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# **San Francisco Mental Health and SFPD Crisis Intervention's Third Annual Outstanding Performance and Skills in Crisis Intervention Award Ceremony (17-066)**

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The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Working Group is proud to announce that the third annual CIT Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Auditorium, 2850 19th Avenue, San Francisco. The awards ceremony will recognize SFPD officers who have utilized CIT tactics and de-escalation techniques to safely and effectively resolve incidents involving individuals who are in crisis.

The CIT Working Group is a partnership between community members, mental health advocates, health service providers and police officers working together to provide cutting-edge training for law enforcement officers. The goal of CIT is to train and deploy officers with the skills necessary to effectively address crisis situations in the field. The San Francisco Police Department currently has over 700 CIT trained staff.

The training is designed to teach officers how to de-escalate incidents involving individuals in mental health crisis (when time, officer safety, and terrain permit). The CIT curriculum addresses the following topics: Mental Health Disorders, Medical Issues, Psychotropic Drugs and Side Effects, Juvenile Mental Health, Geriatric Mental Health, Family Perspective by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Suicide and Suicide Intervention, Dual Diagnosis, Vicarious Trauma and Conflict Resolution, Suicide by Cop, PTSD Signs and Symptoms, Veteran Trauma, Homeless Outreach, and Implicit Bias. The CIT Program is supported through the Police Commission, officers of the SFPD, mental health advocates, health service providers and community members.

Please join us to learn more about the CIT program and to honor the outstanding efforts of our officers who have used their training to de-escalate crisis situations and create peaceful resolutions. We will also recognize individuals who have been paramount to the founding and implementation of the CIT program.

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