or text our 24 hour, confidential hotline at 866-685-1122. For more information, visit www.safe-sound.org.

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