

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING

Gain *Confidence*
Build *Leadership*
Make an *Impact*

Free 40-hour training co-hosted by the Seneca Nation Law Enforcement Commission, Opioid Response Department and the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

Sept 28, 2026 – Oct 2, 2026

BENEFITS

- Designed for first responders, dispatchers, co-responders, and EMS
- Focuses on co-responder team roles to strengthen mental health and substance use crisis response through coordinated safety, de-escalation, and clinical assessment
- Learn how to handle mental health and substance use related calls with confidence and care
- Develop skills to recognize and respond to situations
- Practice effective communication and de-escalation techniques
- Understand how to support individuals in crisis while ensuring safety
- Gain guidance on when and how to seek additional help or resources

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/AMyuKsBQSUUTqQNd7>

Or scan to access registration site



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For more information or questions please contact Dawn Colburn, Director of the Opioid Response Department at 716-387-6970 or dawn.colburn@sni.org

Dear Valued First Responder Partner,

The Seneca Nation Law Enforcement Commission, Opioid Response Department and the Erie County Department of Mental Health are pleased to invite members of our local first responder community, including law enforcement and EMS, to participate in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training on September 28, 2026 – October 2, 2026.

CIT training is a nationally recognized, evidence-based program designed to help first responders safely and effectively engage with individuals experiencing mental health or substance use crises. This training enhances de-escalation skills, improves safety for both responders and community members, and strengthens connections to appropriate care and resources. By participating, your team will be better equipped to respond in challenging situations and receive tools for self-care.

We warmly encourage your department to consider sending at least one representative, and ideally two if possible. Having multi-trained team members can provide valuable peer support and help reinforce these practices within your organization.

The training will be led by experienced instructors who bring many years of combined expertise in behavioral health and law enforcement, offering practical, real-world insight that participants can apply in the field. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. This 40-hour training will take place from September 28 – October 2 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Seneca Fire, 1520 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081. Participants who complete the full course will receive a certificate of completion.

Please register via the attached link so we can plan accordingly. We truly hope this training serves as a meaningful step toward strengthening collaboration and supporting the health and well-being of our community and first responders. We look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

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