“Operating in an environment of diminished resources for community mental health, housing, and other safety net resources, Police Officers are responding to twice the number of suicide calls than 10 years ago and an ever increasing number of calls for service related to individuals in a mental health crisis.” But why not just increase “mental health, housing, and other safety net resources” instead of responding to the aftermath?

Behavioral Health Unit (BHU)

“To aid people in behavioral crisis resulting from known or suspected mental illness and or drug and alcohol addiction”

No matter the amount of training; the police are enforcers not caretakers

Police Officers 40 hours of Crisis Intervention training

Service Coordination Team

For people with frequent drug & property related charges
To address drug and alcohol addictions, treatment, and criminality—Addictions are not criminal issues but health issues

Behavioral Health Response Team

Patrol officer and mental health professional from Project Respond

Metal health and multiple risk contact—But they’re still be contacted by the police

Resources

• Project Response provides an array of crisis, specialized, and culturally specific services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through their mobile unit. The program serves individuals and families regardless of insurance, age, or income.
• National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) raises awareness and provides support and education.
• Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) is a program that serves people for approximately two years that provides treatment, education, support, mentoring, occupational therapy, counseling, and medication support.
• Among Others