



Crisis Intervention Team Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

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Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Background

- **Memphis Tennessee, 1988**
- Officer Involved Shooting
- Law Enforcement and National Alliance on Mental Illness
- **Goals for the Memphis Model**
 - Increase safety in encounters and when appropriate
 - Divert persons with mental illnesses from the criminal justice system to mental health treatment



CIT Since 2008

- Over 1,400 Trained
- CMPD, MCSO, CMS, Huntersville, Davidson, Pineville, Matthews, Mint Hill, Cornelius, UNC Charlotte, Queens College, Davidson College, and NCDPS Probation



Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department CIT numbers

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| Actual Patrol Officers & SGTs | 1159 |
| Total active CIT trained | 667 |
| Total active CIT in patrol | 576 |
| % CIT of Patrol Officers & SGTs | 49% |
| Department Sworn (as of 3/20/19) | 1740 |
| % CIT of Entire Sworn Department | 38% |
| Total Sworn Trained | 754 |
| Total Non Sworn Trained | 178 |



Course Offerings



- 6 Trainings per year for Law Enforcement Officers
- 6 Advanced CIT Courses
- 2 Trainings per year for Telecommunicators
- Training for senior Law Enforcement Leadership



Mental Health First Aid or CIT

- Demand for more training
 - Is more training the solution to bridging the gap?
 - What is the “right” training?
 - Do all law enforcement officials need to receive training? If not, then who does?
- Mental Health First Aid
 - Eight-hour codified training curriculum, to provide a general awareness of mental health issues.
 - Information and skills to support someone in a mental health crisis or who is developing a mental health problem.
- Crisis Intervention Team
 - More than 40 hour training – it is a large-scale community collaborative program
 - Partnership with the community’s public health system is central to CIT
 - Partnership results in long-term solutions and recovery
 - Create a spectrum of interconnected community health services



Questions?

