



Veterans Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Johnston Community College - Public Safety Service Complex - 245 College Road Smithfield, N.C. 27577

March 27 - March 28, 2018
8:00 am- 5:00 pm each day

Encounters between first responders and veterans in crisis can be extremely dangerous and even deadly—for the first responders or for the veteran in crisis. Oftentimes veterans will only talk to another veteran during a crisis from a sense of commonality. **Veteran Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)** teaches military veteran first responders, who are also CIT trained, how to effectively and peacefully resolve incidents involving a veteran in crisis. Officers learn to leverage their law enforcement training *and* their shared military experiences to deescalate the event and prevent violence. Emphasis is placed on connecting veterans with locally available resources designed to improve the health and well-being of the veteran, limiting unnecessary incarceration rates, and establishing a network of officers trained to respond to a veteran in crisis.

The VCIT model has proven effective in North Carolina evident from many successful encounters between officers and veterans in crisis without injury. It is highly adaptable to any agency and/or locality in the state and/or the country.

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Eligibility requirements: 40 hour CIT certification and military veteran