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Public Safety, Health Professionals Receive Crisis Intervention Team Honors

FAYETTEVILLE – Public safety and mental health professionals were honored at the second annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Awards ceremony Jan. 22 at the Community Mental Health Center at Cape Fear Valley, 1742 Roxie Ave. The award recipients were recognized for their contributions during 2013.

CIT is a jail diversion program designed to provide a specialized law enforcement response to individuals experiencing a crisis related to mental illness. The program seeks to help citizens get treatment instead of being incarcerated. In Cumberland County, there are 357 certified law enforcement officers, 79 telecommunicators, eight paramedics and one firefighter who are CIT-certified.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness sponsored the awards to the following recipients:

CIT Deputy of the Year: Deputy Glen Heard, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

CIT Officer of the Year: Sgt. Ryan Manley, Fayetteville Police Department

CIT Detention Officer of the Year: Cpl. Jonathan Fuller, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

CIT Paramedic of the Year: Lt. Leslie Campbell, Cumberland County EMS of Cape Fear Valley Health System

CIT Trainer of the Year: Melanie Bunn, training consultant, Alzheimers North Carolina Inc.

CIT Champion of the Year: Gail Staley, Program Coordinator for Law Enforcement Training, Fayetteville Technical Community College

CIT Champion of the Year: Doug Webster, Service Line Director for Behavioral Health, Cape Fear Valley Health System.

NAMI also presented a plaque of appreciation to Hank Debnam, Cumberland County Site Director for Alliance Behavioral Healthcare.

For more information about Crisis Intervention Team training, contact CIT Program Coordinator Wayne Cannon at 910-672-5809.

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The 2014 Crisis Intervention Team award recipients are, from left, **Officer of the Year** Sgt. Ryan Manley, Fayetteville Police Department; **Deputy of the Year** Glen Heard, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office; **Detention Officer of the Year** Cpl. Jonathan Fuller, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office; **Paramedic of the Year** Lt. Leslie Campbell, Cumberland County EMS of Cape Fear Valley Health System; and CIT **Champion of the Year** Doug Webster, Service Line Director for Behavioral Health at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Not pictured are **Champion of the Year** Gail Staley, program coordinator for Law Enforcement Training at Fayetteville Technical Community College; and **Trainer of the Year** Melanie Bunn, training consultant with Alzheimers North Carolina Inc.

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