

## COMMUNITY WELLNESS



# COMMUNITY POLICING CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

- Available starting April 27, 2019.
- In an effort to provide a humane, compassionate and effective law enforcement response to crises involving community members with behavioral or substance abuse issues, the CMPD has created the Community Policing Crisis Response Team (CPCRT).
- The CPCRT includes Master's-level mental health clinicians who accompany Crisis Intervention Team officers to incidents involving a behavioral health and/or substance-abuse crisis.

### THE CPCRT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:



Assigning cases for proactive follow-up and referrals involving persons with a history of behavioral health issues resulting in police response.



Providing referral, educational and support services information to family, friends and members of the consumer's support network.



Responding collaboratively to calls for service concerning community members experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

***Note, clinicians are not deployed to active scenes with armed subject(s) present.***

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# CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

The role of trained Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers is to prevent harm to all involved and divert from jail to medical treatment when safe and appropriate.

### TRAINING:



Approximately 690 CMPD officers are CIT trained, comprising nearly 38 percent of the department. The national average of CIT officers in major city police departments is 25 percent.



CIT training does not involve a tactical component. Attending officers are taught that physical safety is the priority and to always rely on their basic law enforcement training whenever a physical threat is present.

*Note, there are no specific de-escalation strategies taught in the CIT class related to what an officer should do if he/she encounters an uncooperative subject armed with a gun.*