

Memorandum



DATE: April 17, 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, April 20, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan S. Evans".

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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Attachment

Copy to: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
Tom Perkins, City Attorney
Craig Kinton, City Auditor
Victor Lander, Administrative Municipal Judge
Ramon F. Miguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
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Dave K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Mayor/City Council office



Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Program

Public Safety Committee

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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
- 898 officers have received the advanced 40 hour training
- Have instructed 681 sworn officers, non-sworn officers and citizens from 25 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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