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CIT AND YOU

Have you ever wanted to know what a CIT officer must do to become a CIT Officer? I have. So I decided to talk to my friend, Lt. Bob Cornelison of the Midwest City Police Department and head of the Midwest City CIT. Here's how the 'interview' went:

DBSA- Who can apply to become a CIT officer?

Lt. Bob- Officers must receive a recommendation from their current supervisor and pass a review board.



DBSA- Is there a limit to how long they have been on the force before they can become CIT?

Lt. Bob- Yes. They must be an officer in good standing with a minimum of four (4) years police experience.

DBSA- How long is the training for CIT?

Lt. Bob- five (5) days or the standard of a 40 hour work week.

DBSA- How are CIT Officers trained?

Lt. Bob- The school is taught by members of the police department and members of the Oklahoma County Mental Health Agency. It's pretty thorough.

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CONFERENCES

There are several out of state conferences coming up you might be interested in attending. If you need a scholarship to attend, please contact the OKDBSA State office and we can get an application to you. Scholarships are offered by SAMHSA.

Nat'l Council on Community Behavioral Healthcare May 1-3, Boston, MA

<http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/boston>

The International Conference on Self-Determination, May 27-29, Detroit, MI

<http://www.self-determination.com>

Nat'l Association of Rural Mental Health, August 6-9, Burlington, VT

http://www.narmh.org/conference/2008_conference.html

Nat'l Association of Peer Specialists, August 20-22, Philadelphia, PA

<http://naops.org>

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