

Detroit police attend mental health workshop

Detroit police attended a September workshop as part of the Community and Police Partnership Advocacy (CAPPA) training hosted periodically by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

CAPPA is designed to help law enforcement officers understand what resources are available, how to defuse or de-escalate encounters with those with mental illness, and what resolution tactics are effective in various situations.

The CAPPA workshop examined Kevin's Law, the common mental health problems encountered by police, and the sometimes tragic history involving law enforcement and those with mental illness, including some of the homeless.

“Partnership training sessions like this are vital to making sure that we are pro-active and that we work together to resolve community safety issues in the most appropriate way,” said Veda Sharp, the Agency's deputy director.