

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Program Ventura County

- 1997-2001 increase of deadly force incidents.
- Increased liability and costly litigations.
- Local media and mental health advocacy groups attacking law enforcement training
- Researched options
 - “Memphis Model”



Purpose of CIT

- De-escalation
 - Time and Space
 - Reduce use-of-force
- Pre-arrest diversion
 - Decrease recidivism
 - Non violent misdemeanors look towards treatment verses jail
 - 5150
 - Voluntary
 - Resources



Task Force Approach

- 40-hour CIT trainings
- Collaboration with community and mental health agency members.
- Civilian Program Administrator and Assistant
- Linkage to local resources
- Open dialogue with VCBH (red flags)
- Rapid Response Emergency Team – (multi-agency approach)
- Community Support



CIT Coordinators

- Countywide Coordinator Collaboration
- CIT Cards
 - Database – migratory nature
 - Red Flags – monitor and predict
 - Resources and services offered
- Stakeholders Meetings
 - Share ideas
 - Mental Health resource update



Inmate Reception Center Concept

Mental Health Court

- Partnership with National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Socialization Program
- Community Based Organizations (CBO's)
 - Transitional-Aged Youth



Sheriff's Re-entry Planning

- Ventura County Behavioral Health Liaison
- Works with Inmate Services
- Transition planning
 - Enrolling in community-based treatment
 - Benefits offered through Human Services Agency.
- Coordinates “warm-hand-off” to the community
- Transitional medication / scrip in place
- Provide transportation

