

## Attachment One

### Emergency Mental Health Co-Responder Examples and Research

There are a breadth of examples across the United States, and world demonstrating the different types of models emergency response agencies have incorporated to address the quality of life of those they serve. The following serve as only examples of the multitude of programs out there to assist in driving creativity for your program.

#### Emergency Responder Mental Health Co-Responder Model Examples

- **Harris County Sheriff's Office Telehealth Program**

<http://www.harriscountycit.org/3846-2/>

*The Harris County Sheriff's (HCSO) collaborated with JSA Telehealth, Cloud 9, Verizon Wireless, and the University of Texas on a three-week pilot program connecting three patrol deputies with psychiatrists via iPads. The idea was that of Dr. Avrim Fishkind, CEO of JSA Telehealth.*

- **Tri-County 911 Service Coordination Program (TC911)**

<https://multco.us/health/providers/emergency-medical-services#:~:text=Tri%2DCounty%20911%20Service%20Coordination,mental%20health%20and%20social%20services.>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ibX5o9TBIE>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-tc/Documents/Tri-County-911-Service-Coordination-Slides.pdf>

*Serves Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County residents who have frequent contact with ambulance and/or fire agencies. The program consists of licensed clinical social workers who help to connect clients with mental health and social services.*

- **Huntington Quick Response Team**

<https://www.helpandhopewv.org/sudsummit/docs/QRT%20-%20Larrecsa%20Cox.pdf>

[https://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/huntington-s-quick-response-team-selected-as-federal-model/article\\_34cee75c-2c16-595a-b23c-4cc249191e71.html](https://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/huntington-s-quick-response-team-selected-as-federal-model/article_34cee75c-2c16-595a-b23c-4cc249191e71.html)

Organized through Cabell County EMS, the Quick Response Team takes the field as a three-pronged effort by local medical care professionals, mental health specialists and law enforcement to visit every overdose patient in person within 48 hours of an overdose. While the QRT initially targeted individuals who received an EMS response for their overdose, it has since expanded the program to include community referrals.

- **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)**

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/mental-health-substance-abuse/diversion-reentry-services/lead.aspx>

*The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) arrest diversion program is a collaborative community safety effort that **offers law enforcement a credible alternative** to booking people into jail for criminal activity that stems from unmet behavioral health needs or poverty. LEAD diverts individuals who are engaged in **low-level drug crime, prostitution, and crimes of poverty** away from the criminal legal system—bypassing prosecution and jail time—and connects them with intensive case managers who can provide crisis response, immediate*

*psychosocial assessment, and long term wrap-around services including substance use disorder treatment and housing.*

*By working with law enforcement to intercept individuals and channel them into community-based interventions at the point of arrest or pre-arrest, LEAD effectively **disrupts the cycling** of individuals with behavioral health issues through our criminal legal system and uses a low barrier, harm reduction based model of care to help participants work toward achieving stability in the community.*

- **Delay Beach Police Department**

[https://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/TDGT-B9UTV9/\\$file/AG+Opioid+Working+Group+Report+Final+2-28-2019.pdf](https://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/TDGT-B9UTV9/$file/AG+Opioid+Working+Group+Report+Final+2-28-2019.pdf)

The Delray Beach Police Department has a clinician on staff to reach out to overdose victims, and many cities and agencies have partnered with peer counselors or opioid navigators to provide the needed guidance.

- **Kentucky State Police Angel Initiative**

<https://kentuckystatepolice.org/angel-initiative/>

The Angel Initiative is a pro-active approach offering an alternative escape to those battling addiction. Under this initiative, anyone battling addiction can come to ANY KSP post and get help finding a treatment center. No questions asked.

To date, KSP has helped to place **196** individuals, who asked for help, in treatment. We will continue to pursue and prosecute those trafficking drugs and feeding the addiction epidemic. But if you find yourself needing help to escape the grip of addiction, this program is the help you need.

- **TFD CARES**

<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=8021>

TFD CARES is the Fire Department's Non-Emergency Medical Service. COT Fire Department's non-emergency medical service is known as CARES. CARES stands for Community Assistance Referral and Education Service. It is an expanded fire department-based service supported by Washington State Legislation (RCW 35.21.930). The COT Fire Department provides CARES services to ensure public safety and includes it as a long-term strategic initiative for the department. The CARES Program is available to those residing in Tacoma, Fife, and Fircrest.

#### Case Management

The COT Fire Department recognizes a person's need for medical help can extend beyond a 911-EMS response and sometimes that need can perpetuate over-use of 911 EMS. Over-use of 911 EMS by individuals, agencies, and multi-family addresses can have a major impact on emergency response times. COT Fire Department non-emergency medical services work to educate on the appropriate use of 911-EMS, mitigate over-use of the 911 EMS system, and assist people in obtaining appropriate medical resources and services. A priority for the department is to ensure community members stay safe and healthy in their homes and in the community. To accomplish this priority the focus of non-emergency medical services is to:

Assist individuals in making healthy choices and connect with needed health services. Health services include physical health (chronic illnesses, etc.), mental health and well being, chemical dependency (opioid, alcohol, etc.), and social (food, transportation).

- **Quick Response Teams**

<https://www.uc.edu/news/articles/legacy/enews/2017/03/e24712.html>

The QRT makes home visits within one week of overdoses, provides assistance to addicts and their families and tries to link them to services.

## What Science Indicates Behind the Model Examples

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