

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Law Enforcement Coordinator

A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator is a law enforcement supervisor appointed by the Sheriff or Chief to participate in efforts of assisting, implementing and sustaining CIT as a community program. The CIT Coordinator serves as a community liaison representing both law enforcement and other community partnerships to the citizens. The appointment of the CIT Coordinator should be made at the early stages of planning for a CIT program. Tasks and assignments may vary depending on specific needs of both law enforcement and the community as a whole. Leadership, planning and problem-solving skills are essential attributes for a CIT Coordinator. A CIT Coordinator will serve many roles with an emphasis on examining, reviewing, and making recommendations to ensure departmental and community needs are met. The following is a list of duties requiring the attention of the CIT Coordinator:

- a. Maintain continuous working relationships with all community partners, with specific emphasis on mental health and advocacy partnerships.
- b. Meet regularly with a CIT community steering committee
 - develop an agenda for the CIT Community Steering Committee and Subcommittees
 - address the issues raised by the community concerning the CIT program
- c. Work with Community Partners to promote and sustain the CIT program.
- d. Meet with law enforcement leadership
- e. Review and develop CIT departmental policy and procedures.
- f. Meet and with Uniform Patrol Supervisors
- g. Provide leadership for CIT Patrol officers
 - address operational issues raised by CIT Patrol Officers, and interface with patrol supervisors in problem-solving such issues.
 - address community issues raised by CIT Patrol Officers and interface with the Community Steering Committee in problem-solving such issues.
- h. Working closely with 911 local communication systems (call-taking and dispatch).
- i. Take primary responsibility for CIT 40 Hour Training and on-going CIT In-Service
- j. Review and monitor state commitment laws and transportation policies.
- k. Monitor state, county and local issues that may affect community crisis services.
- l. Maintain familiarity with federal, state, and county CIT grant requirements.
- m. Develop a systematic approach to collecting program output and event outcome measures.
 - Take responsibility for organizing and presenting CIT program output and outcome data to police leadership and the community steering committee.
- n. Produce or oversee a departmental CIT newsletter, CIT webpage or other methods of internal or external communication.

The CIT Coordinator position is vital to the day-to-day operations of the law enforcement agency. In addition to representing department internal interests, the CIT Coordinator represents the community partnerships as a primary contact person for the CIT program. Thus, the CIT Coordinator is a leader to ensure goals of the CIT program are beyond those of training. The CIT Coordinator ensures that the broader goals of enhancing service and safety are met.