

DUTIFUL MINDS

Ohio's CIT Newsletter



Upcoming CIT Courses:

June: Cuyahoga County
24th—29th

July: Portage County CIT
Companion Course for Edu-
cators 15th—19th

**August: Clark/Greene/
Madison Counties** 26th—30th



Total of 84 Ohio Counties have CIT = 6,303 out of 23,366 officers = 27%

Sworn L. E. officers per county that have CIT training:

- 42 counties 21% to 100%
- 5 counties 16% - 20%
- 12 counties 11% to 15%
- 14 counties 6% to 10%
- 10 counties 1% to 5%
- 4 counties 0%

Butler County has something other than CIT

Four County (Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams) CIT Program completed their 3rd training class on May 17, 2013. The class was made up of officers from Napoleon City Police, Swanton Police, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Defiance Police, Correction Center of Northwest Ohio, Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center and Williams County Adult Probation. Two new law enforcement agencies were added during this training cycle.

Ohio CIT Peer Review Program to Present

This CCOE and Ohio NAMI sponsored program has been accepted to present a workshop at this years CIT Int'l Conference. The Peer Review Team is comprised of 3 members who are well acquainted with what it takes to have an actual CIT Program in a community. They ask or are contacted by communities that want their CIT Program reviewed to make sure they are on target with their training syllabus for the course and, that they are meeting the Core Elements as established by CIT Int'l and Ohio documents.

The process involves the community sending their CIT Course materials to the reviewers after filling out an assessment document about their program. The reviewers then go through the materials and have a phone conversation with the CIT Coordinator of the community to clear up anything that was not clear in the information sent to them. The team then sets up an appointment with the CIT Steering Committee of the community and travels to them for a two hour discussion

The Peer Review Team then puts together a report in draft form that the community looks at and when both sides are in agreement with the findings it becomes official.

Communities that have gone through this free of charge process have reported it to greatly enhance their training and program, as the peer reviewers give them lots of advice, documents, and materials that will help them in the future.



CIT Celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2013



It's been 25 years since the City of Memphis, Tennessee was able to form true partnerships between law enforcement, mental health professionals and consumer/advocacy groups for people experiencing a mental illness. The outcome of this endeavor was the creation of Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). Early on it was recognized that special people needed special officers—officers whom had the unique qualities needed to remain calm in sometimes tense situations, yet be prepared for anything (It is the wise officer who can at times conceal their combat-ready status). These officers handled all their regular patrol duties just like any other officer, but when the call was based in mental illness it was funneled to them. Hence why the “T” in CIT stands for TEAM and not Training. This unique approach has now spread across the United States, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and now reaching into the United Kingdom. It is estimated that over 2500 communities have CIT in place and this “better and smarter way of policing” is now exploding around the world.



For just \$25 you get a 1 year membership in CIT International which includes a membership card, seasonal newsletter, discounted registration fee for our annual conference, and access to our “Members Only” section of our website. Being a member also makes you eligible to be considered for a future board position. Go to the CIT International Website at: www.citinternational.org and fill out an application today! The 2013 CIT International Conference will be held in Hartford, CT October 14—16. **Did you know that if you are a recent (within 90 days) graduate of a 40 hour CIT course or (or one that meets our core elements) you are eligible for a free membership for 1 yr. Go to: citinternational.org**

Kent State University Police Services 2007—2011 Mental Health Calls for Service Report.

The statistical report for mental health related calls for service at the Kent Campus contains information such as call types, officer responses and outcomes. The report also presents the department’s Crisis Intervention Team and how it operates in the University setting. The report was prepared by Officer Jeff Futo, the department’s CIT Coordinator. To learn more about collection efforts, or to request a copy of the report, contact Officer Futo by email at: jfuto@kent.edu

Core Outcomes of a CIT Program

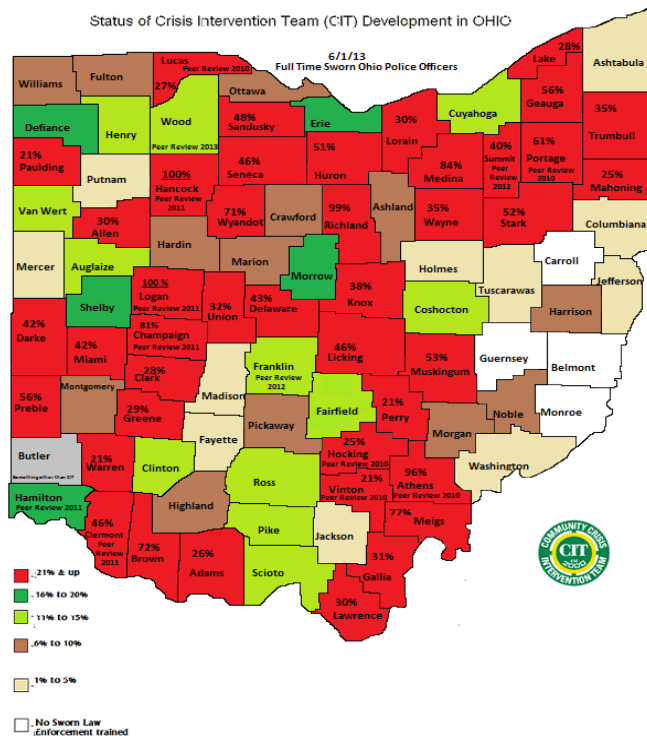
Lower incidents of injury to officers and citizens

Fewer repeat calls for service of patrol officers with mental health consumers

Enhanced working relationship of patrol officers with county crisis workers

Increased involvement of family and friends of the consumer as a crisis response alternative

Increased knowledge of community resources available to the consumer and family members which may assist in recovery



CIT participation in Ohio

496 Law Enforcement Agencies

73 County Sheriff Office = 1127 Deputies

40 State Highway Patrol Troopers

54 Ohio Colleges = 353 Officers/Security

470 Corrections Officers

124 Probation Officers & 60 Parole Officers

138 Hospital Security Officers

81 Park Rangers

195 Police Dispatchers

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