

Homeless Outreach Team Serial Inebriate Program

San Diego



National Models

HOT & SIP

Problem Solving Models

Began in 1999
Assist Officers
Homeless
Radio Calls
Disorder
Illegal Lodging



Chronic Homelessness Presents Unique Challenges



Law Enforcement



Emergency Medical Services



City Services



Environmental Services



Community Frustration



Costs Associated With Chronic Homelessness

San Diego Emergency Rooms Costs
Exceeding 20 Million Dollars

Illegal Lodging Arrests

Property Storage Issues

Drunk in Public Arrests

HOT/SIP Assist Patrol Officers

Provide
Services



To the
Chronically
Homeless



HOT & SIP

Provide Humanistic Approach



Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)

- Clients are all chronically homeless
- Mental illness
- Substance abuse
- Co-Occurring
- Over 1 year homeless
- SIP avg. 10 years
- Drain Resources



City and County Services

County of San Diego HHSA

Mental Health

Alcohol and Drugs

SDPD

Superior Courts

Homeless Agencies



Homeless Outreach Team



Personnel

Police Department

- 4 Officers and 1 Sergeant

PERT Inc.

- 2 Clinicians
 - 1 funded by SDPD
 - 1 Funded by County MHSA

County of San Diego HHSA

- 2 employees
- Equipment

Homeless Outreach Team

3 Components

Traditional Outreach

2 Officers

2 PERT Clinicians

2 HHS A Specialists

Serial Inebriate Program

One Officer

Liaison with all partners

Enforcement

One Officer

Environmental Services

Parks & Recreation

How it Works

Homeless Outreach Team

Voluntary Outreach
No Enforcement
Chronically Homeless
In Custody Interviews
Facilitated Placements
Similar to SIP



Illegal Lodging

Arrests

Steady decrease since settlement.

