

## **WSCJTC Public Message on CIT:**

**The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission provides the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model to all public safety agencies as a form of community policing to improve public safety responses to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Police, fire, and medical personnel work together with behavioral health services to provide help to those people experiencing a behavioral health crisis.**

### **Program Benefits**

- **Improve access to crisis and behavioral health services.**
- **Increase public safety personnel and civilian safety.**
- **Build stronger public safety and behavioral health partnerships.**
- **Improve public safety interactions with people in need of services and families.**

## WSCJTC Training Mission and Goals for CIT:

### The WSCJTC CIT 40-HR Training Class Mission

The CIT training is designed to provide tools and resources to criminal justice personnel to respond more effectively to individuals in behavioral health crisis. Officer and first responder safety is priority. This training provides tools to increase safety for both criminal justice personnel and those in crisis.

### WSCJTC CIT Goals

1. Provide CIT training pursuant to legislation. (RCW 43.101.427)
2. Provide tools and resources to criminal justice agencies to implement and sustain local CIT programs.
3. Support the local CIT coordinators as they build and maintain CIT programs that focus on the *TEAM* to strengthen partnerships between agencies, behavioral health, and the public.
4. Help personnel identify ways to reduce the number of individuals in behavioral health crisis using costly interventions, such as, jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals.
5. Train personnel on available local justice system diversion options for individuals in behavioral health crisis.