

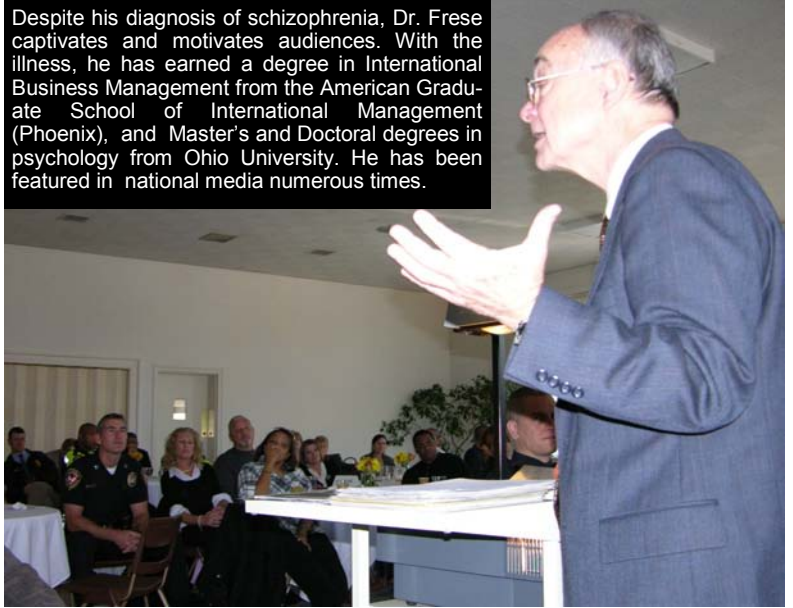
NAMI Honors Two Durham Officers

Durham's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) held its First Annual Awards Recognition Luncheon for Durham Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. An engaging presentation by Psychologist Dr. Frederick J. Frese lifted the veil of mental illness before an audience of about 125 CIT officers, NAMI and police staff and community leaders. In 2007 Durham Police Department started its CIT program offering 40 hours of specialized training in mental illness and crisis intervention techniques. To date, 60 Durham officers and 22 sheriff's deputies have graduated from the CIT program.

Ofc. Mark Morais and Inv. Tadeus Ochman are NAMI's 2008 CIT Award recipients for exemplary work and dedication.



Despite his diagnosis of schizophrenia, Dr. Frese captivates and motivates audiences. With the illness, he has earned a degree in International Business Management from the American Graduate School of International Management (Phoenix), and Master's and Doctoral degrees in psychology from Ohio University. He has been featured in national media numerous times.



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Chief Jose Lopez and NAMI's Linda Burkart (middle) along with CIT award recipients and NAMI board members.