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Warren County Sheriff's Department Receives Award

The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Warren and Clinton Counties (SPC) recently presented a Power of Prevention award to the Warren County Sheriff's office. This special honor is given to a person and/or organization that has gone above and beyond job duties in the area of Suicide Prevention. The Sheriff's office was recognized for exemplary leadership in supporting mental health through a prevention program—QPR training class (Question, Persuade and Refer)—to educate their employees on suicide warning signs, how to intervene when interacting with an individual displaying these signs, and how to connect them to professional help.

“Often it is difficult to gain entry to organizations with these difficult messages, like suicide prevention, despite the evidence to support the effectiveness of this approach. That is why the SPC felt a very important need to honor the Warren County Sheriff's office as facilitators of the QPR Program,” stated Patti Ahting, chair of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Warren and Clinton Counties. Ahting acknowledged the coalition's genuine appreciation to the Warren County Sheriff's office for partnering with the SPC and for being a proactive role model for other counties throughout the State of Ohio to follow.

This potentially lifesaving training program (QPR) is free and available to any Warren or Clinton County organization by contacting Jane Groh, Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers, at 513.228.7873 or jgroh@solutionsccrc.org.



Photo Cutline: Warren County Sheriff's Office receives a 2012 Power of Prevention Award from the Suicide Prevention Coalition (SPC). Pictured left to right are: Officer Paul Sarver, Patti Ahting (SPC), Sgt. Renee Larson, and Sandy Smoot (SPC).

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