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## Media Release

Incident: Crisis Intervention Team Training  
Location: Boone County Sheriff's Department – Annex 2111 County Dr  
Date & time: 10/01/18 to 10/05/18 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Details:

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

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is an innovative first-responder model of law enforcement-based crisis intervention with community, health care, and advocacy partnerships.

CIT training is a 40 hour POST approved training course focusing on training law enforcement in the basic assessment skills for effectively handling incidents involving subjects in mental health or emotional crisis. CIT training improves the safety of law enforcement, consumers, family members, and citizens within the community.

CIT reduces both stigma and the need for further involvement with the criminal justice system. CIT provides a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction between the criminal justice and mental health care system. It can create the context for sustainable change.

On Friday, 10/05/18 at 1:00 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 – 2111 County Dr (located behind the Detention Facility).

For additional information about this, contact Columbia Police Department Lieutenant Geoff Jones 573-874-7403 or Boone County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Tracey Cleeton 573-875-1111.

Release date & time: 10/01/18 0830 hours  
Release authorized by: Sergeant Tracey Cleeton

