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Crisis Intervention Team Academy Graduates 27

FAYETTEVILLE – The latest class of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) academy graduated July 29 in a ceremony at the Cumberland County Detention Center. The 27 graduates completed the 40-hour certification course and are now among 797 CIT-certified public safety and court system officials to advance through the program.

Gail Staley, former program coordinator for law enforcement training at Fayetteville Technical Community College, received the first ever CIT Founders Award in recognition of her efforts in helping establish Cumberland County's CIT program.

CIT is a jail diversion program established in Cumberland County 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 newest CIT graduates are:

Gary Baxley, Fayetteville Police Department
Stephanie Beck, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Richard Berry, Department of the Army Civilian Police
Johnnie Casady, Fayetteville Police Department
D'Andre Alessandaro, Fayetteville Police Department
Christopher Duffell, Hoke County Emergency Medical Services
Stacie Garason, Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services
Benjamin Gerald, Fayetteville Police Department
Treyon Goldsmith, Fayetteville Police Department
Faustino Hernandez, Fayetteville Police Department
Holly Holtery, Fayetteville Police Department
Randy Jackson, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Matthew McDowell, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Jerel McGeachy, Spring Lake Police Department
Morris Mitchell, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Zachariah Peoples, Fayetteville Police Department
Jonathan Pittman, Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services
Kevin Rubio, Fayetteville Police Department

Sarah Scholl, Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services
Ronald Starling, Department of the Army Civilian Police
Reid Tyndall, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Thomas Walker, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Justin Walker, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Paul Walp, Cumberland County Juvenile Detention
Stephen Williams, Fayetteville Police Department
Keisha Wise, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

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



Gaily Staley (holding plaque) received the Crisis Intervention Team Founders Award at the CIT academy graduation July 29 in the Cumberland County Detention Center. Staley, the former program coordinator for law enforcement training at Fayetteville Technical Community College, is pictured with members of the CIT Leadership Council. From left, Robeson County Sheriff's Sgt. Melissa Jeffries; CIT Coordinator Wayne Cannon; Cumberland County Sheriff's Staff Sgt. Hardin Brown Jr.; Commissioner Glenn Adams; County Emergency Services Lt. Leslie Campbell; Cumberland County Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Prevatte; Fayetteville Police Sgt. Ryan Manley and Fayetteville Assistant Police Chief Mike Petti.