

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM PROGRAM

Cleveland Division of Police

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PURPOSE

- To increase the effectiveness of Cleveland Division of Police's Crisis Intervention Team Program

Crisis Intervention Team Program

- The CIT Program is CDP's collaborative, coordinated, plan of action that includes partnerships between CPD, the community, behavioral health and social services agencies, and advocates to provide a transparent process for positive, sustainable change in responding to individuals in crisis.
- GOALS:
 1. Assist individuals in crisis
 2. Improve the safety of officers, individuals and others.
 3. Develop foundations to promote community solutions
 4. Diversion.

CIT Coordinator

- Coordinates communication between CDP and behavioral health community.
- Point of contact for CIT related issues, including dispatching, reporting, selection, recognition , and implementation..

CIT Plan

- Staffing Plan that ensures that a Specialized CIT Officer will be available to respond to all crisis incidents.
- Includes identification and recruitment of Specialized CIT Officers.

MHRAC – Mental Health Response and Advisory Committee

- Collaborative Partner with the CDP
- Members from the Behavioral Health Community.
- Formed to build relationship between CDP and Health Providers, and to improve the CIT Program.
- Advises and assists on CDP Policies, procedures and training

Specialized CIT Officers

- Voluntary Basic Patrol Officers
- Have primary responsibility for handling a crisis incident – unless a supervisor has already assumed responsibility.
- Be open to Diversion possibilities.
- Communicate with CIT Coordinator and foster relationships with M.H. Agencies.

Specialized CIT Officers Application and Assessment

- Written Application with Supervisor Recommendations
- In-Person Interview
- Review of past Crisis Intervention Reports
- Review of Awards, Commendations, Complaints and Discipline

CIT Training

- Recruits will receive 16 hour OPOTA minimum.
- ALL Officers will receive 8 hours annually.
- Specialized CIT Officers will receive minimum 40 hours of enhanced CIT training in specific categories.