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Media Release

Incident: Crisis Intervention Team Training
Location: Boone County Sheriff's Department Annex
Date & time: Week of 11/2/15
Case Number: N/A

Details:

Approximately 50 law enforcement officers from throughout the state of Missouri are undergoing intensive training at the Boone County Sheriff's Department to learn how better to successfully manage a crisis involving individuals with mental health, substance abuse and other issues.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training is a joint effort between law enforcement, mental health professionals, substance abuse treatment providers, the court system and other public and private advocacy agencies. The Boone County Sheriff's Department in 2009 was the first agency in central Missouri to implement a CIT program.

Studies indicate law enforcement agencies with a CIT program see a decrease in arrests involving subjects in need of intervention as well as fewer instances involving "use of force" by a law enforcement officer. Law enforcement officers completing the 40-hour course also report the training as "completely applicable" to their duties.

On Friday, 11/6/15 at 1 p.m. the media is invited to attend mock scenarios where law enforcement officers will interact and utilize skills from this week's CIT training. These mock scenarios will be held at the Boone County Sheriff's Department Annex, which is behind the Corrections Facility.

For additional information about this contact Deputy Tracey Cleeton at (573) 228-4002.

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Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan, #5040

