Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program

of Jefferson County, Missouri

*Capt. Ralph Brown*

*Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department*

*Chairman, Coordinating Council*

***Participating***

***Law Enforcement***

***Agencies:***

Arnold

Byrnes Mill

De Soto

Herculaneum

Jefferson County Sheriffs

Jefferson County 9-1-1

Pevely Police Department

***Participating***

***Community***

***Organizations:***

Alliance on Mental Illness –

NAMI St. Louis

Alzheimer’s Association

Behavioral Health Response

COMTREA

Jefferson College

Law Enforcement Academy

Easter Seals/

Touchpoint Autism Services

Jefferson County

Military Support Network

Kids Under Twenty-One (KUTO)

Mental Health America

of Eastern Missouri

Mercy Jefferson Medical Center

Mo Dept. Health & Senior Services

Mo Dept. of Mental Health

Missouri Probation & Parole

National Council on Alcoholism

& Drug Abuse – St. Louis Area

Provident, Inc./Life Crisis Services

St. Anthony’s Medical Center

St. Louis VA Medical Center

SSM St. Clare Hospital

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Dear Sir or Madam,

On Wednesday, November 11, 2015, the Coordinating Council for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program of Jefferson County will host its ***First CIT Celebration Banquet***, at Mercy Hospital-Jefferson in Festus. This banquet will recognize our Jefferson County police officers and Sheriff’s deputies who have “***demonstrated the most extraordinary skill and compassion in responding to and/or following up on an incident involving someone experiencing a mental health crisis***.” We request your support for this banquet and our CIT Program through a financial gift or an in-kind donation to our banquet.

CIT is a team of specially recruited police officers who are provided intensive training in responding to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The program is provided through a collaboration of law enforcement agencies along with area hospitals and mental health organizations that serve Jefferson County. Our banquet will express appreciation for CIT Officers and other community leaders who make this valuable program happen.

CIT is a nation-wide best-practice law enforcement program that was introduced into the Greater St. Louis area in 2003. CIT officers receive 40 hours of training that focuses on tactical communications and de-escalation strategies that will (1) reduce injury that had too often occurred during such incidents and (2) redirect individuals in mental health crisis away from the criminal justice system (courts, jails, prison) and into the treatment they need for recovery. CIT officers are essential to these crisis situations. With the cooperation from area hospitals as well as mental health alliances, CIT continues to be a key to success in assisting persons who experience a mental health crisis.

Please help us honor those officers and mental health professionals who have made a significant impact on the mental health community. A financial gift or donated item for our banquet would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the Jefferson County CIT program.

Sincerely,

Captain Ralph Brown

Capt. Ralph Brown

Chair, Coordinating Council

CIT of Jefferson County