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## **Public Safety, Health, Court Professionals Receive Crisis Intervention Team Honors**

FAYETTEVILLE – Public safety, mental health and court professionals were honored at the third annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Awards ceremony Jan. 27 at the Fayetteville Police Department. The award recipients were recognized for their contributions during 2014.

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 453 certified law enforcement officers, 79 telecommunicators, 40 paramedics, 21 magistrates and court personnel and one firefighter.

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:** Lt. Robert Dicke, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

**CIT Officer of the Year:** Officer Markus Schell, Fayetteville Police Department

**CIT Detention Officer of the Year:** Cpl. Robert Naylor, Cumberland County Detention Center

**CIT Paramedic of the Year:** Capt. Matt Parker, Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services

**CIT Magistrate of the Year:** Magistrate Jackie Paul-Ray, Cumberland County Magistrates

**CIT Trainer of the Year:** Doug Parrish, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center

**CIT Champion of the Year:** Dorothy Johnson, NAMI of Cumberland, Harnett and Lee counties

**CIT Exemplary Service Award:** John Bain, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

NAMI also presented plaques of appreciation to CIT Program Coordinator Wayne Cannon and retired Fayetteville Police Lt. Randy Podobinski.

The CIT program in Cumberland County began in 2008 with a committee, followed by the inaugural CIT academy in 2009. For more information about Crisis Intervention Team training, call 910-672-5809.



**The Crisis Intervention Training Program awards ceremony recognizing the 2014 recipients was held at the Fayetteville Police Department Jan. 27. From left, the recipients are Paramedic of the Year Capt. Matt Parker, Cumberland County EMS (Lt. Leslie Campbell accepting award on Parker’s behalf); Trainer of the Year Doug Parrish, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center; Detention Officer of the Year Cpl. Robert Naylor, Cumberland County Detention Center; Police Officer of the Year Markus Schell, Fayetteville Police Department; Magistrate of the Year Jackie Paul-Ray, Cumberland County Courts; Deputy of the Year Lt. Robert Dicke, Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office; CIT Exemplary Service Award recipient John Bain, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare; and CIT Champion of the Year Dorothy Johnson, National Alliance on Mental Illness – Cumberland, Harnett and Lee counties.**

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