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What follows is a very brief survey associated with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training programs. The survey is being sent to law enforcement agencies across California by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. The bulleted information immediately below is an explanation of who we are and why we are asking for this information. Your time and attention to completing this survey is greatly appreciated.

- The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), was established pursuant to Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), passed by voters in November 2004. The Commission was created to oversee and account for the implementation of MHSA programs and the expenditure of MHSA funds.
- **The MHSA allows county mental health programs to contribute funding to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement in their communities.**
- The Commission is very interested in the safety of persons with mental illness and the welfare of first responders who frequently deal with individuals in a crisis situation. To inform family members and others who are frequently not aware of the resources available when someone with mental illness is in crisis, the Commission's Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) is trying to document where CIT training programs are established across California.
- Toward this goal, the Commission is sending you a very short survey, asking for information about CIT training programs in your community, **including what may be known to you as your CIT training schedule, agenda or course curriculum.**
- In addition to contributing critical information about the availability of CIT resources in California, if you provide your CIT training schedule, agenda or course curriculum, the survey asks for your permission to share this information with Major Sam Cochran, from the University of Memphis. Major Cochran is nationally known for his work in crisis intervention and is involved with collecting information from every state to document CIT programs nationally.
- This survey is being sent to you as a law enforcement agency. An abbreviated survey is also being sent to county mental health departments and mental health advocacy organizations across California. While the final report will be a public document, if you are able to respond to the survey, the Commission will specifically provide your agency with a copy of the final report.
- Information about survey submission is contained in the survey itself, along with a **request that the information be submitted no later than August 15, 2012.** Thank you in advance for your time and attention to providing this valuable information. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

[Here is a link to the survey.](#)

This link is uniquely tied to this survey and your e-mail address. Please do not forward this message.

Thanks for your participation!

MHSOAC Commissioner Eduardo Vega
MHSOAC Commissioner Ralph Nelson Jr., M.D.

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