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Sheriff's Deputies Utilize Crisis Intervention Skills to De-Escalate Armed Situation

On February 21, 2018, at approximately 10:20AM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 23100 block of West Lake Shore Drive, Antioch Township, for a report of an 'unwanted subject.' When sheriff's deputies arrived, they initiated a conversation with the complainant, a 19 year-old man, who lives in the residence.

While speaking to the responding deputy, the 19 year-old brandished a handgun and threatened to kill himself. The man made several comments saying he was going to exit his room with the pistol, to force sheriff's deputies to shoot him. The first responding deputy, Eric Campbell, immediately began crisis intervention communications with the man. Deputy Campbell was joined by Deputy John Willer and Sergeant George Love. The three utilized their Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) skills for nearly an hour. After approximately one hour, the man surrendered peacefully.

The man was transported to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation, without further incident. The loaded pistol and a shotgun were recovered from the residence.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "This was a situation which could have ended tragically. Due to our fast thinking deputies and their utilization of crisis intervention skills, they were able to convince this man to surrender peacefully. I'm very proud of all our personnel involved in this tense incident. This is another example of the importance of Crisis Intervention Team training for first-responders."

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