



Crisis Intervention Team

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EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town of Easton

- Population: 16,687 (2013 Census)
- County seat of Talbot County
- Population of Talbot County: 37,931 (2013 Census)

Mental Health Services

- 7,179 on Medicare
- 1,224 of those on Medicare sought mental health services
- Based on Diagnostic Research a total of 9,500 sought mental health services in private and public sectors in Talbot County.

**People in a Mental Health
Crisis will most likely deal
with Law Enforcement more
often than a Medical or
Mental Health Professional.**

More than Two Million People with Mental Illness are Booked into Jail Each Year Nationally

* Mental Health Association of Maryland

**1 in 4 people killed in officer
involved shootings has a
serious mental illness.**

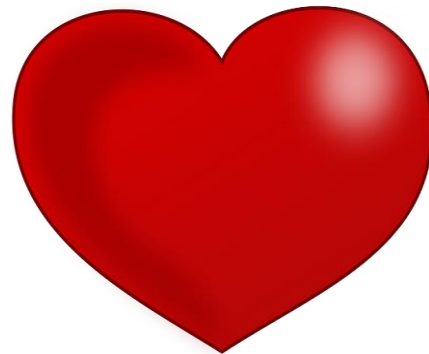
WHY CIT ?



- Officer Safety !
- Reduce Citizen Injury
- Diverting Persons with a Mental Illness from the Criminal Justice System
- Reduces Complaints
- Builds Trust and Working Relationships in the Community

The CIT Officer

- A Veteran Officer
- A Volunteer
- A Good Listener
- A person who would listen non-judgmentally
- And someone with a lot of



FUNDING



So How Do You Make This Work

God makes three requests of his children: Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have, now.

African-American Proverb

Easton Police CIT

- Reach out to service providers
- Attend meetings where consumers are attending.
- Do home visits with those that do not object
- Make yourself available
- Make sure you respond to concerns
- Do follow ups on Emergency Petitions.

The "T"



- Diabetic
- Bi-Polar
- Cancer
- Schizophrenia
- Hypertension
- **We are not defined by our illness we are all human regardless of our illness**

**Mental Illness holds no
Prejudices.**

**Mental illness or homelessness
is not a crime and does not, in
itself, justify or require police
intervention.**

SUCCESS

- Richard
- Benny
- Barbara
- Wayne
- Joseph

Because we all have moments of
sadness



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