



# PINE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE



<b>INCIDENT:</b>	Three Officers Successfully Complete Crisis Intervention Team (CIT ) Training	<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	July 27, 2012
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Camden County	<b>CASE #:</b>	-

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 three Pine Hill Police Officers successfully completed the week long Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program conducted under the auspice of the CIT Center of Excellence. The addition of Sgt. Richard Annacone, Ptl. Timothy and Ptl. Keith Barrett to the Pine Hill Police Department CIT program brings the total number of Pine Hill Police Officers in the CIT program to eight. Their successful completion of the program puts the department one step closer to the ultimate goal of having all Officers complete the intensive training program. As stated at the NJ CIT Center of Excellence of the Mental Health Association in Southwestern New Jersey (MHASWNJ);

“The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is an innovative international model of police based crisis intervention training with community mental health care and advocacy partnerships. Police officers, mental health professionals and advocates receive intensive training to respond to citizens experiencing a behavioral crisis.”

The emphasis of the training is on mental health knowledge, crisis resolution skills and access to additional community based services, all of which combine to change the Officers’ approach to dealing with the mentally ill. Visit the Mental Health Association in Southwestern New Jersey website at [www.mhaswnj.org](http://www.mhaswnj.org) for additional resources.

<b>DATE/TIME OF RELEASE</b>	<b>RELEASE PREPARED BY</b>	<b>RELEASE APPROVED BY</b>
July 30 <sup>th</sup> 2012 0900	Chief Winters	Chief Winters
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