

CIT 7th Academy Graduates

The 7th Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training academy was held August 4, 2014 through August 8, 2014 by Johnston County Mental Health Center and Johnston Community College. Seven Johnston County Deputies (SROs), one Lieutenant for the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, one EMS Lieutenant, one EMS EMT-P, and one Juvenile Court Counselor became newly certified CIT personnel and part of the growing CIT Program.

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.

CIT training provides an "on-the-job-tool" that can be used by law enforcement personnel and other first responders to recognize mental health issues and crises, to de-escalate crisis situations, to enhance and maintain officer, consumer and public safety, and to assist in directing individuals with mental illness to the appropriate health care systems and reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system.

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 Health, Department of Public Safety Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice, and the Mental Health Association of Johnston County.

The next CIT Training Academy is scheduled for October 20, 2014 through October 24, 2014. For more information about CIT, call Charlene Meyers at the Johnston County Mental Health Center at 919-989-5575.



Graduates from left to Right: C. Meyers, R. Walls, G. Whitman, D. Strickland Guin, D. Thorne, S. Godwin; back row left to right: K. Nicholson, C. Boykin, D. Sorrell, P. Hill, R. Broughton, S. Pilkington, M. Medlin, J. Gonzalez