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Public Safety, Mental Health Professionals Receive Crisis Intervention Team Honors

FAYETTEVILLE – Public safety and mental health professionals were honored at the fourth annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Awards ceremony today at the Cumberland County Detention Center.

CIT is a jail diversion program established in 2009 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.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Cumberland, Harnett and Lee counties sponsored the awards ceremony and presented honors to the following recipients:

CIT Deputy of the Year: Deputy Duvan Sanchez, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

CIT Officer of the Year: Sgt. Melton Brown, Spring Lake Police Department

Officer Jeffery Prevatte, Fayetteville Police Department

CIT Detention Officer of the Year: Sgt. Anita Johnson, Cumberland County Detention Center

CIT Paramedic of the Year: Lt. Leslie Campbell, Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services

CIT Telecommunicator of the Year: Marisol Olivo, Fayetteville Police Department

CIT Trainer of the Year: Detective Sgt. Melissa Jeffries, Robeson County Sheriff's Office

CIT Champion of the Year: Hannah Carroll, NAMI of Cumberland, Harnett and Lee counties

CIT Exemplary Service Award: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, Carolina Outreach

For more information, call CIT Program Coordinator Wayne Cannon at 910-672-5809.



Recipients of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) awards are, from left, Fayetteville Police Officer Jeffery Prevatte, Marisol Olivo of Fayetteville Police, Hannah Carroll of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Cumberland, Harnett and Lee counties, Robeson County Sheriff's Sgt. Melissa Jeffries, Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputy Duvan Sanchez, Sgt. Anita Johnson of the Cumberland County Detention Center, Lt. Leslie Campbell of Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services and Jamie Morehart, Carolina Outreach Assertive Community Treatment Team leader. Not pictured is Spring Lake Police Sgt. Melton Brown.