

## CIT/MH Coordinator

The CIT/MH (Crisis Intervention Team/Mental Health) Coordinator assists families in the midst of a current crisis event and those with ongoing mental health challenges. This is done by connecting them with trusted Behavioral Health Facilities, long term residential treatment programs for behavioral health and/or alcohol/drug treatment centers and if needed, provides local therapist and psychologists contact information. The CIT/MH Coordinator also supports the families and caretakers by facilitating a support group for them as well which is called the Support Now Network. The CIT/MH Coordinator also initiates voluntary Wellness/Welfare Checks with those who are struggling with mental illness at their residence. If it's discovered that basic needs are lacking such as funds for food, rent, utilities, etc., or are in need of nonemergency medical/dental care, or have employment needs we'll link them with the appropriate providers.



### The CIT/MH Coordinator responsibilities also include:

1. As needed, advise or represent MPD on matters involving police response to those with a mental illness challenge.
2. When possible, attend and support the Law Enforcement Mental Health Association, LEMHA, which meets monthly and consists of mental health officers, community stakeholders and persons working within the mental health community.
3. Provide information to outside agencies via Tarrant MHMR Law Liaison regarding MH persons who live outside of Mansfield who have come in contact with MPD.
4. Maintain communication with area hospitals on issues related to persons with mental illness.
5. Design and conduct in-service mental illness training, and provide expertise and support to the Training Division regarding all recruit officer mental illness related training.
6. Maintain monthly/annual data collection to evaluate MPD's mental health crisis response and effectiveness.
7. Provide advice to officers/property tech on the confiscation and disposition of firearms or other deadly weapons confiscated from persons with mental illness.
8. Provide information on barricaded persons, or hostage incidents that involve persons with mental illness whether known personally or via the Tarrant MHMR liaison.
9. Assist field officers with intervention, referral, or placement of a person with mental illness to prevent the unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of that person.
10. Follow up with Missing Persons reports to determine whether a reported missing person was placed on a 72-hour hold by another agency in Tarrant County.
11. Maintain liaison with local medical hospitals, storefront emergency care facilities, and geriatric care facilities regarding policies and procedures that involve the detention and

involuntary holds of persons with suspected mental illness and how to improve those processes to benefit everyone involved.

12. Provide analysis of state and federal legislation pertinent to law enforcement encounters with persons with suspected mental illness.
13. Provide expertise and support to the Training Division regarding mental illness related training needs; 40 hr. training classes, briefing training, etc.
14. Maintain liaison with local Mental Health Agencies.
15. As needed, assist MPD officers whenever they contact persons with a suspected mental illness that require guidance.
16. When possible, provide intervention, referral, or placement for a person with mental illness to facilitate the speedy return of officers to their primary duties.
17. Prevent unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of persons with mental illness.
18. Assist with psychologically impaired victims at disaster scenes.

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