

The Virginia Crisis Intervention Team Coalition

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The following survey is for research purposes only. Your responses will remain anonymous and no identifiable information will be provided to your supervisor/head of department.

Please indicate your position:

- 1 Consumer Advocate
- 2 Communications
- 3 Law Enforcement
- 4 Mental Health Professional

1. How would you rate your current knowledge of mental illness?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

2. Do you believe the average person with a mental illness is more or less aggressive (such as temper outbursts and verbal threats) than individuals not suffering from mental illness?

1 2 3 4 5
More Aggressive The Same Less Aggressive

3. Do you believe the average person with mental illness is more or less likely to commit a violent crime than individuals not suffering from mental illness?

1 2 3 4 5
More Likely The Same Less Likely

4. How would you rate your current knowledge of Development Disorders (aka Intellectual Disability)?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

5. How would you rate your current knowledge of geriatric issues?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

6. How you rate your current knowledge of Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

7. How would you rate your current knowledge about psychiatric medications?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

8. How would you rate your familiarity with civil commitment laws?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

9. How would you rate your current knowledge of the professional liability that can arise when dealing with people with mental illness who are in crisis?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Moderate Excellent

10. How would you rate your awareness of community resources available to people with mental illness?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at all Moderately Very Aware

11. How familiar are you with the roles of various actors in the mental health system (e.g. community service boards, hospitals, courts)?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at all Moderately Very Aware

Please answer the following questions only if you are a law enforcement officer:

12. Considering the last year, on average, how many arrests per month do you think you have involving a person with mental illness? _____

13. How well prepared do you feel when handling people with mental illness in crisis?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at all Moderately Very Prepared

14. Overall, how well prepared do you think other law enforcement officers are to handle people with mental illness in crisis?

1 2 3 4 5
Not at all Moderately Very Prepared

15. How would you rate your comfort level in dealing with an individual suffering with mental illness?

1 2 3 4 5
Not Comfortable Moderately Very Comfortable