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Lansing Police Department's *Victims Advocate Unit* Wins Award

The Michigan Sheriff's Association Victim Services Advisory Committee has awarded the *2019 Victim Services Unit of the Year Award* to the Lansing Police Department's (LPD) Victims Advocate Unit. Members of the unit will be accepting the award in April of 2020 during the Victim Services Annual Conference.

LPD has 14 Victim Advocates who are volunteers and are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 day a year. They are professionals trained to assist officers with distressed citizens in the event of a crisis. LPD Advocates offer victims information, emotional support, comfort, and help finding resources and filling out paperwork. In some cases, advocates go to court with victims of crimes. LPD Advocates work in pairs and are on call in 12-hour blocks. The unit is supervised by LPD Sergeant Shawn McNamara.

"As Chief of Police of the Lansing Police Department, having the Victim's Advocates unit performing at the highest level of professionalism during a crisis is a blessing. Not only do they work hand in hand with the officers, they also provide top notch service to the citizens of Lansing," said Chief Daryl Green.

"I'd like to congratulate the Lansing Police Department's Victims Advocate Unit for their statewide recognition," said Mayor Andy Schor. "This group of volunteers does tremendous work to help victims of crime through many different situations. It's important that the Lansing Police Department can offer additional support in cases as needed, and these volunteers make it possible."

LPD has a strong tradition of professionally qualified, caring, and committed volunteer staff. If you are interested in becoming a part of this honored, award winning team, visit the following link for more information: <https://www.lansingmi.gov/747/volunteer-Opportunities>
