

# **NEW AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS TO HELP IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN SAN FRANCISCO**

*Hayes Valley Public Safety meeting notes 8/2/2021*

Joining Captain Paul Yep from Northern Station were 4 programs designed to supplement the work of the SFPD

## **STREET CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (SCRT)**

Shari Lachin, Clinical Supervisor, and Miguel Leyva, Program Manager for Peer Support, were joined by Captain Edward Bird, of the San Francisco Fire Department, as they explained this new program.

Started in 2019, SCRT is from an initiative from Mayor London Breed. Goal is to provide rapid trauma in place response to people experiencing crisis in public places and to reduce encounters with the public. The program has been expanded to all areas 24/7 response. There are 6 teams that include three members including a clinical psychologist. Each team works a 12 hour shift. The teams are able to transport people to vehicles but they are not dealing with people who have weapons or are actively violent. From Jan 30-June 30 2021 there were 2000 calls to SCRT. In July there were 542

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## **CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)**

Lead by Lt. Mario Molina since 2016 this SFPD program has been around since 2001. The team has 4 officers with an additional 2 officers on call. CIT is designed to deal with high profile public safety incidences such as people barricading themselves. Each police district office has 2 officers assigned to work with CIT. Lt Molina had several charts showing the frequent use of CIT. In 2020 there were 20,000 calls to engage CIT.

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## **COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS SERVICES (CCS)**

Led by Director Stephanie Felder, CCS is a program of the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Works with SF Wellness. Crisis intervention and Case Management and Therapy services are part of CCS. Also provides services to individuals experiencing an acute mental health crisis. Designed to bridge the gap between DPH and community.

**Crisis line is 415-970-3800 also 415-970-4000**

## **COMMUNITY LIAISON**

In 2019 the San Francisco District Attorney, Chesa Boudin, changed the assignment of Assistant District Attorneys from a police station to a Supervisor District. Assistant District Attorney Eric Quandt is the leader of the Community Liaison program in District 5

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