

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

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**COMMUNITY POLICING CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM
(CPCRT)**

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Who Are We

- CMPD's Co-Responder Team consist of master's-level mental health clinicians partnered with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers to respond to incidents involving behavioral health and/or substance use crisis.
- CPCRT provides coverage seven days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to midnight.
- The team responds to incidents offering de-escalation, on-scene assessment and support.

Our Goals

- Connect individuals to appropriate community resources and services.
- Educate individuals, families, and community members on mental health awareness.
- When appropriate, divert individuals from hospitalization and jail through alternative interventions.





CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

CIT

What is CIT

- The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a specialized police response program where officers receive advanced training to safely and effectively respond to individuals experiencing mental health or substance use crises.

CMPD's CIT

- Approximately 679 CMPD officers are CIT trained, comprising nearly 37 percent of the department.
- Officers use active listening, empathy, and de-escalation techniques to approach individuals in a crisis.

Please Note

- There are no specific de-escalation strategies taught in CIT training related to what an officer should do if he/she encounters an uncooperative subject armed with a gun.



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