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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

CM/DCM/ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 17, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT).

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

SUMMARY

The Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT) is a crisis-response system that focuses on assisting individuals with mental health crisis in the least intrusive, most supportive, and safest way possible for all involved. CIRT was established by the Denton Police Department (DPD) in 2021 to assist law enforcement with trauma-informed support and intervention for those experiencing a mental health crisis. The team transitioned to the Community Services Department in FY25-26 to support mission alignment and a more community-focused approach to care.

When safe, CIRT clinicians work to stabilize a crisis situation, assess the individual using various modalities (typically analyzing person in environment, mood and affect, thoughts and behaviors, signs of substance use, etc.), and connect individuals to services and supports by engaging and collaborating with hospitals, mental and behavioral health centers, programs for housing, and follow-up services.

EXHIBITS

1. Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
2. Exhibit 2 – Presentation

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