



GENERAL POLICE ORDER

CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE



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SUBJECT: CRISIS INTERVENTION OFFICERS			
ASSOCIATED MANUAL:		RELATED ORDERS:: 3.2.06, 6.1.01, 9.1.02	
CHIEF OF POLICE: <i>Edward F. Lohn, Chief</i>			

PURPOSE: To institute Crisis Intervention officers within the Cleveland Division of Police and to develop guidelines for utilizing these officers.

POLICY: The Division shall provide Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), for officers, to respond to radio calls and on view incidents that involve mental health issues. Calls shall not be held for CIT officers when engaged in priority assignments. CIT officers do not negate procedures for SWAT, hostage negotiations, or Bomb Squad call-ups. An incident may require police action although there is no violation of the law and the Cleveland Division of Police shall document such action in a Crisis Intervention Report. A Crisis Intervention Team Statistic Sheet (see Appendix) shall be completed and copies forwarded as set forth in this order.

PROCEDURES:

- I. Supervisor shall indicate on the daily car roster which cars have CIT officers when faxing their log to the Communication Control Section following roll call.
- II. CIT Officer Responsibilities.
 - A. CIT officers may be utilized in their district of assignment, when on duty if a mental health issue is involved in a call for service or on view incident.
 - B. Mental health calls are a two-person assignment, however, one CIT officer and any other basic patrol officer may be assigned or respond.
 - C. CIT officers shall forward the white and canary yellow copies of the Crisis Intervention Statistic Sheet to the Police Academy via division mail.
- III. CCS dispatchers shall attempt to dispatch a CIT officer to mental health disturbance calls if open, however, these two person assignments permit assigning to or assisting by any other officer when a CIT officer is already on an assignment.

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IV. The Training Section Supervisor Responsibilities

- A. Shall provide CCS with a list of current CIT personnel biannually.
- B. Shall retain the white copy of the Crisis Intervention Statistic Sheet in accordance with standard record retention policies and procedures.
- C. Shall forward the canary yellow copy of the Crisis Intervention Statistic Sheet to the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board.