

Law Enforcement, Mental Health & CIT in the News - March 2016

Hearing voices simulation helps officers learn about mental illness

Fayetteville Observer

More than 380 people who experienced a mental illness crisis in 2015 were diverted ... Fayetteville police spokesman David McLaurin said the department ... illness and interacting with law enforcement during mental health crises.

Transportation resolution to benefit county CIT unit

Temple Daily Telegram

BELTON — The Bell County Commissioners Court unanimously passed a resolution Monday that could benefit the county's Crisis Intervention Team ...

More than a third of people shot by LA police last year were mentally ill, LAPD report finds

Los Angeles Times

... by Los Angeles police last year had documented signs of mental illness, ... How can officers safely interact with a growing mentally ill population?

Report: Use-of-force incidents, fatal shootings down at APD

KOAT Albuquerque

But one trouble spot pinpointed in the report was APD's Crisis Intervention Team, or CIT. The dedicated unit of officers is supposed to arrive at scenes ...

Memphis police Crisis Intervention Team works to defuse mental health calls

...But four hours later, the situation was successfully defused - without violence from the woman or physical force from police.

That's the goal of the Crisis Intervention Team of the Memphis Police Department.

We Need to Talk About Mental Illness and Police Shootings

Care2.com

New figures on the number of people shot by the LA Police Department ... only 48 incidents where an officer used their gun during a public interaction, and only ... However, a mentally ill person who may be confused and disoriented, ...

Data shows police lack Crisis Intervention Team training to deal with mentally ill

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Because of a growing number of calls involving mental illness, some police ... East Pittsburgh police Chief Lori Frunceck, whose 15 officers all work ...

Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center Opens At Inova Alexandria Hospital

Alexandrianews.org

On March 1, the City of Alexandria opened a Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITAC) as part of the City's ongoing effort to help ...

Toronto shooting reopens debate over police handling of mentally ill suspects

Ottawa Sun

Given the number of interactions between police and the mentally ill, ... of a team of experts asked to examine Toronto police interaction with "persons ...

[5 mental health calls in 7 hours keep Windsor police busy](#)
CBC.ca

An area the province wants to improve is in police interactions with people who have mental health or addiction issues. While government officials are ...

[S. Carolina Introduces Bill to Help L.E. deal with Mentally Ill persons](#)

Requiring police officers to have special training for dealing with the mentally ill would benefit both police and the mentally ill, said Paton Blough, 39, a Greenville resident who told subcommittee members of his six encounters with police while mentally troubled.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article65338777.html>

[NAMI Delaware holds mental health crisis training for area officers](#)

Delaware First Media

42 Delaware police officers completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training at Wesley College last week. CIT was created nearly 30 years ago at the ...

[Half of People Killed by Police Have a Disability: Report](#)

NBCNews.com

"Police have become the default responders to mental health calls," write ... lens can also obscure how disability also factors into police interactions.

[Report: 21 people killed by police in Maryland in 2015](#)

Hastings Tribune

Mental illness and access to guns is a growing cause of police interactions, as well as the proliferations of guns in the United States, according to ...

[Alexandria Snapshot: Honored for Crisis Intervention Work](#)

Alexandria Gazette Packet

The Alexandria Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) honored five CIT members at its annual awards luncheon at police headquarters on Tuesday, March 15.

[Disabled people account for 1 in 3 of all excessive force claims against police – study](#)

RT

According to the Ruderman Foundation's study, one in 10 of all police interactions involve people suffering from mental illness, but even in highly ...

[Port Authority officers involved in bus way shooting included cop with crisis intervention training](#) Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

31 death of a man and a dog. Officer Thomas C. Adams is among five on the authority's force with the highly-touted Crisis Intervention Team, or CIT, ...On day of fatal shooting, Port Authority had one officer at the scene with training on how to recognize signs of mental illness.

[Teen walking around Gainesville apartment complex with assault rifle replica fatally shot by police](#)

ActionNewsJax.com

Five ACSO deputies fired their weapons and of those five, three are Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certified. Four GPD officers fired their weapons and ...

[New details on mentally ill man shot by Burlington police](#)

WCAX Video News Report

New details were released Tuesday on a mentally ill man gunned down by Burlington ... Police say

Grenon was mentally ill and armed with two large knives. ... Police say the entire interaction was caught on the officer's body camera.

MPD has officers trained for mental illness calls, but were they used? [FOX13 Memphis](#) Video News Report
MPD denied an interview request to talk about the Crisis Intervention Team, which is also known as ... MPD has at least 225 officers with CIT training.

Cops changing approach to mental-illness situations

Southeast Missourian

Myron Todd believes consistent interactions with police during his youth pushed him toward crime. Todd said he is diagnosed with bipolar disorder, ...

Police shooting reignites mental-health debate

[BurlingtonFreePress.com](#)

Two men suffering from mental illness have been killed in two-and-a-half years ... then-police Chief Michael Schirling condemned the lack of mental health ... equal less interactions with individuals who are labeled with mental health ...

County aims to keep mentally ill people out of jail

Statesman Journal

Munoz has bipolar disorder and a reported history with both Oregon law enforcement and the mental health system. Previous interactions with ...

How police officers handle cases of PTSD in the FM area

WDAY

Fargo, ND (WDAY TV) - Fargo Police credit a crisis intervention team for the standoff's ... Officer Todd Wahl leads Fargo's Crisis Intervention Team training. CIT equips area law enforcement and health professionals with the skills to ...