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Mr. Paul Tursi
Chief of Police
Riverside PD
1 Scott St.
Riverside, NJ 08075

Re: Fall 2007 Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) 40 hr Certification Course

Dear Chief of Police Tursi:

This letter is to announce the 2007 Fall Domestic Violence Training course for DVRT responders.

When: Beginning Tuesday, September 18. Every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter for 6 weeks (no holidays affected). 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Date of graduation will be determined.

Where: Burlington County College (BCC) Facility, Laurel Hall, and Room 320 in Mt. Laurel.

Please notify your community newspapers and township websites about this certification course. Local newsletters, newspapers, and community bulletin boards are a great way to create public awareness. If you would like someone from the DVRT program to speak to a community group, church, or other public audience concerning this volunteer opportunity, please call Penny Paparteys, DVRT Specialist, at 856-824-0599 x227.

You will need to forward your candidates' names to Providence House attention Penny Paparteys, at ppaparteys@cctrenton.org or fax number 856-824-9340 on or before September 6. Classroom size is a minimum of ten candidates and a maximum of 30. It is recommended that all new DVRT Police Liaisons attend training. More officers may attend if space is available.

Upon your verification of background check and finger printing of your candidates, your candidate will be interview by a representative of Providence House or the DVRT Liaison. Please note the interview process is very important as responders will have access to your department and must be able to withhold judgment, show empathy, and keep personal boundaries when providing services and resource information to victims of domestic violence.

Providence House looks forward to your continued support of the DVRT program!

Sincerely,

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cc: Jean L. Metz, MSW, ACSW, Director of Providence House
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