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Crisis Intervention Training

Chief Norm Jacobs announces the Beloit Police Department is continuing to bridge the gap between law enforcement and persons in crisis in order to effectively serve those in Beloit. This past week seven law enforcement officers from the Beloit Police Department and other area departments attended a 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The training was conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and was made possible thru a grant. During the week long training, law enforcement officers developed the skills and knowledge to identify and effectively, safely, and compassionately interact in situations involving people in crisis, including having a mental health crisis. For law enforcement agencies, Crisis Intervention Training is an invaluable investment so officers are readily able to de-escalate a crisis and settle a situation on scene with appropriate skills and knowledge combined with compassion and understanding.

Since 2012, it has been a goal of the Beloit Police Department to have all officers trained in how to best deal with persons in crisis according to Chief Jacobs. So far, we have sent 29 officers to Crisis Intervention Training, and will continue to send officers to this effective training. The Beloit Police Department is also working with the Beloit School District's "Safe Schools / Healthy Students" to bring training to the Beloit Community for Crisis Intervention Training for juveniles.