

## What is "CIT"?

"CIT" stands for "Crisis Intervention Team." CIT is a team of Police Officers with special training in recognition of, and response to, a wide variety of Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues. In addition to hours of exposure to many forms of moderate to severe Mental Health/Behavioral Conditions, this training involves further development of skills in interpersonal communications, de-escalation techniques, conflict resolution, and awareness of available Mental Health and Substance Abuse resources.

## What is CIT's importance to The Town of Fairfield?

Research shows that those afflicted with some form of mental illness are many times more likely to encounter law enforcement. It is important for officers to be able to recognize the difference between the symptoms of a mental health crisis versus deliberate evasive or combative behavior. The officer's degree of training will dictate his/her approach to, engagement of, and interaction with these individuals. The extra training CIT officers receive can help to facilitate the likely-hood of positive incident resolution for both the officer(s) and the individual(s) in crisis, as well as any bystanders.

## What are the goals of the CIT Program?

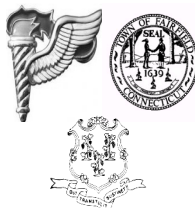
In aspiring to provide the best service possible to individuals and families living with mental illness, and taking every step to connect these individuals and families to the resources they need, we also work to accomplish the following goals:

- Less need for the use of Lethal Force
- Reduction in injuries to mental health consumers
- Reduction in officer injuries
- Reduction in Emergency Room recidivism
- Jail Diversion
- Reduction in civil litigation
- Improvements in community relations

**You can request to speak to a CIT at any time!**



**Fairfield Police Department**  
100 Reef Rd  
Fairfield CT 06824  
Tel. 203-254-4807



**Fairfield Police Department**  
**For Emergencies Dial 911**



**Crisis Intervention Team**  
**-Adult and General-**





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**COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Alcoholics Anonymous- 203-277-2496 or 203-855-0075
- Alzheimer’s Association, CT Chapter: 860-828-2828 (Information and support for Alzheimer’s)
- Autism Speaks: 888-288-4762 (Information, resources and opportunities regarding individuals with Autism)
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DHMAS): 860-418-7000
- Disability Resource Center/Fairfield County: 203-378-6977 (Support services, training and equipment to promote independent living skills for disabled people)
- Fairfield Counseling Services: 203-255-5777: (Counseling, psychiatric and substance abuse evaluation)
- Fairfield County Medical Association: 203-372-4543 (Provides help finding a doctor)

**COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES CONTINUED...**

- Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center: 1-800-586-9903
- Narcotics Anonymous- 1-800-627-3543 or 1-800-559-9503 **\*24 Hour Crisis Line**
- National Alliance on Mental Illness: (NAMI)203-259-8396 Ext.30 (Advocacy and support for persons or families with mental illness)
- St. Vincent’s Behavioral Health Services: 203-227-1251 (Behavioral health and addiction services)
- The Kennedy Center: 203-365-8522 (Services for persons with special needs and disabilities)

**LIVING ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES**

Department of Children and Families- 1-800-842-2288 (**24 Hour Hotline**)

Dial 211: (General information)

Dial-A-Ride: 203-256-3170

Fairfield Social Services: (203) 256-3170

**LIVING ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES CONTINUED...**

- Operation Hope: 203-292-5588 (Provides food, shelter and services)
- Meals on Wheels: 203-368-4291
- Section 8 Rental Assistance: 203-331-8948
- Handyman Services: 203-256-3120 (Handyman services for low income homeowners)

**WEBSITES**

- [www.ALZ.org](http://www.ALZ.org) (Alzheimer’s Information)
- [www.AutismSpeaks.org](http://www.AutismSpeaks.org)
- [www.ct-asrc.org](http://www.ct-asrc.org) (Autism Information)
- [www.fcsinc.org](http://www.fcsinc.org) (Fairfield Counseling Services)
- [www.Hallbrooke.org](http://www.Hallbrooke.org) (Behavioral Health)
- [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org) (National Alliance on Mental Illness)