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MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Behind the Badge: Navigating Trauma & Building Resiliency

About 100 police officers from the City of Columbus and several other local jurisdictions will gather at the Columbus Police Academy, 1000 N. Hague Ave. on Wednesday, June 25 for a full day of advanced Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) training focused on navigating trauma and building resiliency. Sessions throughout the day will focus on dealing with trauma first responders experience themselves, as well as how best to respond to individuals in the community who have experienced trauma.

The training is through the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH), as part of the board's ongoing partnership to help law enforcement better respond to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

Representatives from ADAMH, the Columbus Division of Police and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will be available for one-on-one interviews toward the end of this full-day training session, from 2:20-2:50 p.m., to talk about this unique training customized training and how it can help improve outcomes for those in crisis.

What: Media availability on how police are learning to navigate trauma and build resiliency

When: 2:20-2:50 on Wednesday, June 25

Where: Columbus Police Academy, 1000 Hague Ave.

Who: Lieutenant Michael Voorhis, Columbus Division of Police

Karly Tennant, ADAMH Director of Clinical Services

Nikki Riley, First Responder Liaison, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

B-roll Opportunity: 3-4 p.m., closing address by Nikki Riley

Please confirm your attendance with Sergeant James Fuqua by emailing mediarelations@columbuspolice.org.



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