



Veterans Response Team (VRT) Training

October 14 & 15, 2025

Pentecostals of Dover (PODD) Church, 4462 W. Denneys Rd., Dover, DE 19904

This is a no-cost to the participant training opportunity. Business Casual Attire Required.

Encounters between first responders and veterans in crisis can be extremely dangerous and even deadly—for the first responders or for the veteran in crisis. Oftentimes veterans will only talk to another veteran during a crisis from a sense of commonality. The **Veterans Response Team (VRT) Training** teaches military veteran first responders, who are also CIT trained, how to effectively and peacefully resolve incidents involving a veteran in crisis. Officers learn to leverage their law enforcement training <u>and</u> their shared military experiences with the veteran in crisis to deescalate the event and prevent violence. Emphasis is placed on connecting veterans with locally available resources designed to improve the health and well-being of the veteran, unnecessary incarceration rates, and establishing a network of officers trained to respond to a veteran in crisis.

The **Veterans Response Team (VRT) Training Program** is 16 hours of post-CIT instruction for <u>police</u> <u>officers</u> who are also military veterans. **Prerequisites: Graduation from CIT Training and Veteran of US Armed Forces.** This class has limited seats and will be held in Dover.

This is a law enforcement encounter focused class, however, CIT trained correctional officers who are US Military Veterans are welcome to attend.

TO REGISTER:

Please email the full name, rank, agency, contact email address and date CIT Class was completed of each participant to wingram@namide.org

Registration is not complete until confirmation of approval is received.

Space is very limited and often fills quickly!

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