

C.I.R.T.

WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO

Who



The City of Philadelphia's Crisis Intervention Response Team

A co-responder model the City began piloting in March 2021. Teams are made up of a **CIT trained PPD officer and a professional behavioral health specialist** contracted by DBHIDS. CIRT teams have a peer-based follow up unit that can connect individuals to community services.

Training



CIRT teams receive 80 hours of intensive training

The course includes reality based training and role playing exercises. **Each CIRT team completes their training together** to build rapport and promote teamwork between police and civilian behavioral health professionals.

CIRT Size



The pilot utilizes 4 CIRT teams

Teams are divided between the East and Central Police Divisions, which allow for teams to respond to crisis calls in the north and south parts of Philadelphia. **CIRT teams operate Monday-Friday during daytime shifts.**

Response



CIRT teams have responded to over 1,600 calls

Between April 2021 and January 2022 CIRT teams have been responding to **an average of 160 calls a month** for individuals in crisis.