

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION CITY OF SAN DIEGO	CERTIFICATE NUMBER (FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY)
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TO: CITY COUNCIL	FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT): Police Department	DATE: 4/23/2015
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SUBJECT: Informational update regarding the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)

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COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND					
FUNCTIONAL AREA					
COST CENTER					
GENERAL LEDGER ACCT					
WBS OR INTERNAL ORDER					
CAPITAL PROJECT No.					
AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

COST SUMMARY (IF APPLICABLE): None

ROUTING AND APPROVALS

CONTRIBUTORS/REVIEWERS:	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
Liaison Office	ORIG DEPT.	Ramirez, David	05/15/2015
	CFO		
	DEPUTY CHIEF		
	COO		
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	COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OFFICE		

PREPARATION OF: RESOLUTIONS ORDINANCE(S) AGREEMENT(S) DEED(S)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
This is information only from the HOT Unit.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):	All
COMMUNITY AREA(S):	All
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	None
CITY CLERK	

INSTRUCTIONS:	
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**COUNCIL ACTION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Members of the Police Department will be providing an informational update regarding the Homeless Outreach Team. A PowerPoint presentation will include current staffing levels, partnerships and successes and challenges.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

In 1999, the Police Department developed two innovative outreach programs. They are the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and the Serial Inebriate Program (SIP). Both programs offer housing options that connect individuals experiencing chronic homelessness directly to safe havens, transitional housing programs, local homeless providers or residential treatment programs.

These two programs were recognized by the United States Housing and Urban Development as “Best Practices” for reducing chronic homelessness and are currently being replicated by other cities throughout the United States.

The HOT Team combines a San Diego Police Officer, a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) clinician and a County of San Diego Health and Human Services (HHSA) specialist in outreach teams to provide a resource for patrol officers who are responding to radio calls involving homeless. These outreach teams take referrals from police officers, community members and businesses.

In the past year, the HOT team had approximately 19,000 conversations with homeless individuals, which resulted in 668 placements. This year the Homeless Outreach Team acquired new resources, including PATH/Connections Housing, which provides several emergency cots for placements in their area. Alpha Project also provided 25 emergency triage beds at their winter shelter and Saint Vincent de Paul Villages provided 25 emergency triage beds. The Serial Inebriate Program is also operating 32 beds at an apartment complex in Mid-City.

The Police Department has allocated the HOT Team five provisional officers. Currently two have been selected and are already supplementing the HOT Team.

The Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) is a collaboration between the Police Department, City Attorney’s Office, Superior Courts, County of San Diego Behavioral Health and Mental Health

Systems. SIP is funded jointly by the County and the City. This program follows the Drug Court Model and provides chronic homeless alcoholics a choice between incarceration and treatment.

The costs and the overutilization of police and emergency medical services associated with the chronic alcoholic population are well documented. A study conducted by San Diego State University Institute of Public Health showed approximately 280 chronic alcoholic individuals cost approximately 20 million dollars in Emergency Medical Services over a three year period prior to their entry into the Serial Inebriate Program. The SIP program is making progress in reducing these incidents and several cities across the nation are looking at San Diego SIP as a model to replicate.

CITY STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S)/OBJECTIVE(S):

Goal 2: Work in partnership with all of our communities to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods.

Objective #2: Reduce and prevent crime.

Objective #4: Foster services that improve quality of life.

Objective #5: Cultivate civic engagement and participation.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: NONE

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (if applicable): NONE

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTIONS: NONE

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS: NONE

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: NONE

Ramirez, David

Originating Department

Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer

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

San Diego



Nationally Recognized Models

HOT and SIP

Multi Disciplinary Programs

Chronic Homelessness

Monday-Friday

0500-1500



Homeless Outreach Team

Traditional Outreach

- 4 Officers
- 2 Provisional Officers
- 1 PERT Clinician
- 2 HHSA Specialists
- Voluntary Placements

