

Memorandum



DATE: January 30, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Program**

Attached is briefing material on the "Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Program" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, February 2, 2009.

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Ryan S. Evans
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Attachment



Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Program

Public Safety Committee

February 2, 2009



Mission Statement

- Continue to strengthen the collaboration between police and mental health providers
- Enhance public safety
- Enhance officer safety through education and specialized training
- Update Department policies and procedures

Training

- Basic - 24 Hours
- Intermediate Police Officer - 16 Hours
- Crisis Intervention/ Mental Health Police Officer course (CI/MHO)- 40 Hours

What is Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Training?

- Recognition
- De-escalation
- Scenarios/Hospitals
- Interaction
- Services

Accomplishments

- Program began in August 2006
- Based on Police Executive Research Forum:
The Essential Elements of a Specialized
Police-Based Mental Health Program
 - Confidentiality and Information exchange
 - Transportation and Custodial Transfer
 - Specialized Crisis Response sites and Treatment
Supports and Services

Accomplishments

- The Essential Elements of a Specialized Police-Based Program
 - Call Taker and Dispatcher Protocols
 - On-Scene Assessment of Mental Illness and Disposition
 - Specialized Training
 - Collaborative Planning and Implementation

Accomplishments

- All sworn officers on the department have received the minimum training required by the state in Crisis Intervention
- 800 officers have received the advanced 40 hour training
- Have instructed 591 sworn officers, non-sworn officers and citizens from 23 different agencies
- Handle an estimated 600 Mental Health calls a month
- Dallas Police Department has received several awards in recognition for the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer program

Conferences

- February 2008 - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Conference
- September 2008 - Excited Delirium Conference
- October 2008 - Presentation at National Alliance of Mental Illness of Texas State Conference
- November 2008 - Presentation at the National Crisis Intervention Conference in Atlanta
- February 2009 – An Inside Perspective of Schizophrenia Conference

Questions?

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