



OHIO CIT NEWS



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Winter 2015-16

CIT courses conducted this fall

September: Summit County, Lucas County, and Union County

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

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

December: Cuyahoga County

**Please advise the Editor or Betsy Johnson @ NAMI Ohio betsy@namiohio.org of your planned CIT Courses for Jan/Feb/March or for any week in 2016!*

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 16hr. course to 20hrs on **January 1st, 2016**. Subject Matter Experts convened several times over the spring and summer to make this happen. In 2008 this 5hr. course was increased to 16hrs and revamped 2 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 and add advocate panels and 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 through 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 their CIT program and training course, and are now working on improving each.

One of the most important core elements of a CIT Program 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:

www.neomed.edu/academics/criminal-justice-coordinating-center-of-excellence to see what is available.

From NAMI Ohio's Betsy Johnson

CIT Pins, Quick Reference Guides, and Hearing Voices Kits

Are available upon request.





CHICAGO,

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

CIT International Announces its
New Leadership Institute for
CIT Coordinators' Certification

Become a **Certified CIT Coordinator**

CIT Coordinators hold positions supporting a vibrant and unison community effort to sustain and move their CIT program forward.

Join this 8 Hour Certification program on performance and leadership skills for CIT Coordinators presented by the Board of Directors of CIT International.

When:

April 27 from 2 pm - 6 pm and April 28 from 8 am - 12pm

Who should attend?

Law Enforcement CIT Coordinators

Mental Health CIT Coordinators

Advocate CIT Coordinators

Those interested in becoming a CIT Coordinator

*****It should be noted that those attending have either completed the 40-hour CIT training program or are directly and actively involved in your local community CIT Program.***

Cost:

\$100 for conference attendees
\$225 for non-conference attendees

Space is very limited for this first time special Certification Program so register early

Or register at the same time you register for the conference .
To register go to <http://citconferences.org> TODAY!!!!

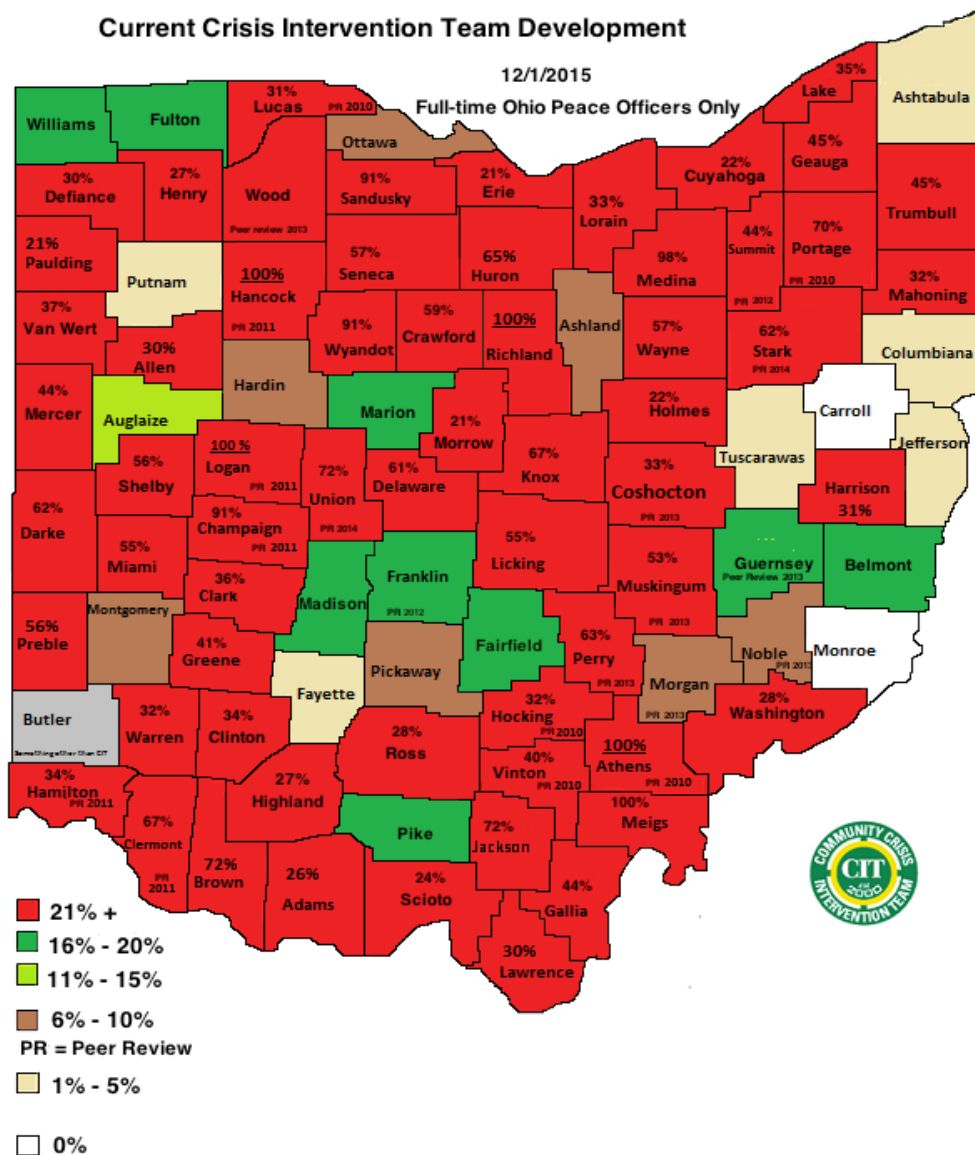
Dispatchers Receive Crisis Training



Pictured with other presenters (from left): Wills, Major Dennis Missimi and Sheriff Doak, Portage County Sheriff's Office; Knoles; and Joel Mowrey, PhD, Mental Health & Recovery Board.

Emergency dispatchers were trained on mental health conditions and de-escalation techniques during the Crisis Intervention Team training for dispatchers sponsored by the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County and the Portage County Sheriff's Office. Dispatchers from Portage and surrounding counties learned about active listening skills, pink slip procedures, trauma and emotional issues, active shooter procedures, and mental illness. The group also practiced scenarios and shared experiences.

Leading the class were Kent State Police Officer Tricia Knoles and Emergency Services Dispatch Coordinator Kathleen Wills. Officer Jeff Futo, Kent State Police and Sgt Tricia Wain and Sgt Andy Suvada of Streetsboro Police also presented and were part of the planning committee.



State of Ohio
CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM
TRAINING
May 2000 – November 2015

Total of 86 Ohio Counties = 8,457 out of 23,783 Full-Time officers = 36%

Sworn L E officers per county that have CIT training: 62 counties 21% to 100%
9 counties 16% - 20%
3 counties 11% to 15%
7 counties 6% to 10%
5 counties 1% to 5%
2 counties 0%

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

564 Ohio Law Enforcement Agencies (out of 968 = 58%)

To include:

78 Ohio County Sheriff's Offices = 1638 Deputies

and

50 State Highway Patrol Troopers

and

56 Ohio Colleges/Universities = 441 trained Officers/Security

also trained were

665 Corrections Officers

185 Probation Officers & 75 Parole Officers

209 Hospital Security Officers

105 Park Rangers

251 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)