



Donald Turnbaugh



1. CIT International Board Member – 2008-2012 FLORIDA

2. Education:

1980 - BS, Criminal Justice, Florida International University, Miami, Fla.
1983 - Senior Executive Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

3. Background:

Donald Turnbaugh began his law enforcement career in 1960, serving as a Baltimore Police Officer for over five-years. During his 30-year tenure with the U.S. Customs Service, he served in investigative, patrol, and management positions at several locations until he retired in 1995 as a Special Agent in Charge. In retirement, he has devoted his time, talent, and treasure to advocacy work for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), particularly the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program .

4. NAMI Involvement:

During his two decades of membership in NAMI, he has many accomplishments. Since 1998, he has been a board member of NAMI Pinellas County; and, during his three-terms as President of the affiliate (1998, 1999, 2010), membership doubled to over 250. As a member of the NAMI Florida Board of Directors (2001-2003 and 2007-2009), he developed and edited the *NAMI Florida Family Guide on Mental Illness*, a handbook for families new to mental illness; and, he composed and shepherded a resolution through NAMI Florida to NAMI, where its passage ensured the aggressive promotion of CIT nationwide. At various times, he has served as: Vice-Chairperson of the Mental Health Coalition of Pinellas and Vice-Chair of the Forensic FACT Advisory Committee; and, he is a long-time member of the County DCF Acute Care Committee.

5. CIT Involvement:

Since 1997, when he spearheaded community efforts to establish CIT in the Tampa Bay area, his leadership and persistence have earned him awards from diverse community segments, such as, advocates, law enforcement, mental health providers, academia, and the news media. As a charter member of the Florida CIT Coalition, he is committed to establishing core elements and standardized curriculum.

To promote CIT, he has conducted workshops and made presentations at several national, state, and local police chief, sheriff, and advocacy organizations' conferences and meetings; and, has appeared as a guest on TV and radio public service talk-shows.

He has written extensively on CIT with several articles published in various law enforcement, mental health, and advocacy magazines and newsletters including: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) *Police Chief* (1999 and 2014), Florida Police Chiefs Association *Chief* (1999 & 2005), NAMI *Advocate* (1999), Florida Sheriffs' Association, *The Sheriff's Star* (2000), Treatment Advocacy Center *Catalyst* (2000), and, National Sheriffs Association *Sheriff* (2001 & 2004). In addition, several of his letters to the editor have been printed in the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Tampa Tribune*.

6. Quote:

"How law enforcement responds to behavior influences how society views that behavior."