



**Outstanding QRT, outreach, and engagement initiatives: EMS-led Team**  
***Colerain Township Ohio, QRT***

**Program Timeline:** The Colerain Township QRT initiative began in the fall of 2013, as a partnership of police, fire and EMS responders, to enhance the life safety response capabilities for critical incidents, and as a “first emergency first” collaborative response. Carol Baden introduced herself to Colerain in late 2013, early 2014 and inquired how their police and fire were responding to the opioid crisis. That began the education and almost 18-month journey of learning, internal and external education and culture change. On July 15, 2015 Colerain Fire/EMS, police and the Greater Cincinnati Addiction Services Council joined together for the first QRT shift in Colerain.

The QRT initiative began as a one-day per week shift of EMS, police and a licensed social work professional, and in 2017, the team added a peer recovery coach to the team. The team expanded services in 2019 when the Township partnered with the Hamilton County Department of Public Health to add a full-time social worker to the team.

**Operations, Services Provided:**

- Safe Station (self-referral)
- Active Outreach
- Expansion to address social determinants of health, bridging social gaps in health care, specifically.
  - Addiction
  - Domestic Violence follow-up
  - Elderly “injured in a fall” follow-up
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  - Medical services

- Basic social needs, food, clothing, housing
- Veteran services
- Environmental services (homes, with poor living conditions, air quality, etc)
- Mental Health

And finally, the Colerain Township QRT donated \$20,000 to a local community partner to provide post-treatment and re-entry housing