RURAL CRISIS INTERVENTION

Quick Crisis Intervention Needs Assessment

 Do your law enforcement agencies respond to individuals in Crisis (Disturbances, Trespassing, Suicides)?
 Do persons with Mental Illness, IDD, Autism, Alzheimer's or Dementia live in your city or county?

Benefits of CIT Programs

- Reduce liability on your County, Law Enforcement Agencies and Officers?
- Reduce Officer Injuries
- Reduce Citizen Injuries
- Improve Public Safety
- Improve Community Relations
- Save Taxpayer Dollars

Rural CIT Challenges

- Limited resources
 - Man Power / Staffing
 - Transportation to facilities
 - Equipment
 - Training opportunities
 - Budget
 - Hospitals and facilities

Making it Work

Make Crisis Intervention a Priority

Training: No Cost / Low Cost available



- <u>http://csgjusticecenter.org/law-enforcement/projects/mental-health-learning-sites/</u>
- TMPA
- https://www.tmpa.org/TMPA/
- NAMI / MHA typically provide scholarships for training.

Identifying local resources and working with other agencies

- Identify and research your local mental health authority, Local BH / Medical Hospitals.
- Identify entities that can provide basic needs.
 Food, Clothing, Shelter.
- Reach out to the surrounding law enforcement agencies for additional support.
- Develop a Crisis Intervention Network with your community partners and other agencies.

Successful Counties

Brazos County

- Detective Phillip Dorsett
- College Station Police Department
- 2611 Texas Avenue South
- College Station, TX 77840
- W: 979-764-6293
- pdorsett@cstx.gov

Successful Counties

Burnet County

- Cole Reasor
- Horseshoe Bay PD
- □ P.O. Box 7765, Horseshoe Bay, TX. 78657
- Phone: 830-598-2633
- E-mail: <u>creasor@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov</u>

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Build RelationshipsChange the Mindset

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