



SAFETY FIRST!



Officer Tony Krushinski & Officer Felicia Clark

Safe Return Network, 2-1-1, Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services, the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) unit, Care Coordination, and School Resources



Officer Felicia Clark

- Officer for 3.5 years
- CIT/Youth
- School Safety Unit
- RAD instructor
- B.S. Criminal Justice from UNH



Officer Tony Krushinski

- Officer for 20 years
- Patrol Division
- Taught DARE for 2.5 years
- FTO



CIT Unit

“CIT” stands for “**Crisis Intervention Team.**” CIT is a team of Police Officers with special training in recognition of, and response to, a wide variety of Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues. In addition to exposure to many forms of moderate to severe Mental Health/Behavioral Conditions, this training involves further development of skills in **interpersonal communications, de-escalation techniques, conflict resolution, and awareness of available Mental Health and Substance Abuse resources.**

GOAL: In aspiring to provide the best service possible to individuals and families living with mental illness, and taking every step to connect these individuals and families to the resources they need.



CIT Services

General Adult Services- Counseling and support services, Living assistance services

Veteran Services- VA Hospital, Veteran specific agencies, Crisis help line, Support and Counseling, Disabilities

Elderly Services- Elderly Protective Services (ESP), Fairfield Senior Services Bigelow Center, Crisis help lines, Mental health support, Living Assistance and At home services

Substance Abuse Services – Anonymous agencies, Support services, Websites

Juvenile & Family Services- Juvenile services within mental health, behavioral health, disabilities & support systems for their families.

211 Mobile Crisis

A 24/7 free confidential service to assist with connecting people to the right resource. Including but no limited to, shelters, food and mental health. There are online and phone services. Additionally, they provide assistance in many languages.

- **Dial 211 for hotline**
- **Visit <http://www.211ct.org/>**





Calling 211 for youth

Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS): A mobile crisis services for juveniles who are experiencing the following: acting violently, mental health crisis, putting themselves or others in harm/danger.



Care Coordination & Wrap Around

Care Coordination helps families identify and meet their needs through the use of high fidelity “Wraparound.” The **Wraparound** process is designed to be culturally competent, strengths based and organized around family members’ own perceptions of their needs, goals, and vision. A Wraparound facilitator, called a **Care Coordinator**, helps families build a team of natural, informal, and formal supports using the Wraparound process

- For school aged students up to 18 years old
- Typically 6 months
- For youth experiencing behavioral or mental health challenges who are in risk of or have been separated from their families
- <https://www.connectingtocarect.org/wrapct/care-coordination/>





School Safety Unit

1 Sergeant

2 School Resource Officers (SRO) 1 officer assigned to each High School Full Time.

4 School Safety Officers (SSO) Assigned 7-8 schools between Middle School and Elementary rotate between schools throughout the day. Additionally, teaches SHAPE to 5th grade and follow-up lessons in 6th & 8th



School Services

Guidance Counselors – informal and formal meetings with students. Each grade has their own counselor at the Middle School level.

School Social Worker & School Psychologist – for in school counseling and support.

Goal: Teamwork between school services and SRO's: Peer mediation, Coaching session, Safety meetings.

Safe Return

Safe Return Network



Quickly **Located** - Easily **Identified** - Safely **Home**

What is Safe Return Network?

A computer database that was developed to assist emergency personnel in locating community members who suffer from conditions which makes them susceptible to “wandering” and safely returning them home.




History of Safe Return

In 2012, Officer Stahl, now Sgt. Stahl, came into contact with an Autistic teenager who could not communicate that it was raining and he was soaking wet. The only way he could take care of this person was to take him to the hospital. As a result of that, he worked with a couple of Fairfield U graduate students who then came up with the Safe Return program.

Safe Return

- Any Fairfield resident can register for the program
- Once a person is registered, all the information is available to every officer in their cruiser with an MDT.
- Register at <https://fpdct.com/safereturn/> or pick up a form at the Fairfield Police Department



SafeReturn Network Registration

Registrant Information

Name *

First MI Last Suffix

Address *

Address Line 1

Fairfield Connecticut Zip Code

Home Phone **Cell Phone** **Email**



Questions?