



OHIO CIT NEWS

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Is Your Crisis Intervention Team Making a Difference in Your Community?

By Officer Jeff Futo

Creating a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in a community represents a commitment to continuously partnering with various stakeholders to facilitate better outcomes when the community responds to a person in crisis. These responses often involve sending a member of a law enforcement agency. In some communities, other types of first responders may be sent, or law enforcement is sent in combination with other professionals. Communities that have chosen to establish CIT programs do so based on the following goals:

- Improve the safety of everyone in situations when law enforcement officers interact with persons in crisis.
- Improve outcomes when law enforcement officers interact with persons in crisis.
- Increase understanding of, accessibility to, and improve responsiveness by the local crisis response system.
- Divert persons in crisis from the criminal justice system to treatment alternatives when possible.
- Transform the local crisis response system to use law enforcement officers as first responders only when there is an immediate or imminent threat to safety or a serious criminal concern.

Are you making a positive difference in your community? Are you reaching your goals? How do you know if your CIT program is even on the right path? These are all good questions that would be difficult to answer without clear standards to follow or benchmarks against which to compare your program's accomplishments. When any program cannot see its impact, sustainability is challenging and commitment from stakeholders can gradually fade away. For CIT programs, coordinators may unconsciously find themselves delivering training instead of focusing on other programmatic needs such as partnerships, improving crisis response systems, and using data for evaluation and efficient use of available resources.

The Ohio CIT Core Elements are central to a CIT program's goals. A group of statewide partners reviewed the core elements this year to keep [the core elements](#) relevant and up to date. These newly constructed standards are divided into Law Enforcement, Mental Health Boards and Service Providers, Training, and Coordination. Within each of the four categories, these standards provide clear guidance on where CIT programs in Ohio should focus their attention and resources. The *Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs* provides a brief history of CIT in Ohio, updated program goals, use of current terms and definitions, and thirty-one core elements to guide programs implementing and further developing CIT in their communities. S

CITs and CIT programs have been growing and evolving across Ohio since 2000. Use the *Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs* as a framework for your CITs and CIT program to launch, build, expand, and sustain successful programs. Committing to implementing these elements will strengthen your CIT program and provide sustainability for future generations.



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Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in September 2022.



Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties awarded an Officer of the Year from each county.



Officer Collin Peterson
Springfield Police Division



Officer Patrick Clendenin
Fairborn Police Department



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Lorain County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in September 2022.



Gallia, Jackson, and Meigs Counties held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in September 2022.



Wayne and Holmes Counties held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in October 2022.



Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Montgomery County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in October 2022.



Fairfield County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in October 2022.



Muskingum County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in October 2022.



Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Muskingum County held a CIT Public Safety Telecommunicator Training in October 2022.



Lucas County held CIT Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainings in October and November 2022.



Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Richland County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in November 2022.



Trumbull County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in November 2022.



**TRUMBULL COUNTY CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING
NOVEMBER 2022**

Trumbull County Sheriff's Office: B. Cintron, R. Como, D. Culler, B. Dearnitt, W. Kata, R. Maynard,
J. Oakman, N. O'Hara Howland Township PD: M. Bartolic, W. Jones Ohio State Highway Patrol: L. Jones
Warren City PD: R. Hoffman, N. James, A. Krafcik, M. Ohl, P. Sajnovsky, M. Smith
Cortland City PD: J. Bevilacqua Niles City PD: B. Davis, K. Wedge Akron Children's Hospital PD: C. Sable

Stark County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in November 2022.

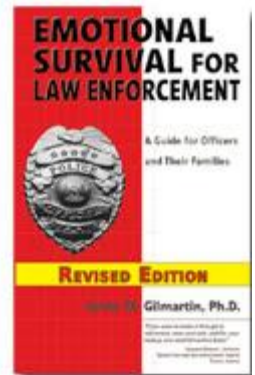


CJ CCoE Reader's Corner

Helen Walkerly, Executive Director at NAMI Wayne and Holmes Counties, shares her thoughts on the book, *Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement: A Guide for Officers and Their Families* by Kevin M. Gilmartin. This book is available in our CJ CCoE lending library. Please reach out to Ashley Eads at aeads@neomed.edu to request a copy for yourself.

