

Franklin County CIT Training for Corrections

Overview

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office was one of the first Jails in the Country to pilot the CIT of Corrections curriculum for the National Institute of Corrections.

The National Institute of Corrections chose Franklin County as a pilot site for this new training and brought a team of 8 staff to Franklin County to conduct a multifaceted training approach.

This training had several tracks. In the first track NIC staff and Instructors trained and certified approximately 30 Corrections Division staff as CIT Deputies.

The second track was the Train the Trainer. NIC instructors taught our staff how to run CIT classes on our own.

The CIT for Corrections course is based off the Memphis Model, with basically the exact same curriculum as CIT for patrol being taught by CPD. The main difference is the scenarios are Corrections based instead of Patrol based.

Each jurisdiction is encouraged to tweak the curriculum to suit their individual communities.

We have done this, and this is one of the things that made our program stand out nationally. The following are some of the things unique to our Training:

- 1) We require a pre-read prior to the class. We require all selected CIT candidates to read a book called Crazy- A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness by Pete Early.
- 2) We have a Diversity Panel- we have Hispanic, Somali, and LGBT community representatives in to have a panel discussion with the class to discuss how different cultures view and react to Mental Health Issues.
- 3) NAMI Panel- the National Association of Mental Illness partners with us to provide community members who suffer from Mental Illness as well as family members of those with mental Illness to have a panel discussion with the CIT candidates.
- 4) LGBT scenarios- due to Franklin County having a large LGBT community, we partnered with Stonewall Columbus, who provides us with several Cross-gendered actors for several of our scenarios. At the completion of these scenarios, the class moves into the classroom and an additional panel discussion completed.

To run one of these classes requires a large amount of time and effort in the planning stage. The coordination of the schedules, obtaining instructors and volunteers is very labor intensive. Major Tuner and Sgt's Rennie and Beaudry have taken the lead on this project.

As part of the 2017 budget we requested two full time CIT coordinators at eh level of Sgt. The coordination of this type of training would be a Major part of their assigned duties.

We work heavily with the ADAMH Board on this training, and they are a huge part of the planning and coordination.

We have committed to run three classes a year, with our next class scheduled of r August 7th-11th, 2017.

CIT Training is a priority program for the NIC and SAMHSA. This along with MHFA Training are several of the classes the NIC would more than likely have us teach regionally as a Center of Innovation.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office currently has ninety two (92) Deputies assigned to the Corrections Division who have completed this training and are CIT Certified.

The Franklin County Team has been requested and done many presentations at State and National Conferences on our program.

This training is directly tied to the recommendations for CSG as part of the Stepping Up Initiative final report.

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