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Officials: Ala. officers receive 4 hours of mental health training

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HUNTSVILLE, AL (WAFF) - Alabama only requires four hours of mental health training for police officers.

Many agencies in across the county require far more, some up to 40 hours a year.

In 45 other states, at least one agency follows what is called Crisis Intervention Training, also called CIT . It is a 40-hour curriculum program that helps officers better understand the mentally ill.

This map shows Alabama and the other 4 states without it. The other states include, Delaware, West Virginia, Arkansas and Rhode Island.

A statement from Lieutenant Darryl Lawson confirms the amount of time Alabama officers are required to spend on mental health training.

> *"All Police Officers in the State of Alabama receive a minimum of 4 hours of training in dealing with people who have mental health issues as mandated by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. The Huntsville Police Department's training is conducted by Madison County Health Department Officials. The primary objective of the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission is to train officers to recognize people who may be suffering from a mental disorder and get the person the help they need."*

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