

Ventura County CIT Course Outline

Policy and Protocol (1 hour)

- A. Introduces Self and Background
- B. Mission Statement
 - i. To respond and care in a compassionate manner
- C. Policies
 - i. Mutual aid plan for when a CIT Officer is not available
 - ii. Report writing responsibility
 - 1. Who writes the report
 - 2. Who writes the 5150 application
 - 3. Who completes the CIT Card
 - iii. Site control
 - 1. Working with or passing the control over to a specialized Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT)
 - a. HNT's scope of practice and training experiences
 - 2. Working with responding mobile mental health crisis teams
 - a. Transportation requests for a 5150 subject
- D. Use of Force in Involuntary Detentions
 - i. When it is authorized and to the extent that the use of force is authorized
- E. Mental Health Information Sharing
 - i. Confidentiality concerns when soliciting information from mental health
 - 1. Exceptions to the law in an emergency
- F. W&I Code Information
 - i. Laws governing the transportation and maintenance of an evaluation period for 5150 subjects
- G. EMTALA Information
 - i. Inability for a hospital to request that law enforcement provide a 5150 evaluation and transportation for an admitted patient
- H. 5150 Process
 - i. 5150 criteria
 - 1. Danger to Self definition
 - a. Imminent risk of serious injury or death to individual
 - 2. Danger to Others definition
 - a. Imminent risk of serious injury or death to bystanders
 - 3. Gravely Disabled definition
 - a. Inability to provide food, shelter, or clothing due to a mental illness
 - b. Our standards of living
 - c. Are they homeless or are they mentally ill?
 - 4. Mental Health vs. Medical Treatment
 - a. Cannot force medical treatment
 - ii. How to complete a proper 5150
 - 1. Admonishment

2. Writing the narrative
3. Attaching additional pages
4. Checking the boxes for future notification of release
 - a. Safety of intended victim
- iii. Misconception of 72 Hour Hold
 1. It is up to 72 hours...not always a full 72 hours
- iv. 5250
 1. 14 day stay
 2. Starting the conservatorship process
- v. Conservator requests law enforcement to transport subject
 1. Certified court copies within effective dates and limits
 2. Written request
 3. Transportation in a patrol car
 - a. Options such as utilizing an ambulance
 4. Use of force authorization

I. Q&A