

CO-RESPONDER PILOT PROJECT



**MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY C.O.P.E.**

**PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC
SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE
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BASIS



- The purpose of the Minneapolis Police Co-Responder Program is to provide effective and compassionate crisis intervention to individuals with mental illness in the community.
- The MPD Co-Responder Unit will deliver a more comprehensive service to those with a mental illness as law enforcement officers work alongside mental health professionals who can conduct onsite assessments with greater knowledge of resources available.

GOALS



- Reduce overall Emotionally Disturbed People (EDP) related calls for police service
- Reduce time non Co-Responder officers spend on EDP calls
- Reduce hospitalization and/or arrest of mentally ill individuals
- Reduce injuries to officers, individuals experiencing mental illness and others involved
- Reduce future Use of Force events

RESOURCES



- The Co-Responder Team consists of two sworn MPD Officers and two mental health professionals from Hennepin County's COPE (Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies) and Child Crisis.
- The Co-Responder Unit has two un-marked squad cars equipped with lights, siren and a computer.
- The Co-Responder Team is currently housed out of the Fifth Precinct, they respond to calls for service in Precincts 3 and 5.
- Co-Responder Team members wear 'soft' uniforms consisting of full duty belt, navy blue duty pants and a navy blue polo shirt with MPD insignia.
- Office technology requirements: two city computers and two office phones. COPE provides two county computers.
- The Co-Responder Team hours of operation are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday-Friday.

DAY-TO-DAY ACTIONS



- Co-Responder Team members monitor 911 calls, particularly EDP calls, for the Third and Fifth Precinct.
- Officers who have been dispatched to an EDP call, or find themselves on a call that would benefit from the presence of Co-Responders, may request the assistance team to respond.
- Team members attend community meetings and mental health site visits.
- Team Members provide outreach with the unhoused community members in Minneapolis.

FOLLOW-UP SERVICES



- The Co-Responder team performs follow-up with mentally ill clients in situations such as:
 - ✦ from 911 calls that occurred outside of Co-Responder team hours
 - ✦ with clients who would benefit from a visit by the Co-Responder team
 - ✦ based on tips from community members, officers or social service agencies regarding potential mental health clients

MEASURES



- Co-Responder Officers are required to complete a statistics form on each call that they respond to during their shift (form is on next page).
- Data is collected weekly and aggregated monthly.

MINNEAPOLIS CO-RESPONDER UNIT

Co-Responder Team: _____ Date: _____

____ 3rd Precinct ____ 5th Precinct

Name of Client: _____

Case Number: _____

*Reason for the Referral/911 Call: _____

Client Type: ____ Adult ____ Juvenile

DISPATCHED OR SELF-ASIGNED 911 CALL:

Assessment Conducted: ____ Yes ____ No

Disposition:

____ Remain at Home ____ Hospital ____ NOS

____ Crisis Residence ____ GOA ____ Jail

Force Used: ____ Yes ____ No

FOLLOW-UP:

Type of Service:

____ Respond to Address/Location ____ Phone Call Only

Assessment Conducted: ____ Yes ____ No

Disposition:

____ Remain at Home ____ Hospital ____ NOS

____ Crisis Residence ____ GOA ____ Jail

Force Used: ____ Yes ____ No

DATA:



- **Data collected between September 11th, 2017 – April 1st, 2018.**
- **The data represented in this report includes a combined account of both the Unit responding to 911 Response calls to assist already responding squads and follow-up conducted and generated by the Co-Responder Unit staff.**

Definitions:

- **911 Response Call:** When the Co-Responder Unit responds to assist a dispatched squad on a 911 call that came in from dispatch, predominantly EDP calls.
- **Follow-up Call:** When the Co-Responder Unit conducts follow-up with an EDP client either from a previous contact with a client by the Co-Responder Unit or from an EDP call that was made outside of the Co-Responder Unit hours. (10 am – 6 pm)

*Some of the follow-up calls are based on data/tips received from patrol officers, CPS staff or the community requesting that the Co-Responder Unit look into a possible EDP to ensure that they are receiving the appropriate mental health resources and services.

Data Continued:

-326 contacts were attempted by the Co-Responder Unit between the listed dates (9-11-17 to 4-1-18) with both 911 Response calls and Follow-up.

