

# Sergeant Mark Huzzard

## 2023 Montgomery County Recovery and Resiliency Award Recipient

Sergeant Mark Huzzard is a kind, smart, and thoughtful contributor to the overall wellness of the Montgomery County Community. Specific to mental health, he has worked diligently in support of several projects worth highlighting. First is his role in supporting the 3 treatment/diversion courts in Montgomery County. Sergeant. Huzzard truly believes in the power of diversion and of people's ability to recover and live good lives. His presence brings additional dignity to the court process, and he often connects in a way with participants that brings them hope and helps them feel valued. Sergeant Huzzard has been a leader in his office in implementing a Pathfinder program. This program involves training sheriff's deputies in Crisis Intervention Specialist skills, and pairs trained and empathetic deputies with individuals presenting to the courthouse who may be confused, scared, or just in need of a supportive/friendly face. Sergeant Huzzard himself is trained in these skills and has employed them during his time in warrant service, where he is able to engage with folks on a human level and help them navigate what they need to do in the criminal justice system while keeping them and everyone around them safe. Sergeant Huzzard is also a military Veteran, and has played an essential role in the development of the Montgomery County Veterans Response Team (the first in the state!). Launching the team was his idea, and through his contacts at the Coatesville VA, with law enforcement, and beyond, he has been key to the success of the team. Sergeant Huzzard embodies the values of understanding the impact of trauma, and the power of peer support (the core value of the VRT is veteran-to-veteran/peer-to-peer engagement). He advocates for the mental health needs of people in crisis, and is compassionate and kind. For these reasons, Sergeant Huzzard is receiving an award!



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