We provide the book *Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement: A Guide for Officers and Their Families* by Kevin M. Gilmartin to our CIT trainees to help create awareness of the importance of self-care during their careers. For a number of years, we have set time in the CIT Patrol Officer Training Course to focus on officer self-care as we realize the stress of being in law enforcement. This book supports our commitment to officer self-care. Chief Bryon Meshew of our CIT Advisory Committee says it best about the book:

"Dr. Gilmartin's book Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement is an important read at any stage in your LE career. It labels and spells out the emotional rollercoaster that we all have or will have experienced. What's important about that is the fact that we often don't recognize that emotional rollercoaster and just bury the emotions that arise from this profession. One of the hardest things is to put a spotlight on yourself. Or at the very least admit that there is something going on emotionally that we typically cast aside as "normal" or "just comes with the job." If you are reading Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement with open eyes, you will definitely see yourself in the mirror more than a few times. Even down to the layout of the book is designed with cops in mind. Short chapters doesn't drift off and very pointed information and perspectives. Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement is an excellent book at any stage of your career. I would highly recommend this book for CIT officers to address and acknowledge our own emotions to be better equipped to help persons in crisis."



We welcome book reviews and recommendations related to mental health, criminal justice, and any intersections relevant to our work to expand our library.

More reviews will be featured in future newsletter editions.



In Case You Missed It...

Technical Assistance Sessions

The CJ CCoE has recently hosted two Technical Assistance Sessions. Listed below are the links to those sessions.

- [A Law Enforcement Policy Guide and One Program's Road to Policy Implementation \(October 2022\)](#)
- [CIT Program Record Keeping \(November 2022\)](#)

You can also access all the sessions on the CJ CCoE webpage at: <https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/cit/other-technical-assistance/>

Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals - Part 2

On Thursday, December 8, 2022, The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, co-sponsored with the Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, hosted the webinar, "Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals – Part 2", presented by Chief Deputy Geoff Stobart. The webinar focused on Franklin County's brand-new jail. Led by Chief Deputy Geoff Stobart and his team, this jail is new and different. After input from the Stepping Up Project and reviewing many other innovative jails, this new jail features:

- a specialized mental health step down unit
- a detoxification unit
- a medical unit
- warm, open floor plan with lots of sun and art to reduce tension and stress
- plenty of classroom space
- Strategic Inmate Management planning
- and many more innovative ideas to increase public safety, meanwhile reducing stress and tension for those in custody, and assist them in reentry. Many jails could incorporate some of these new and innovative ideas that were presented in this webinar. To view this webinar, [click here](#).



Upcoming Trainings and Events

Public Safety Telecommunicator Training of Trainers March 1-2, 2023

This advanced training for trainers will be held over the course of two days. The objective of this course is to support Ohio CIT programs and agencies providing specialized training to public safety telecommunicators. The goal is to increase the number of CIT programs and agencies in Ohio who are providing training to PSTs in their local crisis response system. On day one, the course will provide trainers with the tools, materials, and the framework needed to facilitate the CIT Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Course. On day two, participants will present content from day one to practice and obtain feedback from instructors and participants. The course is designed for trainers actively engaged in the delivery of their local CIT training and is presented free of charge.

Attending both days is required to receive a certificate of completion. Registration information will be forthcoming.

Ohio CIT Conference April 19, 2023

The Ohio CIT Conference is presented through a collaboration of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) and NAMI Ohio, with support from funds from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). This annual event brings together CIT partners from across the three pillars of collaboration: law enforcement/criminal justice, mental health, and advocacy. Location and registration information will be announced soon.

Ohio CIT Conference Call for Presentations

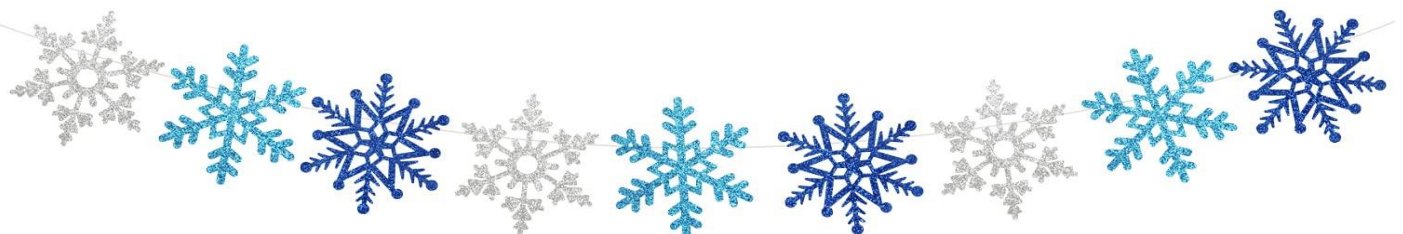
New for our Ohio CIT Conference in 2023, we are opening the opportunity to present to all interested CIT partners. We know that CIT Programs and CIT partners around the state are doing innovative, creative, and successful work. We want to highlight that work and provide a platform for CIT partners to learn directly from each other about topics important to them.

