



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ATTENTION TRAINING OFFICERS IN THE SW WA REGIONAL AREA

COURSE NAME: Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
Officers dealing with subjects in crisis due to mental illness and/or substance abuse

LOCATION: Vancouver Police Department (West Precinct)
2800 Stapleton Rd
Vancouver, WA 98661

COURSE DATE: June 15-19, 2015

COURSE COST: FREE (space is limited)

COURSE INFORMATION:

The purpose of this five day class is to make officers more aware of the effects of Mental Illness. It provides skills for threat assessment, de-escalation, and calming of aggressive and emotionally disturbed persons. The class features Mr. Ellis Amdur who is both a consultant specializing in trainings for those who face hostile and aggressive individuals and also a crisis intervention specialist in the Seattle, Washington area. He received his B.A. in psychology from Yale University in 1974, and his M.A. in psychology from Seattle University in 1990. He is both a National Certified Counselor, and a State Certified Child Mental Health Specialist.

Other areas focused on involve the process for dealing with the mentally ill in our County. Officers frequently have difficulty understanding just what to do to assist a person in crisis. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions from experts from Clark County Crisis Services, Children Services, and other service providers in Clark County that can assist. An overview of Mental Health court will also be provided that will give the attendee a better understanding that system is accessed.

To register please contact Carie Wright at Carie.Wright@cityofvancouver.us or call (360) 487-7555; or for more information about the training please contact Sgt. John Schultz John.Schultz@cityofvancouver.us or call (360) 487-7556.