



OHIO CIT NEWS



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Fall 2015

CIT courses known to have occurred this summer

June: Cuyahoga County, Mahoning County

July: Franklin County

August: Cuyahoga County, Clark/Green/Madison Counties

CIT courses scheduled to be conducted this fall

September: Summit County, Union County

October: Franklin County, Gallia/Jackson/Meigs Counties, Warren/Clinton Counties, Cuyahoga County, Trumbull County, Belmont/Harrison/Monroe Counties, Medina County, Portage County, Clermont County, Delaware/Morrow Counties, Wayne/Holmes Counties, Muskingum/Coshocton/Guernsey/Nobel/Morgan & Henry Counties.

November: Seneca/Sandusky/Wyandot Counties, Richland County, Hancock County, Athens/Hocking/Vinton Counties, Marion/Crawford Counties.

**If the above is not correct please advise the editor. The training schedule is used to keep track of the CIT courses held in Ohio which enables us to produce the most accurate statistics for each county.*

Retired Justice Stratton Keynotes One of Nine National Corrections Officers CIT Graduations — First Sheriff's Office to host a National Institute of Corrections CIT Training in Ohio <http://bit.ly/1hQLBDp>

Post-training comments by corrections officers and others:

“Best training I’ve ever had as a deputy -Totally changed how I am now going to look at my job -I hated training scenarios. There’s always someone I knew playing the role. Having professional actors come made it so real. I found myself wanting to see

the next scenario.”

“The scenario was so real that I had a flashback to an identical situation I had faced in jail -I now learned there are other ways to deal with the situation -I learned so much about specialty dockets and resources in the community that I did not know existed.”

“Putting the headset on and listening to the voices while trying to obey commands gave me such insight as to what mentally ill people face.”

“I now understand so much better why they act the way they do. I know now that they are not trying to just act out to be difficult -This will so change how I deal with defendants instead of just trying to be in control.”

-and many similar comments.....

Three-term Supreme Court of Ohio Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton addressing Franklin County, Ohio Sheriff's Office CIT Graduation



New OPOTA “SPECIAL POPULATIONS” Lesson Plan

The requirements for cadets in an Ohio Police Academy to learn about the special needs population is going to be increased from the current 16-hour course to 20 hours on January 1st, 2016. Subject Matter Experts convened several times over the spring and summer to make this happen. In 2008 this 5-hour course was increased to 16 hours and revamped two years later to keep pace with law enforcement’s CIT efforts in Ohio. Now that over half of all law enforcement agencies have embraced CIT in our state, the increase in hours is to accommodate more information on what CIT is all about, add advocate panels, and include scenario-based exercises to better prepare the new officer to navigate crisis calls safely and compassionately if at all possible.

The Value of Peer Reviews

Ohio has a CIT Peer Review Team that researches and assesses volunteer counties’ CIT training curriculum and their CIT Program. The goal is to help maintain fidelity to the Core Elements of CIT that make it so successful. And the best part is that it is offered FREE OF CHARGE! Contact the CJCCOE or Michael Woody at dutifulmind@gmail.com for more information or to set up a review of your CIT Program. This spring the Cleveland Dept. of Police completed a Peer Review of its CIT training and program, which highlighted strengths of their program and noted areas where they can work to make improvements or enhancements in the future.

One of the most important core elements is that of having a law enforcement CIT coordinator.

University of Memphis CIT Center - *CIT Law Enforcement Coordinator*

The CIT coordinator is part of the law enforcement community and acts as a liaison by maintaining partnerships with program stakeholders in order to ensure the success of CIT. The coordinator’s involvement with CIT should start from the beginning and continue through the planning, implementation, and evaluation stages. The CIT coordinator provides support to CIT officers through training and feedback. The qualifications should include leadership ability and experience as a law enforcement officer. The job responsibilities include program development, training coordination, and maintenance of relationships with community partnership. The CIT coordinator also is a point of contact with the law enforcement agency for the community and brings stability to the program.

Need Materials and/or resources for your next CIT Course? The CJCCOE Library has them.

