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## Realtor® Organization Receives Prevention Partner Award

Malvern, PA – The Suburban West Realtors® Association was one of four recipients of the 2016 Prevention Partners Award given at an April 20<sup>th</sup> ceremony held at Garnet Valley High School. Created jointly by Delaware County's Heroin Task Force and Partners for Success Coalition, this award recognizes members in the community who have worked to help diminish drug and alcohol abuse and misuse.

Suburban West was honored for their efforts to educate Realtors® and homeowners on the importance of the safe keeping of prescription medication during open houses and house showings. These efforts have been featured in seminars, newsletter stories and a consumer-oriented flyer that Realtors can disseminate to their clients.

Representing Suburban West at the ceremony was Leann Murphy, chairman of Suburban West and associate-broker with RE/MAX Preferred in West Chester and Ray McKinney, broker for Century 21 Absolute in Springfield and Heroin Task Force member.

“As Realtors®, it’s important that we be aware of how people can take advantage of these situations,” McKinney said. “The safety materials and resource that Suburban West has developed can educate Realtors and help prevent drug thefts in the future.”

The other award recipients honored at the ceremony were Nether Providence Police Office Michael Markunas, Pastor of Linwood Heights United Methodist Church Reverend Ethel Guy and The Keystone Center & Key Recovery Center.

Formed in 2012, the Heroin Task Force is made up of members from law enforcement, government, medical communities, religious institutions, a real estate agent and family members who have seen first-hand how devastating drug addiction can be. Interest in the Task Force grew so rapidly that the Partners for Success Coalition. This group works along with the Heroin Task Force to fight addiction in Delaware County.

Suburban West Realtors® Association is the largest local real estate association in Pennsylvania, representing over 5,200 real estate professionals in Chester County, Delaware County and the Main Line.

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Photo Caption:

*Delaware County Council, District Attorney Whelan and the recipients of the 2016 Prevention Partnership Award.*