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Executive Director MaryNell Regan  
Board of Fire and Police Commission  
200 East Wells Street, Room 706  
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Subject: Crisis Intervention Team Update

Dear Ms. Regan,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you and the Commissioners on the progress the Milwaukee Police Department has made with training all police officers in the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) began training members in CIT in 2006. The goal of the program at that time was to train 20% of the members. In 2015 the MPD committed to training all police officers in CIT. To date we have 958 members trained in CIT. 803 of the 958 are at the rank of Police Officer, which equate to about 53%. We have projected that the MPD will achieve its goal of training all police officers by the end of 2017. 13 more CIT training sessions over the next year and a half are scheduled in order to achieve this goal. Additionally 3 recruit classes have received the training since 2015 and all new recruit classes have the CIT training as part of their curriculum. A 16 hour Crisis Management for First Responder's course was conducted in 2015 and all sworn officers were required to attend.

The MPD continues to support the Crisis Assessment Response Teams (CART) and is adding an additional team by the end of 2016. The MPD has a full-time CIT Coordinator who oversees the training and is responsible for ensuring our training exceeds the standard for CIT training.

Thank you for this opportunity to report out on CIT and please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carianne Yerkes  
Assistant Chief of Police