

2010 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

DATE:	***February 1 st -5 th
LOCATION:	Medical City Dallas/LLUMC 7777 Forest Lane, Building E, "City Hall" Auditorium Dallas
DATE:	March 8th-12th
LOCATION:	MHA/LLUMC 624 N. Good-Latimer, 2nd Floor Dallas
DATE:	***April 12 th -16 th
LOCATION:	Frisco PD 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy Frisco
DATE:	***May 10 th -14 th
LOCATION:	Timberlawn Hospital/LLUMC 4600 Samuell Blvd. Gym Dallas
DATE:	***June 14 th -18 th
LOCATION:	Plano PD Plano Sr. High 2200 Independence
DATE:	July 12th-16th
LOCATION:	MHA/LLUMC 624 N. Good-Latimer, 2nd Floor Dallas
DATE:	***August 9 th -13 th
LOCATION:	Plano PD Plano Sr. High 2200 Independence
DATE:	September 13th-17th
LOCATION:	MHA/LLUMC 624 N. Good-Latimer, 2nd Floor Dallas
DATE:	***October 18 th -22 nd
LOCATION:	Medical City Dallas/LLUMC 7777 Forest Lane, Building E, "City Hall" Auditorium Dallas
DATE:	***November 8 th -12 th /LLUMC
LOCATION:	Timberlawn Hospital 4600 Samuell Blvd. Gym Dallas
DATE:	December 13th-17th
LOCATION:	MHA/LLUMC 624 N. Good-Latimer, 2nd Floor Dallas

***These classes are scheduled for law enforcement personnel outside of the DPD, but special accommodations can be made

HISTORY

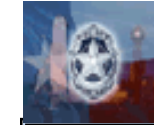
20 Years of CIT

By Major (Ret.) Sam Cochran

In 1988, no one could have imagined the impact that the Memphis Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program would have on law enforcement and mental health in the United States. Few would have believed that the commitment to an endeavor — originated by one city police department and an affiliate of an advocacy organization in a southern city — would develop into a cause that has gained international recognition and replication. But, in those 20 years, that is exactly what the CIT Program has done.

The city of Memphis is noted for several diverse things: Elvis' Graceland, the Blues on Beale Street, and the National Civil Rights Museum honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After 20 years of progress, it can now add the origin of CIT. In 1988, the term "community partnerships" took on a new dimension and a new meaning in Memphis. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) was introduced as an innovative approach to address community crisis services. The unique CIT model continues to develop in communities both large and small across the U.S. and abroad. These programs are adhering to the core principles of CIT services: initiate the development of CIT and then help other communities implement CIT. It is this "spirit" that underscores the "ownership" and purpose of CIT as a community approach and not just a training approach.

The first CIT class brought people together with good intentions, but a "direction" or outcome was not as clear or defined. It was the introduction of "heart" within relationships of the "Team" which expanded (freed) boundaries that help to distinguish a clearer, more purposeful service. The "relationships" of people working together has made the Memphis CIT Model the foundation of not just a training program, but a community approach to defining and developing services within the scope of care and understanding.



**DALLAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

TCLOESE credit: 40 hours will be provided for attending the entire 5-day course. This course meets the new TCLOESE Texas Mental Health Peace Officer requirements.

It doesn't matter who the person or organization is, it's about building bridges about mental illness and to respond in a way that protects the safety of the officer, and the safety of the other person.

THE PROGRAM

Officer Safety Community Safety Individuals' Safety

The Dallas Police Department has become an active member of the community in a new way. DPD works together with Mental Health America, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Green Oaks Hospital, Timberlawn Mental Health System, and anyone else dealing with the mental health population. DPD and mental health advocates and providers have become a resource for one another and have become members of the same team in the community.

According to Senior Corporal Herb Cotner of the Dallas Police Department, the Crisis Intervention Training coordinated by DPD is not only mental health, it's "people involved in crisis, interacting with the hospitals and families. It's another education component to officer training, it is first and foremost about officer safety.

In the class," continues Cotner, "my goal is for people to learn behaviors of people in crisis and how they can interact with people in that crisis. Maybe when they encounter the mentally ill person on the street, they think "wait a second, this guy's not pointing a weapon at me right now, but he's in a severe crisis and he's reacting to me. Then the officer may realize that's what we were talking about in class. They decide to back off as he or she identifies the situation.

I went out on the street and applied what I learned to being a police officer on the street. I've found that when I treat someone like a human being, they are more likely to talk to me. So I got the benefit of the cumulative "learning from experience" of a lot of people who were doing this and making improvements as they went along."

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Day 1 of Classroom Lecture

This first day of training includes the first eight hours of the TCLEOSE mandatory 16-hours of classroom training on the signs, symptoms and descriptions of the major mental illnesses. Additional information is added by the instructors, who are law enforcement officers or mental health professionals.

TUESDAY 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Day 2 of Classroom Lecture

This is the continuation of Day 1, and completes the classroom training.

WEDNESDAY 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Day 1 of Scenario Training

Day 3 consists of scenario training that mimics real cases from the Dallas Police Department. The "actors" are mostly police officers who strongly believe in the program and assist in the training of other law enforcement professionals.

THURSDAY 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Day 2 of Scenario Training

Day 4 is a continuation of the scenario training started on Day 3. The goal is for every attendee to complete at least 10 different scenarios that cover the broad spectrum of mental illness-related cases. Included are scenarios depicting suicide, depression, schizophrenia and many cases that will encourage the attendees to utilize resources, skills of engagement and safety procedures.

FRIDAY 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Day

Many attendees believe this is the most rewarding day of the training because of the personal interaction. Community advocates, mental health and mental retardation consumers tell their courageous stories and talk with the class about their interactions with law enforcement and mental health professionals.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If you are interested in sending your officers to a CIT class, please contact the Dallas Police Department one of the following ways:

Please email to:

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