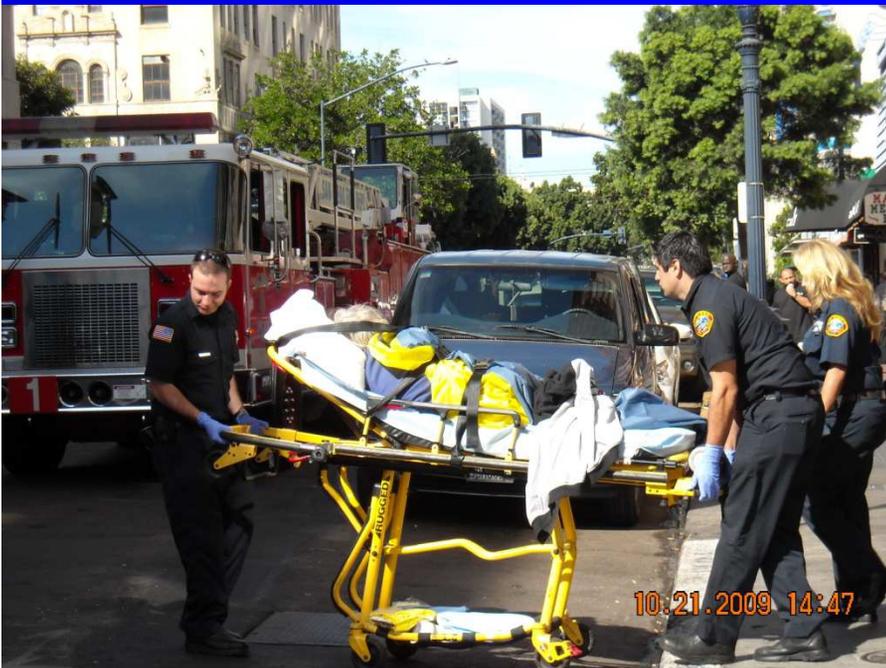
Serial Inebriate Program

- 1 Officer
- 1 City of San Diego EMS Medic
- Utilizes Superior Courts
- Liaison With Partners



Homeless Outreach Team

Being Homeless is Not a Crime
Disorder Calls for Service
Provide Resources
Time to Facilitate Placement
Reasonable Sensitivity



HOT

Community Research Foundation / PERT

1 Clinician

County of San Diego HHSA

2 Employees (County Assignment)

Equipment

Police Officers

Voluntary Assignment

Provisional Officers-2014

San Diego Police Foundation

Private Donations



HOT Statistics

Last 12 Months:

Total Conversations	19,000 +
Number of Placements	668

Downtown Accounts for 75% of All Contacts



Integrated Street Outreach

Collaborative Team Approach

Targets Key Geographic Areas

Voluntary Placements

Case Management Beds



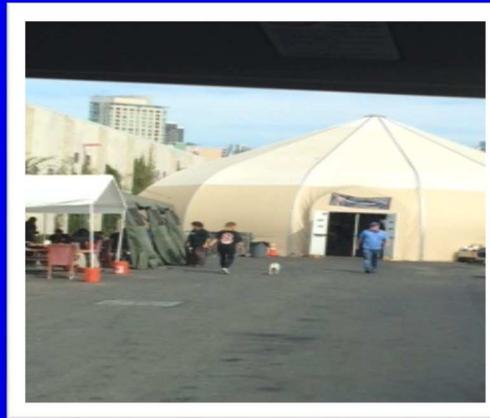
Resources

25 beds- St Vincent de Paul

25 beds- Alpha Project Winter Shelter-Tent

4 cots- PATH

NEW- 50 beds at permanent shelter- St Vincent de Paul



Serial Inebriate Program (SIP)

