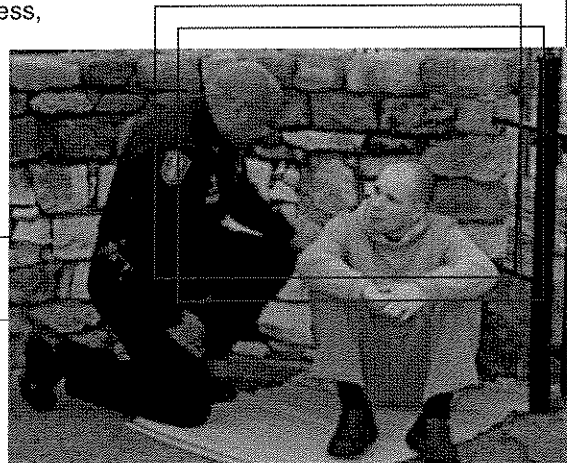


# Crisis Intervention Team (CIT): a community meeting

*Improving Police Interactions  
with People with Mental Illness*

**Speakers :** **Maj. Sam Cochran** Memphis CIT Founder  
**Dr. Randy DuPont** Memphis CIT Evaluator

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a well-documented, successful model of improving police interactions with people experiencing acute episodes of mental illness. The training is designed to educate and prepare police officers to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and to respond effectively and appropriately to an individual in crisis. Because police officers are often the first responders in these incidents, it is essential that they understand how mental illnesses can alter people's behaviors and perceptions. The trained CIT Officer is skilled at recognizing and de-escalating crises involving people with acute episodes of mental illness, while bringing an element of understanding and compassion to these difficult situations. The goal of the CIT program is to reduce unnecessary incarceration of people with mental illness and to provide individuals with appropriate treatment in the community.



<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday, January 22, 2007</b> 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm
<b>Place</b>	Albemarle County Office Building, Conference Room A 1600 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Extended Charlottesville, VA 22902
<b>Who Should Attend?</b>	Sheriff and police officers, hospital and criminal justice administrators, mental health consumers and advocates, and concerned community leaders and citizens.
<b>Why Attend?</b>	This is an opportunity to learn about strategies used in Crisis Intervention Teams. Maj. Cochran and Dr. DuPont have helped create safer interactions between individuals with mental illness and law enforcement officers.
<b>Sponsors</b>	Charlottesville Area CIT Taskforce Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)
<b>Cost</b>	<b>FREE</b> , but <b>RSVP</b> to Thomas von Hemert, CIT Coordinator email: <a href="mailto:thomasvh@oar-jacc.org">thomasvh@oar-jacc.org</a> phone: 434.296.2441 ext. 117 snacks provided (sandwiches, coffee, water)