

6th Annual Veterans Summit

“Lean Forward: Answering the Call of Veterans in Crisis”

Crisis Intervention Teams/Law Enforcement Military Liaisons

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6th Annual Veterans Summit Panel Discussion

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So, You're (Thinking of) Starting a Veterans Response Team to Work with Troubled Vets....

What is the **FIRST THING** I/we ought to do?

What are the **CORE COMPONENTS** needed for a VRT in my jurisdiction?

Can we identify a “**CHAMPION**” who will work hard to create a VRT?

Are we asking the **RIGHT QUESTIONS** about military service to those veterans who are in crisis?

Are we tracking **RELEVANT DATA** on our veteran population?

Do the **DATA SUPPORT** the need for such a unit?

What **TREATMENT OPTIONS** and/or services do we have—and need—to help these veterans?

What **CRITERIA** should be established to determine whether a referral of a veteran in crisis is appropriate or if he/she needs to be taken into custody?

What early intervention **PROGRAMMING OR SERVICES** could we offer to veterans to allow them to safely remain in the community?

Is there a Veterans Justice Outreach **SPECIALIST** or other individual who can help set up our **VRT** and identify community resources?



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Ohio Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training is an advanced 40-hour specialized course available to law enforcement officers and dispatchers about mental health issues and how to navigate the local mental health system.

The goal of this course is to provide CIT trainers with an instructional outline with recommendations for training CIT officers on how to:

- Recognize veterans in a mental health crisis
- Engage and effectively communicate with veterans in crisis
- Evaluate the mental state of veterans in crisis
- Properly resolve and refer veterans in crisis to the appropriate agency



Panel Discussion

VA Central Ohio Healthcare System
Collaboration with Law Enforcement
Improving Interactions between First Responders
and Veterans
What is the first step from the encounter to
getting the veteran help?



What does success look like?



Panel Discussion

Getting ready for implementation:

1. What does that look like?
2. Who are your community partners?
3. How do you achieve buy-in?



Panel Discussion

Final Thoughts...

- ❖ Dr. Robinson
- ❖ Chief Robinson
- ❖ Officer Futo
- ❖ Sergeant Corlett
- ❖ Sheriff Tharp



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