

St. Louis Area CIT

Title:

Developmental Disorders and Medical Conditions Affecting Behavior

SYNOPSIS:

The instructor will provide an overview of mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and medical conditions affecting behavior. Possible crisis situations involving these disorders will be discussed, along with intervention strategies for police officers.

OBJECTIVES:

The trainees will be able to:

1. Understand factors involved in diagnosing mental retardation.
2. Gain an understanding of the various cognitive/developmental disabilities that exist.
3. Be aware of signs of medical distress that may be impacting behavior.
4. Understand how various conditions may influence interactions with police.
5. Learn crisis intervention strategies for persons challenged by these conditions