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CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRADUATION

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – In 2008, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, Wichita Police Department and Kansas Department of Corrections teamed up to provide more effective public safety services to individuals who suffer from mental illnesses with the creation of the Crisis Intervention Team.

The program will graduate its second round of trainees at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 7 at the Office This Complex, 4031 E. Harry, Wichita, in the "Forget About It" room. Media personnel are encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony.

The goal of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is to supplement alternative incarceration programs by learning to identify and redirect persons with mental illnesses away from the jail system and toward available resources.

The 40-hour CIT training includes education about common disorders, substance misuse and abuse, suicide, and negotiating in a crisis situation.

Officers from the following nine agencies will be in attendance: Andale, Andover, Bel Aire, Derby, Eastborough, Goddard, Haysville, Rose Hill and Wichita State University.

In addition to these officers, five Sedgwick County Sheriff patrol deputies, 12 Sedgwick County Sheriff detention deputies, 14 Wichita police officers, five parole officers from the State of Kansas, two dispatchers and one staff person from mental health court services will graduate from the program.

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