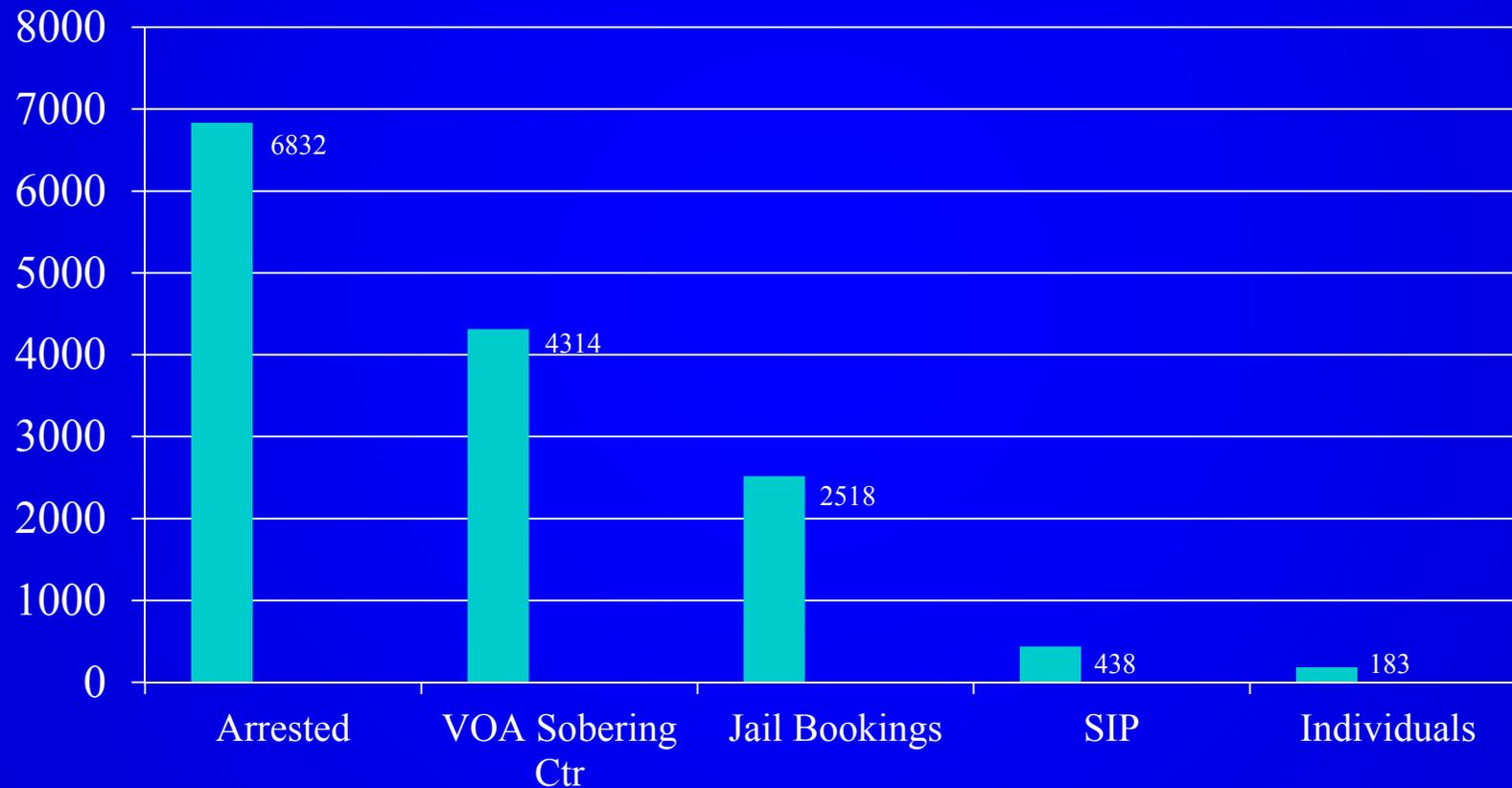


Revolving Door

Sobering Center/Hospital



City of San Diego 2014 Drunk in Public



How It Works?

Arrested For Drunk in Public – 647 (f) PC

Transported to Sobering Center

Rejected on 6th Visit – 30 days

Booked Into Jail

Offered SIP at Arraignment

Assessed by MHS Inc. Case Manager

Transported to Program



Resource Access Program (RAP) City of San Diego EMS/Paramedic Abusers

SDSU Institute of Public Health

280 Chronic Alcoholics

\$20 Million Prior to SIP



12 Month Period
One Individual had 40 Fire/Paramedic Transports
Cost for Fire/Paramedics Services
\$85,000



RAP and Police

Assigned an “On Call” Officer

Partnership with RAP Coordinator

Coordinated with Patrol Officers

On Call Officer Notified/Jail Clearance

Officer Picks Up Client/Booked Into Jail

SIP Process Begins



SIP

Before and After....

Prior to SIP..
19 Fire/Paramedic Transports
Cost \$36,000

Post SIP..
0 Fire/Paramedic Transports
Over One Year Sober
\$0



National Replication...

Cities throughout the nation are/have replicated the San Diego Serial Inebriate Program model

- Billings, MT
- Sonoma County, CA
- Marin County, CA
- New Orleans, LA
- Las Vegas, NV
- Jersey City, NJ
- Albuquerque, NM
- And others..



Questions?

