



# NCSO Co-Responder Mobile Crisis Team

Established December 2020

# Mission Statement



*The Nevada County Sheriff's  
Office is committed to  
providing excellence in  
public service in  
partnership with our  
community*

# NCSO Mobile Crisis Team Inception

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- Nevada County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) Co-Responder MCT was created in December of 2020
- Expanded to two teams in November of 2021 to facilitate consistent response 7 days a week
- Teams consist of a designated deputy and clinician working side by side



# NCSO Mobile Crisis Team Collaboration

- Program was created as a partnership between the Sheriff's Office (NCSO), Behavioral Health (NCBH), and Sierra Mental Wellness Group (SMWG)





# NCSO Mobile Crisis Team Training

- FBI Basic Crisis Negotiations course - 40-hour intensive training
- Deputies 3+ years experience
- Clinicians must be licensed or license-eligible with 2+ years crisis experience
- In-house training related to mental health, substance abuse, and crisis intervention



Psychiatric Emergency Response

Team (PERT) & Unit

# Mobile Crisis Team Statistics

- 2022 Co-Responder contacts: 574
  - Mental Health Holds: 75
  - Arrests: 16
- 2023 Co-Responder contacts: 558
  - Mental Health Holds: 48
  - Arrests: 10
- 2024 Co-Responder contacts to date:
  - Mental Health Holds: 34
  - Arrests: 12





# Benefits of the Co-Responder Model

- Allows a diverse and thorough look on how to best help the members of the community in crisis beyond the scope of law enforcement
  - Immediate and comprehensive response
  - Follow-up
  - Rehabilitation
  - Consulting with individuals and families



Referrals

□ Work with NCBH County MCT Team

# Traditional vs. Expanded Co-Responder Services

- Provision of Traditional Crisis Services
  - Calls indicating someone may be a danger to themselves, a danger to others or gravely disabled due to a mental health condition
- Provision of Expanded Services and Broadened Call Response
  - Law enforcement receives calls for service for a broad spectrum of issues (e.g., legal issues, family issues, mental health issues, medical issues, behavioral issues, substance-use issues, neighbor disputes, welfare checks, etc.)





# Stories From the Field – Positive Impact in Community

- Individual crisis vs. Family crisis
  - Inception of call from dispatch
  - Ability to be on scene quickly
  - Person in crisis is not the only focal point
    - Ability to navigate intense crisis with appropriate response and services with safety in mind for all participants
- The power of Follow-up
  - Initial call for crisis support is not always what impacts person in crisis the most
  - MCT regularly follows-up with community members to "check-in" after crisis-related calls for service



# Questions?