Field Interviews

Remained steady
Not everybody contacted
Goes to Jail

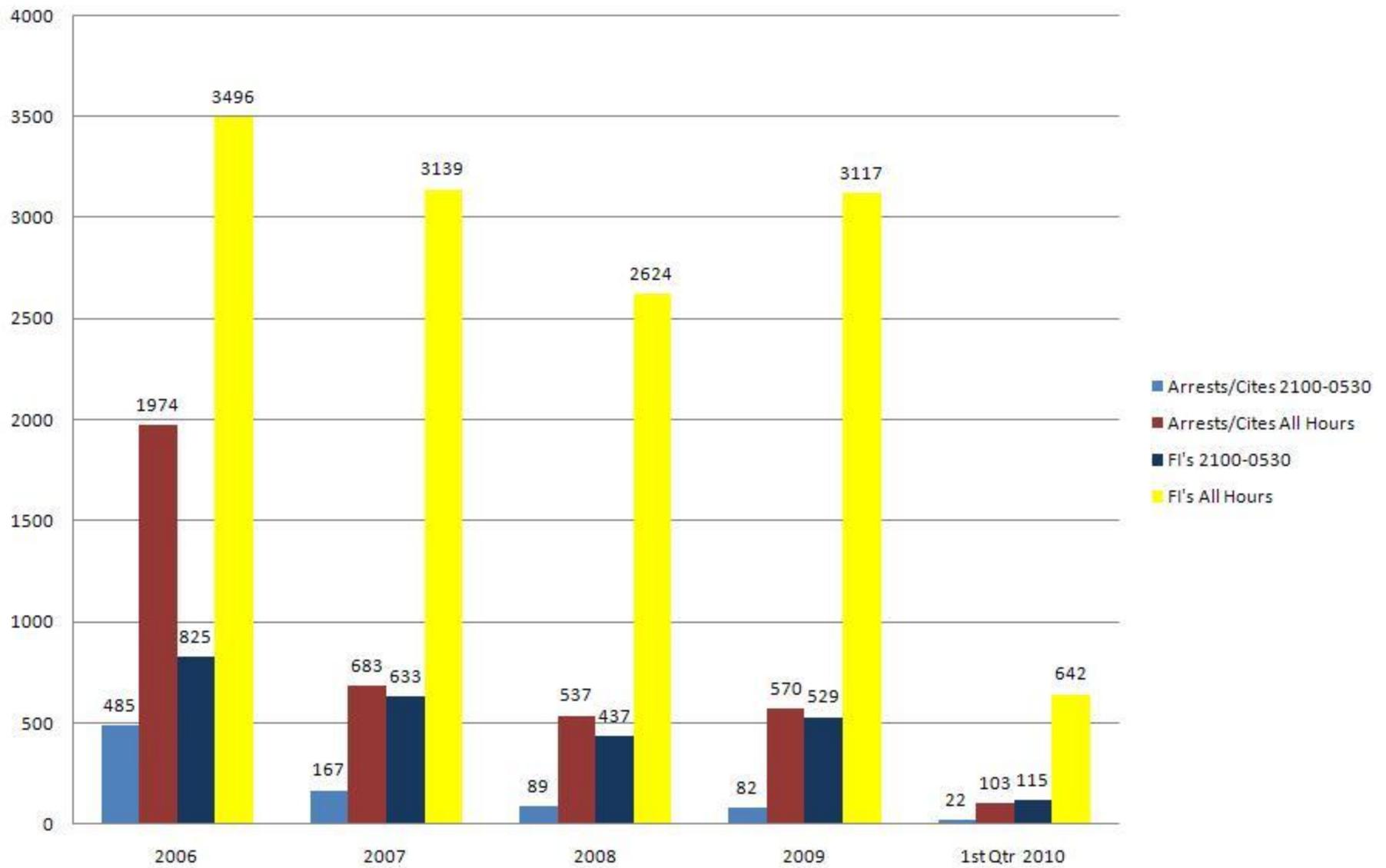
Jail Interviews

HOT Provides alternative to jail



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Citywide Illegal Lodging Arrests 2006 through 1st Quarter 2010



How to Find Us

- Work Monday-Friday
- Day Watch 0530-1530 hours
- Public Bathrooms City Concourse
- Referrals
 - Patrol Officers
 - Superior Courts
 - Hospitals/EMS
 - Citizen Complaints
 - City Council
 - Phone Messages



Homeless Outreach Team Statistics

➤ Fiscal Year 06/07

- Total Contacts 1933
- Total People 1106
- Placements 387

➤ Fiscal Year 09/10

- Total Contacts 1703
- Total People 992
- Placements 412

➤ Fiscal Year 07/08

- Total Contacts 1597
- Total People 973
- Placements 366

Serial Inebriate Program SIP



Serial Inebriate Program



SIP

Program funded by City & County

Utilize all County of San Diego Alcohol and
Drug Providers

Mental Health Systems Inc.

County Contract Provider

St. Vincent de Paul Village Medical Center

Program Medical Provider

SIP Partners

San Diego Police Department

San Diego EMS

Mental Health Systems, Inc.

San Diego Sheriff's Department

County Alcohol and Drug Services

San Diego City Attorney

Office of the Public Defender

Superior Courts

St. Vincent de Paul Village



SIP

How it Works

Intervention - a process not an event

- Jail
- Courts
- Alcohol & Drug Services

Opportunity for change

Drug Court as a model



SIP Program Goals

- Stop or slow the revolving door
- Provide treatment to this population
- Increase quality of life



Assessment & Placement

- Once defendant accepts treatment:
 - Assessed by MHS in custody within 48 hours
 - MHS finds appropriate program tailored to defendant's needs
 - Transported by SDPD from jail to St. Vincent de Paul medical center for full medical exam
 - Transported by SDPD from St. Vincent to program

Failure to Complete

- Mental Health Systems notifies SIP team
- Warrant issued
- Initial custody sentence imposed, and re-evaluated for another placement
- Even if probation is revoked and custody imposed, assessment and placement is again offered