Presentations can focus on any aspect of Ohio CIT, the Ohio CIT Core Elements, and/or the goals of Ohio CIT programs. The presentations will be 60 minutes (including time for a Q/A segment) and must fall into one of our four breakout session tracks: Coordinators, Corrections, Law Enforcement, or Public Safety Telecommunicators. We have created an online system for you to apply to present at the conference in April. Submissions will be reviewed by the event planning committee for inclusion at the conference.

For more information and to submit your presentation for consideration, please visit:

https://neomed.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ooHBvvo5h3Vy0C?jfe=new

Submissions of presentations are due Wednesday, February 1, 2023, by 11:59pm

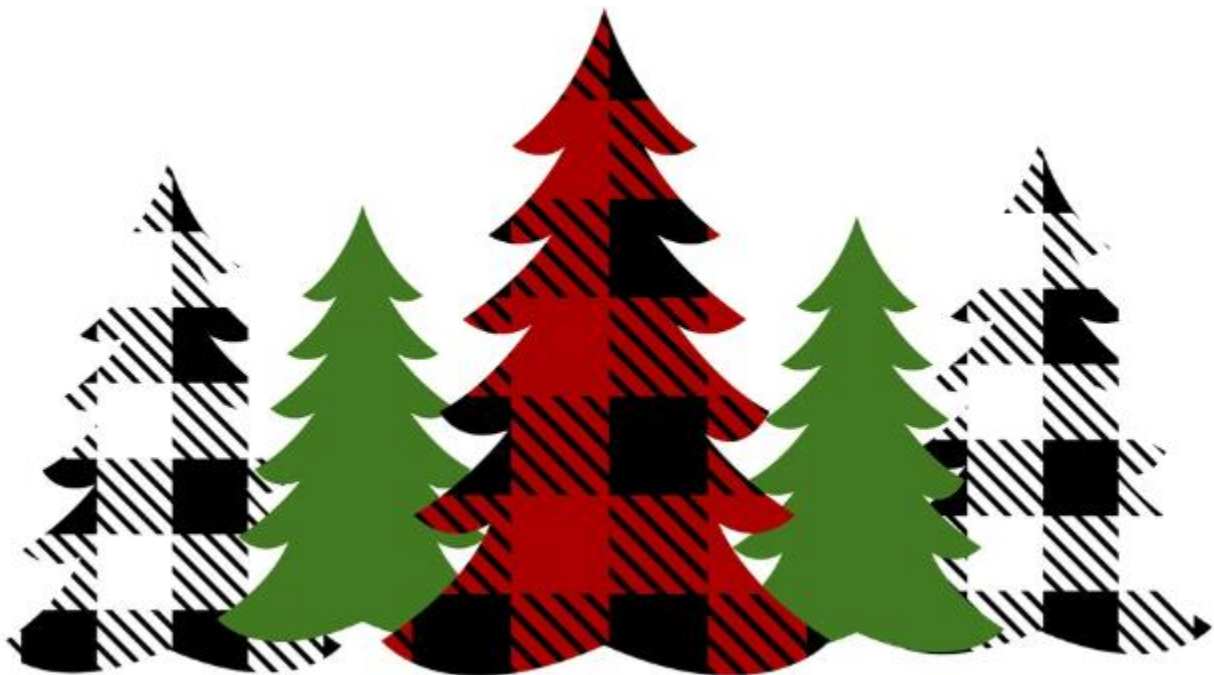


Upcoming CIT Courses

Medina County	January 30-February 2, 2023
Tuscarawas County	February 6-10, 2023
Wood County – Advanced	February 23, 2023
Wood County	February 27-30, 2023
Stark County	March 13-17, 2023
Wood County	April 3-6, 2023
Lorain County	April 17-21, 2023
Richland County	May 8-12th, 2023


Please visit <https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/cit/training-calendar> for a full list of trainings.

Please send any scheduled trainings to Ashley Eads at aeads@neomed.edu and your CIT training rosters to Mekal Banyasz at mbanyasz@neomed.edu



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Note: Information is subject to change

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National News and Updates

CIT International

CIT International's annual conference will be held on August 14-16, 2023, in Detroit, Michigan. Conference registration and Hotel reservations are now open. For more information, visit

<https://www.citinternational.org/page-18803>



Please share with your local CIT officers and Law Enforcement agencies.



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