



# **Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program**

## **1. What is CIT?**

The Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program is a collaboration of professionals committed to assisting persons with mental illnesses and other brain disorders. This collaboration includes local members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), mental health service providers, family members, and law enforcement officers. The most important aspect of the CIT Program is the training provided to law enforcement officers.

## **2. What is CIT Training?**

CIT trains law enforcement officers to effectively and humanely interact with persons with mental illness. The CIT course is a 40-hour, five-day curriculum that is approved by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council. It is comprised of both classroom instruction and practical exercises delivered by mental health professionals, other subject matter experts and CIT law enforcement instructors.

## **3. What is the cost of CIT Training?**

CIT is provided at no cost to law enforcement officers or agencies. The CIT Program operates under a grant provided by the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) and there are no registration or training fees. All instructors are volunteers who are absolutely committed to the CIT Program and the training materials are provided free to the attending officers.

## **4. Why is CIT important to me?**

Law enforcement officers respond to public safety situations involving persons in psychiatric crisis. These situations have the potential to be high risk to all involved and consequently require a trained response. CIT training provides officers with knowledge and practical skills that can be used when dealing with persons with mental illness.

## **5. Why should I attend CIT training?**

When a public safety situation occurs involving a person in psychiatric crisis, law enforcement officers will be the first responders. The officers are responsible for handling the incident in the most professional manner possible. CIT training provides officers with the tools to professionally and humanely interact with persons with mental illness.

## **6. How does my agency benefit from my attending CIT training?**

CIT training equips officers with the skills necessary to appropriately respond to psychiatric crises. These situations may be high risk and may escalate into a use of force incident. The CIT training will provide officers with skills that can minimize risk to them and the person in crisis and may prevent the need to use force.



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**LIST OF SHERIFF'S OFFICES WITH CIT TRAINED DEPUTIES  
50 AGENCIES  
FEBRUARY 2009**

AGENCY	TOTAL TRAINED DEPUTIES	AGENCY	TOTAL TRAINED DEPUTIES
APPLING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2		
BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	5	GILMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	6
BARROW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	32	GLYNN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	4
BARTOW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	9	GWINNETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	81
BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	41	HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	11
CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	3	HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2
CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	10	HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	1
CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	13	HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	73
CHATTOOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	1	HOUSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	8
CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	79	JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	1
CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2	JONES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2
CLAYTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	8	MCINTOSH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2
COBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	5	MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	32
COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	24	NEWTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2
COWETA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	3	PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	5
CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2	PEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2
DADE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2	POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	4
DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	1	ROCKDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	12
DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	15	SPALDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	10
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	6	TROUP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	17
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	50	UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	18
EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2	UPSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	11
FANNIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	1	WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	4
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	16	WALTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	5
FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2	WARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	5
FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	174	WHITE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	4

