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Crisis Intervention Team Honors Public Safety Professionals

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – On Jan. 8, the Fayetteville-Cumberland Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) recognized five local public safety professionals from the Cumberland County Emergency Services Department, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, and the Fayetteville Police Department for outstanding service. The awards ceremony, hosted by the local CIT and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, was held at the county's Mental Health Clinic, 109 Bradford Ave.

The following individuals received CIT awards:

Cumberland County Emergency Services

Telecommunicator of the Year – Wanda Barton

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Deputy of the Year – Sgt. Corrie Simmons

Trainer of the Year – Sgt. Hardin Brown

Fayetteville Police Department

Officer of the Year – Lt. Randy Podobinski

Telecommunicator of the Year – Tracy Trogdon

“We are looking to build a comprehensive and seamless system of crisis response in Cumberland County,” said Cumberland County CIT Coordinator Wayne Cannon. “I am extremely proud of those who were acknowledged at the awards reception.”

CIT is a jail diversion program designed to be a specialized law enforcement response to individuals experiencing a crisis related to mental illness. The program seeks to help citizens get treatment instead of incarceration. Currently, 250 law enforcement officers and 54 telecommunicators in Cumberland County are CIT certified.

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