



Mental Health & Recovery Board
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MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD (MHRB) HOLDS NINTH ANNUAL CIT TRAINING OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE DEWINE TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Springfield, OH – The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties will hold the ninth annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training for law enforcement personnel on August 25 – 29, 2014 at the Greene County Educational Service Center with a Graduation Ceremony hosted by Springfield Police Chief Steve Moody and a graduation address by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Attorney General DeWine has been an ardent supporter of the CIT Training and has provided support through NAMI Ohio for CIT Trainings around Ohio, including Clark, Greene and Madison Counties. The Graduation Ceremony is Friday, August 29, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Greene County Educational Service Center, 360 East Enon Road, Yellow Springs, Ohio. The public is welcome to attend.

CIT is an internationally recognized best practice for law enforcement as they respond to crisis situations involving individuals in the community with a mental illness. Officers receive both didactic and experiential training to improve their skills for responding to these crisis situations. Thirty-four mental health, social service, legal and law enforcement professionals from the three county MHRB area are currently registered.

Since 2006 the MHRB and local law enforcement have trained a total of 178 officers in Clark, Greene and Madison Counties. “CIT training creates a more compassionate response to those in our community who struggle with mental illness,” remarked Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO of the MHRB. Sharon Woolf, N.A.M.I. Director for Clark and Greene Counties, said, “Officers gain skills and families are more confident that their family member will be treated with respect and dignity.”

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