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## Detective Julie Curtin to Receive Visionary Voice Award

The Coalition is very happy to announce that Detective Julie Curtin of Concord Police Department is this year's recipient of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center Visionary Voice Award.

Detective Curtin serves in the Criminal Investigation Division and is a member on the Youth Services Unit. Along with serving on the NH Attorney General's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner board, The Child Advocacy Center board, and the Merrimack County Sexual Assault Resource Team, her primary responsibilities involve investigating cases of domestic and sexual violence. Her dedication to seeking justice and holding perpetrators accountable is unparalleled and her professionalism and compassion has won her the respect and admiration of her peers, prosecutors, advocates and the victims she works with. Detective Curtin respects survivors and sup-

ports them in a trauma informed way that takes into account the courage it takes to come forward.

*"It is so important for a victim to be supported from the point of first disclosure, through the criminal justice process, and beyond. Unfortunately, victims have to navigate not only through the often complex dynamics of their abuse but also through the misconceptions about sexual assault in our society... All victims have a right to come forward, get justice, and move forward with their lives. Every victim should feel that coming forward transforms them into a survivor." – Det. Julie Curtin*

Detective Curtin will be presented with this award at the Crime Victims' Rights Press Conference on April 11, in Concord.