



OHIO CIT NEWS



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Fall 2016

CIT Courses Scheduled

September week of the 12th: Clark/Greene/Madison (This is their 10th course) and Montgomery County – *Also the week of the 19th* (15th & 16th courses)

Week of the 26th: Cuyahoga County (36th course); Hancock County (9th course); Richland County (19th course); Summit County (34th course)

October week of the 3rd: Franklin County (40th course); Dayton PD.

Week of the 10th: Delaware/Morrow (21st course); Trumbull County (15th course)

** Trumbull course occurs on the 12th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st.*

Week of the 17th: Portage County (14th course)

November week of the 7th: Seneca/Sandusky/Wyandot (15th course); Wood County (7th course)

Week of the 14th: Montgomery County (17th course); Lucas County (23rd course); Franklin County (41st course); Athens/Hocking/Vinton (15th course); Cuyahoga County (Westshore) 37th course.

December week of the 5th: Cuyahoga County (38th course)

**Please advise the Editor or NAMI Ohio of your planned CIT Courses for any days in 2016 or 2017!*

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 through dutifulmind@gmail.com for more information or to set up a review of your CIT Program. Many counties have gone through the process.



24 officers and a dispatcher completed a CIT Course in Montgomery County

One of the most important core elements of a CIT Program is that of having a CIT Coordinator.

At this year's CIT International Conference in Chicago April 25th – 27th the first-ever Certificate Course was held for Law Enforcement, Mental Health Provider, and Advocate CIT Coordinators. There were only 80 openings for this much sought after course. Ohio coordinators led all other states with obtaining 10 spots!

Ohio representatives included **Carole Ballard** from the ADAMH Board in Cuyahoga County; Deanna **Brant** from Ravenwood Health Center in Geauga County; **Holly Cundiff** from Lorain County Board of Mental Health; **Ofc. Shelley Horine** from Bowling Green State University PD; **Lt. Dennis Jeffrey** from Columbus PD; **Patricia McCaslin** from Lorain County Sheriff's Office; **Gery Thobe** from Mercer County Sheriff's Office; **Lee Ann Watson** from Clermont County MHRB; **Dennis Moell** of Child Focus Crisis Services in Clermont County; and **Mike Woody**, who also served as an instructor.

Crisis Intervention Team Training for Educators

Crisis situations happen in a blink of an eye. In a school setting, children and youth are relying on school personnel to keep them safe. All school staff members need to be prepared to handle situations - including incidents involving mental health. Graduates of this year's Crisis Intervention Team training for educators included: Jennifer Flecksteiner, Waterloo Schools; Tara Warner, Waterloo Schools; Jenell Calvin, Maplewood Career Center; Linda Roberts, Plain Local Schools; Andrea Morgan, Ravenna City Schools; Kaylee Lohr-Curtis, Ravenna City Schools; Janet Barth, Barberton City Schools



State of Ohio **CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING**

May 2000 – August 2016

Ohio has reached over 9,000 sworn officers having attended a CIT Course in our state since its inception!

596 Ohio Law Enforcement Agencies (out of 968 = 62%)

9,015 out of 24,061 Full-Time officers = 37%

Ohio has held 551 CIT Courses

What can happen if not following the Core Elements of a CIT PROGRAM

INVESTIGATION OF THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION August 10, 2016

Excerpt

BPD's use of force against individuals with mental health disabilities or experiencing crisis violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Attorney General DeWine Announces Critical Subjects for 2017 Peace Officer and Trooper Continued Professional Training

The 20 CPT hours are the highest number of training hours ever required by the Ohio Peace Office Training Commission for a single year.

1. Trauma Informed Policing (6 hours): How to effectively engage those suffering from mental illness, PTSD, and substance abuse disorders.
2. Practical Application of Force (4 hours): Sharpening decision-making skills regarding use of force through scenario-based exercises.
3. Officer and Community Wellness (4 hours): Strengthening the legitimacy of law enforcement in local communities; self-wellness.
4. Legal Update (2 hours): Update on changes to Ohio law that took place in 2016.

Robert Kasprzak, CIT Coordinator for Lucas County, is a member of the Trauma Informed Care Curriculum workgroup, who are designing the curriculum to meet this standard. It should be a nice compliment to CIT. Thanks for your service to this, Robert!

From NAMI Ohio

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