SIP ARRESTS

FY 06-07

326 People

FY 08-09

245 People

FY 07-08

340 People

FY 09-10

249 People

SIP Publications

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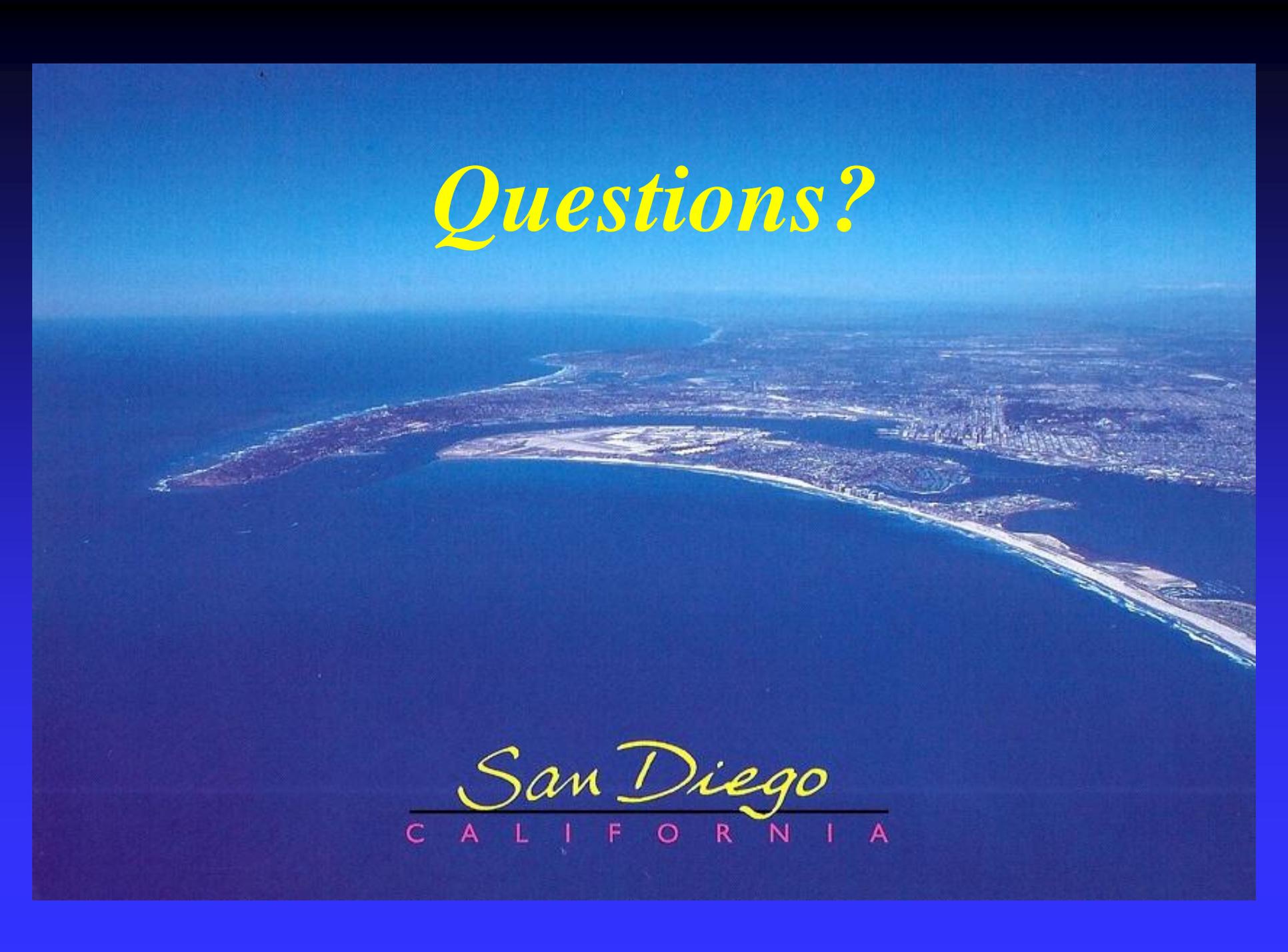
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