



# OHIO CIT NEWS



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## **CNN MENTAL WELLNESS WARRIORS**

Fighting the Good Fight: Two Members of the NEOMED Community Named Mental Wellness Warriors – by Dr. Mark Munetz



Fred Frese

Mike Woody

Mental illness has been in the news a lot in recent months and, unfortunately, in most cases the news is bad. So it was a breath of fresh air when CNN did a positive story about nine people throughout the country who are making a difference in the fight to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness. My breath was taken away when I saw that two of the nine of CNN's Mental Wellness Warriors are my good friends and are part of our NEOMED community, Fred Frese, Ph.D., and Lt. Michael Woody (retired). Dr. Frese is a NEOMED associate professor of psychiatry and member of the BeST Center's Outreach Advisory Council. Lt. Woody is the law enforcement liaison to the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) housed at NEOMED.

## **The ADAMHS Board Graduates 33rd CIT Training Class**

On Friday, February 13, 41 Cleveland Police Officers and a Dispatcher graduated from the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's CIT Training program.

◆The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County has been providing CIT training to police officers for the past 10 years. CIT training provides guidance and the tools needed to police and dispatch officers on how to interact with people with mental illness and/or drug addictions and divert nonviolent people, when appropriate to a designated diversion and treatment point, rather than to jail. – *CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...*

◆Since its inception, the Board has trained a total of 1,237 police officers, including 544 from the Cleveland Police Department.

◆Our training is based on the nationally recognized Memphis Crisis Intervention Team model. ◆Involvement in the 40-hour CIT Training is voluntary and the Board offers the training free of charge.



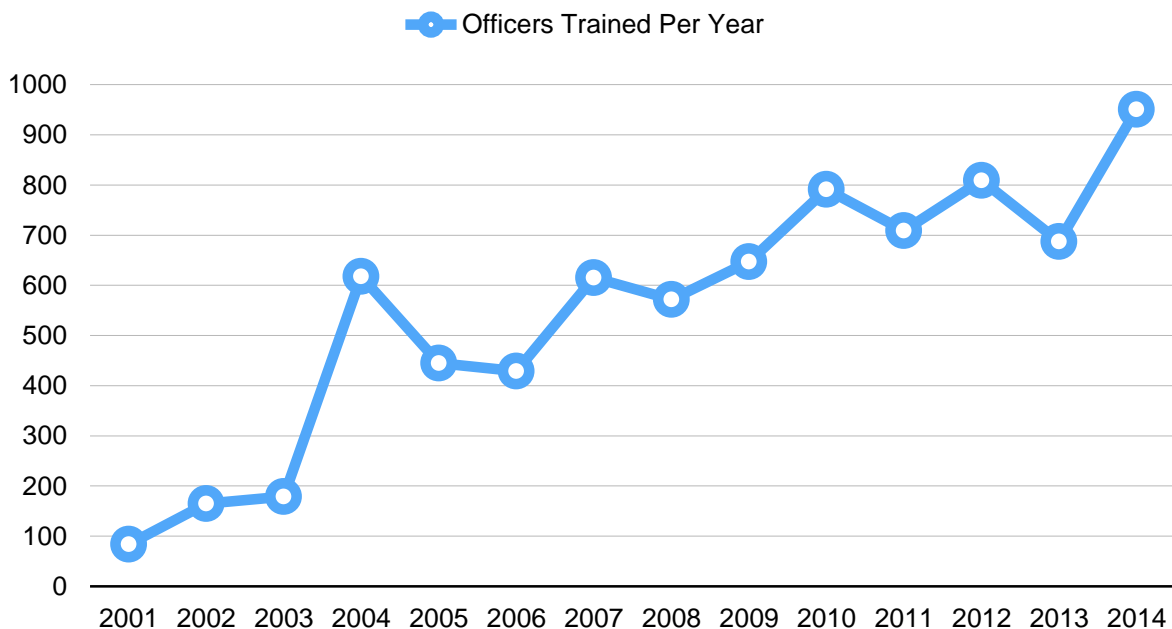
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### Peer Reviews

Ohio has a Peer Review Team that researches and assesses volunteer counties' CIT training curriculum and their CIT Programs. 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 @ [dutifulmind@gmail.com](mailto:dutifulmind@gmail.com) for more information or to set up a review of your CIT Program.

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

Just go to: [www.neomed.edu/academics/criminal-justice-coordinating-center-of-excellence](http://www.neomed.edu/academics/criminal-justice-coordinating-center-of-excellence) to see what's available.



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**7,775 sworn officers total**

**Ohio CIT Courses Held 2000 – 2014**  
**462**

**From NAMI Ohio's Betsy Johnson**

**CIT Mini Grants for Training Expenses**

Mini grants in the amount of \$1000 are now available for local CIT programs to offset the expense of holding a training. If you have already received funding for your fall training, don't despair, these funds are available through the end of June. To request a mini grant, please send me an e-mail with:

- Date of the training;
- A sentence about how you plan to use the funds such as printing, room rental, speaker fees, etc. (these funds cannot be used for food);
- Name of the entity that the check should be made out to; and
- Address to send the check.

**CIT Mini Grants for Law Enforcement Agencies**

Mini grants in the amount of \$1000 are available for law enforcement agencies which are sending an officer(s) to CIT training for the first time. A limited number of mini grants will also be provided for law enforcement agencies that have not sent an officer to training for at least two years due to a lack of resources and have indicated that with financial assistance they would send an officer. To request a grant, I will need an email from the CIT Coordinator that includes all of the following:

- Date of the training
- Name of the officer(s) to attend
- A sentence that states that the LE agency is only able participate if financial assistance is provided
- Name of a CIT contact person for the LE agency
- Name of the law enforcement agency that the check should be made out to, and
- Address to send the check. (Please let the appropriate party at the law enforcement agency know to expect the check.)

**Local CIT Advanced Training**

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$500 are available for

those communities wishing to offer CIT officers advanced training. To request a mini grant, please send me an e-mail that includes:

- Topic of the training
- Date of the training
- A sentence about how you plan to use the funds such as printing, room rental, speaker fees, etc. (these funds cannot be used for food)
- Name of the entity that the check should be made out to, and
- Address to send the check to.

### **CIT Pins, Quick Reference Guides, and Hearing Voices Kits**

Are available upon request.



**2015 NAMI Ohio Conference, Dorothea Dix Presents: A Matter of Life, STRIFE or Death**  
[NAMI Ohio](#) Guest Speaker Sheriff Tom Dart – Cook County, Illinois

Friday, April 24, 2015 at 10:00 AM - Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 1:00 PM (EDT)

Columbus, OH **Hyatt Regency Columbus** 350 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43215

The Attorney General will be presenting the following Awards:

#### **CIT Officer of the Year**

This award is for the Ohio CIT Officer who demonstrates the values of CIT.

#### **CIT Coordinator of the Year**

This award acknowledges the CIT Program Coordinator whose leadership in the community makes CIT possible.

#### **CIT Program of the Year**

This award celebrates the CIT Program that upholds a strong commitment to developing and nurturing a CIT program.

#### **CIT Champion of the Year**

This award honors a dedicated and active member of a CIT program community.

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