

CIT 8th Academy Graduates

The 8th Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training academy was held October 20, 2014 through October 24, 2014 by Johnston County Mental Health Center and Johnston Community College. Since the Fall of 2011, 78 people have become certified CIT Officers and 63 of those are from Johnston County.

CIT is a training and response program designed for law enforcement and other first responders who handle crisis calls involving people with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and alcohol and substance use disorders. WRAL just recently aired a documentary on the story of Keith Vidal and CIT Training called "A Call for Help".

The following agencies in Johnston County have certified CIT officers: Johnston County Sheriff's Office, Smithfield Police, Clayton Police, Benson Police, Selma Police, Princeton Police, Johnston County Emergency Medical Services, Johnston UNC Health Care, Department of Public Safety Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice, and the Mental Health Association of Johnston County.



Pictured: Charlene Meyers- CIT Training Coordinator- JCMHC, Officer Andy Jernigan- Lead Officer- Clayton PD, Captain Kenneth Brice Helms- Johnston UNC Health Care, Officer Shayna Ptack- Smithfield PD, Officer Scott Holzshu- Clayton PD, Master Sgt Gary Whitman- Lead Officer- Benson PD, Lieutenant Jason Garner- JCEMS.