

Los Angeles Police Department
Detective Support and Vice Division



**Crisis Response
Support Section**

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to reduce the potential for violence during police contacts involving people suffering from mental illness while simultaneously assessing the mental health services available to assist them.

This requires a commitment to problem solving, partnership, and supporting a coordinated effort from law enforcement, mental health services and the greater community of Los Angeles.

The Five Pillars of an Effective Response

- Training
- Triage
- Crisis Response
- Follow-up
- Community Engagement

Law Enforcement/ Mental Health Collaboration

- Specially Trained Police Officers and Detectives
- Clinicians
 - Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Mental Health Care Professionals
 - Clinical Psychologist (PHD)
 - Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)
 - Mental Health Nurse (RN)
 - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)

TRAINING DETAIL



Training

The Training Unit is responsible for the development, coordination and instruction of training programs to Department members and specific community partners concerning the operation of the MEU and law enforcement related responses to persons suffering from a mental illness.

MHIT

Mental Health Intervention Training (MHIT) 40-hour Course

- 26 Sessions per year
- 1348 Personnel Trained – LAPD
- 196- Personnel Trained from Outside agencies
- **Priorities:**
 - Probationary officers
 - Field Training Officers

MHIT

- Stigma Reduction/ Empathy
 - Autism Society of Los Angeles
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness
 - Law Enforcement Suicide Awareness
- De-Escalation
- Resources
- Self Care

TRIAGE DESK



Triage Desk

- Evaluate information from field officers.
- Assist in determining if an intervention is necessary.
- Dispatch SMART unit if necessary and available.
- Document incident by completing an MEU Report.
- Notify Threat Management Unit

Crisis Response



SMART Units

Deployment

- Citywide Responsibility

- Operations
 - 17 Units per day
 - 4 Watches
 - Days 0600-1600
 - Mids 1000-2000
 - PM 1530-0130
 - AM 2030-0630
 - 24 Hours per day
 - 7 days a week

SMART Units

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- Respond to emergent situations
- Respond to requests from patrol units
- Evaluation of the subject to determine:
 - Need for Intervention
 - Application for a 72 hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment
 - Referral
 - Voluntary Assistance

Calls for Service 2016

- LAPD responded to 20,041 calls for persons in a mental health crisis
- SMART handled 7848 of those calls
- LAPD completed 10,383 involuntary holds (§5150 WIC)

SMART Responsibilities

- Assist field police officers whenever they come into contact with suspected persons with a mental illness;
- Provide intervention, referral, or placement for a person with a mental illness allowing field officers to quickly return to other field duties
- Prevent unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of persons with a mental illness; and,
- Provide alternate care in the least restrictive environment through a coordinated and comprehensive system wide approach. Clinicians determine insurability and locate most appropriate care facility

CASE ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CAMP)



CAMP

- Proactive, specialized assessment and risk management services, interventions and consultation to community members experiencing complex mental health situations.
- A CAMP team which consists of a Police Detective and DMH Clinician will respond to hospitals, jails, courts, and homes.
- CAMP will assess and make recommendations to the criminal justice and mental health systems regarding strategies for increasing client stability.
- TMU

CAMP

CRITERIA

Cases are referred to CAMP from SMART.
989 cases opened in 2016

- Barricaded subject
- The subject has been placed on a minimum of six mental health holds within one year and been the focus of repeated contacts with emergency services.
- Increasingly violent behavior
- Attempt suicide by cop
- In possession of firearms or deadly weapon
- Veteran /PTSD
- PATHE

Community Engagement



- Partnerships
 - NAMI
 - ASLA
 - Providers
- Mental Health Senior Lead Officers
- Mental Health Crisis Response Program Advisory Board

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