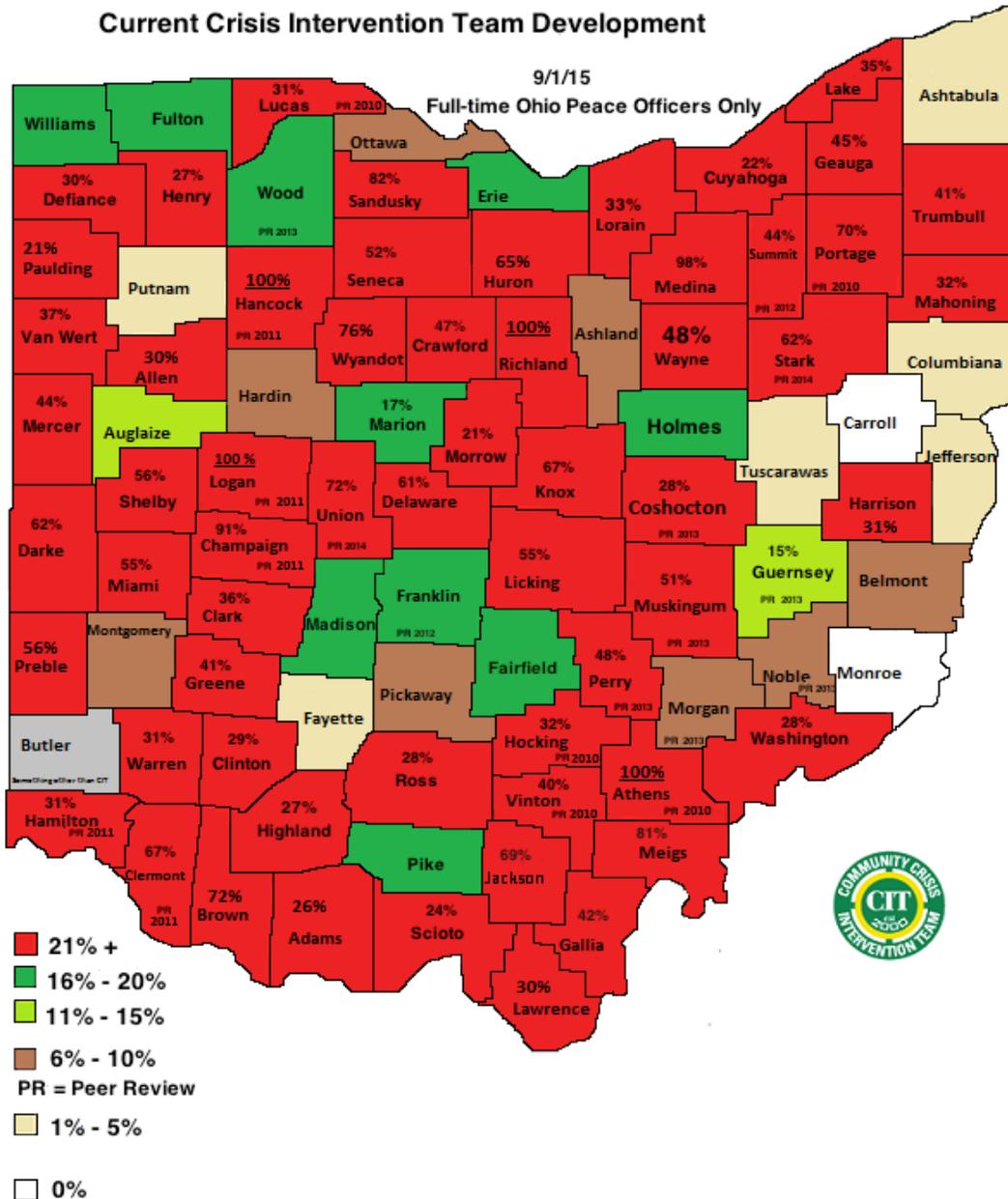
Just go to: <http://www.neomed.edu/academics/criminal-justice-coordinating-center-of-ex> to see what’s available.

From NAMI Ohio's Betsy Johnson

CIT Pins, Quick Reference Guides, and Hearing Voices Kits
Are available upon request.



Current Crisis Intervention Team Development



Clark/Greene/Madison CIT Graduation

*9 deputies from CCSO,
6 officers from Springfield
PD, 1 officer from
Wittenberg University, 6
deputies from GCSO, 6
officers from Beavercreek
PD, 4 officers from
Fairborn PD, 1 officer
from Sugarcreek PD, 2
officers from Xenia PD, 3
officers from Yellow
Springs PD, & 2 Mental
Health Services workers
graduated from CIT
8/14/15*



Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO
Mental Health & Recovery Bd

Master of Ceremonies

Sheriff Gene Kelly
Clark County Sheriff's Office

Graduation Keynote Address

Lt. Michael Woody (Ret.)
President, CIT International

2015 Officers of the Year

Ofc. Jackie Jones
Bellbrook PD
&
Sgt. Travis Baader
Springfield PD



If you are a CIT Coordinator in Ohio you are invited to attend our semi-annual meeting at the Columbus PD Training Academy in Columbus, Ohio from 10am - 2pm October 21st, 2015. Boxed lunch is provided, but you must RSVP to Betsy Johnson at NAMI Ohio to reserve a seat and provide an accurate count for lunch service.

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SAVE THE DATE

The 2016 CIT International Conference

April 25-27, 2016

Chicago, IL at the Chicago Hilton, downtown

Visit <http://citconferences.org> for ongoing updates regarding hotel reservations, conference registration, call for presentations and much more

**PASS THIS ON TO OTHERS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING**

If you are interested in presenting a workshop for this event please go to the CIT Intl conference website and submit a proposal. The deadline for this is sometime in late October.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING

May 2000 – August 2015

Total of 86 Ohio Counties = 8,127 out of 23,783 Full-Time officers = 34%

Sworn L E officers per county that have CIT training: 60 counties 21% to 100%
9 counties 16% - 20%
4 counties 11% to 15%
8 counties 6% to 10%
5 counties 1% to 5%
2 counties 0%

Butler County has something other than CIT (however 2% have gone thru a CIT Course)

555 Ohio Law Enforcement Agencies (out of 968 = 57%)

To include:

78 Ohio County Sheriff's Offices = 1577 Deputies

and

50 State Highway Patrol Troopers

and

56 Ohio Colleges/Universities = 428 trained Officers/Security

also trained were

633 Corrections Officers

175 Probation Officers & 74 Parole Officers

205 Hospital Security Officers

101 Park Rangers

241 Police Dispatchers

23 Officers from other States

(Not included in Ohio's statistics)

3 Officers from another Country

(Not included in Ohio's statistics)

*Hamilton County calls their specially trained officers Mental Health Response Team (MHRT/CIT)