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The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that three Deputies from the office recently completed a 40 hour training course on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) held at Stark State University on March 11-15, 2013.

Topics covered at the training were Crises with Children and Adolescents, mental illness of the elderly, substance abuse and mental illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, developmental disabilities, suicide recognition & prevention, personality disorders, virtual hallucinations and the principals of de-escalating someone in one of these conditions. Detective Cathy Bickford, Deputy Travis Stocker and Deputy Ben Seikel received the training.

The Critical Incident Training was geared to educate and assist first responders with the skills to better communicate and de-escalate situations that otherwise may turn into a volatile situation. The ultimate goal of the Critical Incident Training is to assure members of the community who are in need of assistance for substance abuse or mental illness get connected with the appropriate agencies that can provide the assistance and support needed. Enhanced skills learned in the training course will allow Deputies to more easily recognize individuals in crisis and communicate with them more effectively. Individuals likely to be helped are those dealing with a mental illness as well as those dealing with a traumatic incident such as being victim in a crime.

"It is our goal to improve our effectiveness with those suffering from a mental illness or dealing with a crisis in their life. We want to make sure our Deputies receive the necessary training to de-escalate individuals in crisis so that we can get them the assistance we need without anyone getting hurt".

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