



## PRESS RELEASE

199 Town Center Parkway • Spring Hill, Tennessee 37174 • 931-486-2252

Contact info: Lori Lozinski, Communication Dept.

931-486-2252, ext. 259 • llozinski@springhilltn.org

[www.springhilltn.org](http://www.springhilltn.org)

May 21, 2021

## Spring Hill Fire Assistant Chief Mike Bryan Completes Crisis Intervention Certification



Assistant Chief Training/Safety Officer, Mike Bryan graduated from taking this class.

SPRING HILL, TN - Assistant Chief of Training/ Safety Officer, Mike Bryan has completed certification coursework in the Crisis Intervention Team Training School. Upon being accepted into the program, officers and first responders are educated and prepared for safe contact with people experiencing a mental health, substance abuse, or other cognitive health related crisis over a 40-hour week of intensive training. Experts from various sectors and fields, experienced CIT officers, esteemed advocates, as well as classroom lectures, site visits and scenario based de-escalation skills are all part of this advanced training.

Graduates of CIT School are awarded a pin identifying them as Certified CIT Officers. Where most pins worn by first responder professionals are used to let each other know their qualifications and experience, the CIT Pin is there for the consumers and their families. Seeing this pin lets you know you're dealing with a first responder who "gets it" and will handle the crisis situation in the most compassionate and appropriate way possible. Each graduate is also eligible to attend quarterly Advanced CIT Training and earn points towards attending future advanced academies and conferences.



A fully functioning Crisis Intervention Team is not "owned" by any single group or organization, but works as a collaboration of community partners representing First Responders, Community Mental Health, and Advocacy (including those with lived experience). By working together we're able to make desperately needed systemic change. For more info or to get involved visit [www.citconnect.org](http://www.citconnect.org).

###