-277 of these calls were for adults

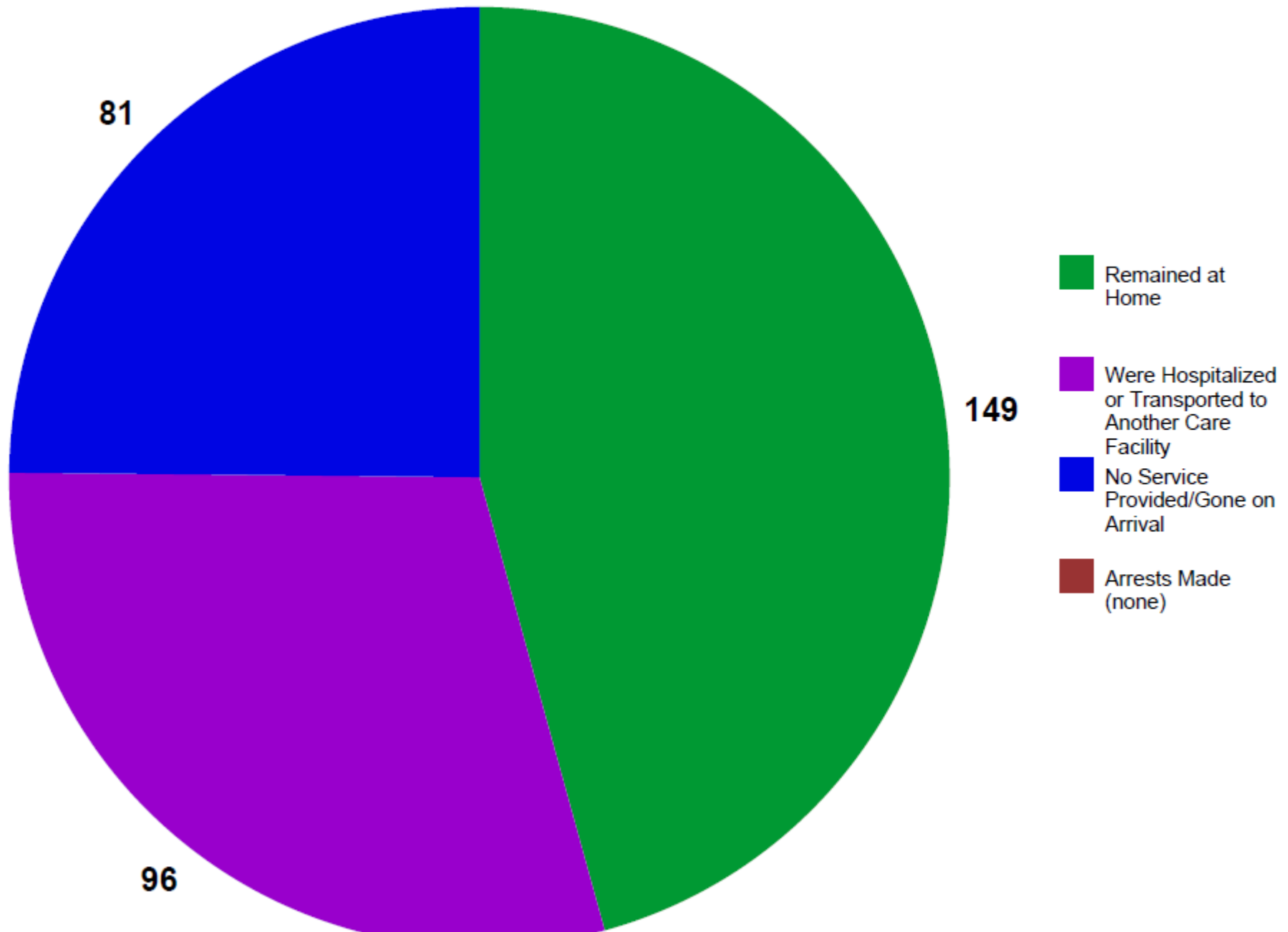
-49 of these calls were for juveniles

-109 assessments were conducted by the COPE Mental Health professional that are assigned to the Co-Responder Unit.

-1 Use of Force incident after a client who was experiencing significant mental health symptoms became physically aggressive with an officer.

CALL DISPOSITIONS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING GRAPH:

Co-Responder Response Data (based on 326 total contacts)



RECOMMENDATIONS



- The Co-Responder Unit has generated great success stories and provided wide-ranging mental health services in both the Third and Fifth Precinct. The MPD requests ongoing funding to continue services in the Third and Fifth Precincts and to expand services to a growing mental health crisis occurring in the First Precinct.
- The First Precinct is home to several homeless shelters, multiple encampments, group homes and two area hospitals.

RESOURCE NEEDS:



CURRENT RESOURCES

- 2 full-time MPD Officers
- 2 full-time COPE Professionals*
- 2 unmarked squad cars (1 equipped with a partition)
- space in the Fifth Precinct Station
- 2 city of Mpls computers
- 2 Hennepin county computers, provided by HC (COPE)
- 2 city phones

*Paid for with one-time 2018 budgeted funding

ADDITIONAL FOR EXPANSION

- 1 additional full-time MPD Officer to begin responding to 1st Precinct calls
- 1 additional full-time COPE Professional to join the team
- 1 additional unmarked squad equipped with a partition
- 1 additional city computer
- 1 additional county computer, provided by HC (COPE)