

STANISLAUS COUNTY

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 26, 2024
Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Sheriff Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff's Office
Brandon Gillespie, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender
Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office
Tony Vartan, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

Leticia Ruano, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Michael Walker, Probation Department
Vicki Martin, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
Trisha Singleton, Probation Department
Frank Martinez, Sheriff's Office
Ivan Valencia, Modesto Police Department
Chris Perry, Chief of Police, Ceres Police Department
Trenten Johnson, Captain, Ceres Police Department
Jason Hedden, Chief of Police, Turlock Police Department
Steven Rodrigues, Captain, Turlock Police Department
David Shaw, Lieutenant, Turlock Police Department

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2024, MEETING

MOTION: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. SECOND: Tony Vartan. The minutes from the February 22, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. CERES POLICE DEPARTMENT CCP FUNDING PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Chief Chris Perry and Captain Johnson from the Ceres Police Department (CPD) presented their CCP Funding Proposal for a Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT)-like response called Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). The CCP funding request is for \$3,113,578 over 5 years: \$1,254,221.64 for 4 staff, (1) Supervisor and (3) Public Safety Outreach Specialists, \$1,109,056.74 for fringe benefits, \$480,000 to contract with La Familia Central Valley (LFCV), and \$270,300 for supplies and equipment. The presentation (attached to the minutes) included the following:

- OVERVIEW
- PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN
- PROJECT BREAKDOWN
- TARGET POPULATION: HOMELESS
- INCREASE IN HOMELESS ENCOUNTERS
- PICTURES OF RECENT ENCAMPMENTS
- INCREASE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE
- INCREASE IN VIOLENCE, DECREASE IN POLICE FORCE
- GOALS AND OUTCOMES

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Chief Perry noted that he learned more about the functions of CHAT during a recent visit to the Modesto Police Department. He thanked Sheriff Dirkse and CPO Ferriera for working with county resources to help the Ceres Police Department deal with the problem of homelessness. In addition, he acknowledged CARE Manager Raul Dominguez and the CARE Team for their collaboration involving massive clean-ups.

Chief Perry commented that the name, Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT), is a good staple for Stanislaus County, providing people with a sense of familiarity. He emphasized how, as a collaborative effort, the development of CHAT models will impact not only the city but all of Stanislaus County.

Modesto Police Chief Brandon Gillespie inquired about the cost of contracting with La Familia Central Valley (LFCV). Chief Perry responded that it would be a yearly cost of \$80,000. He advised that LFCV has contracted with other local law enforcement agencies. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director (BHRS) Tony Vartan recommended that Chief Perry compare the services provided by LFCV and the Medi-Cal Mandated 24/7 Mobile Crisis Unit to ensure that funding is not allocated towards available county resources such as the Medi-Cal Mandated Mobile Crisis. Chief Perry asked Mr. Vartan if the Mandated 24/7 Mobile Crisis Unit is now active in Stanislaus County. Chief Gillespie asked Mr. Vartan if 988 was the appropriate number to call for the 24/7 Crisis Hotline. Tony advised that several counties, including Stanislaus County, were mandated to start January 1, 2024; BHRS is transitioning pending the contractor's start date in mid to late April, at which point the calls for service should bypass law enforcement.

5. TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT CCP FUNDING PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Captain Steve Rodrigues and Lieutenant Dave Shaw from the Turlock Police Department (TPD) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Turlock Police Department's CHAT proposal (attached to the minutes). The Turlock Police Department's CCP funding request is for \$3,083,410 for salary and benefits with escalators for 5 staff: (1) Civilian Outreach Specialist Supervisor and (4) Civilian Outreach Specialists, \$50,500 for equipment, \$18,000 for training, \$285,000 for 3 vehicles, and \$31,500 for office equipment for a total request of \$3,468,410. The PowerPoint presentation included the following:

- REENVISION POLICING
- RESOURCE REFERRALS
- RESPONSE STRATEGIES
- IMPORTANT STATISTICS
- 24 MONTH HISTORY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE
- RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES
- BUDGET REQUEST
- CONCLUSION

Lieutenant Shaw talked about reorganizing the Code Enforcement Team to focus on parks and aid in outreach programs for people experiencing homelessness. He reported that the Turlock Police Department's Code Enforcement Team, the Neighborhood Resource Officer, and the Client Division Sergeant's outreach efforts have succeeded and are now partnered with the CARE Team to help reunite a family with their pet and relatives who live out of state. Lastly, Lieutenant Shaw pointed out that the officers could concentrate on enforcement if they had CHAT to help people experiencing homelessness, mental health issues, and substance use disorders.

Captain Rodrigues and Lieutenant Shaw expressed their strong interest in the Turlock Police Department implementing CHAT to help with non-safety calls, connect people to needed services, and reimagine policing compassionately to aid those facing homelessness, mental health crises, or substance abuse in the city. This will allow officers to focus on enforcement. Lastly, since Turlock, like Modesto, has a couple of shelters, the two police departments frequently interact with the same people, and sharing the name "CHAT" would be helpful to the transient community.

Sheriff Dirkse inquired about the TPD's CHAT Team hours of operation. Captain Rodriguez advised that the schedule would be Monday through Thursday or Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chief Probation Officer (CPO) Mark Ferriera asked Chief Brandon Gillespie if the MPD's CHAT responds to the same type of calls as Turlock noted in their presentation. Chief Gillespie responded that MPD CHAT would respond to the same type of calls with parameters or safety components. He reported that 80%-90% of the calls MPD CHAT responds to are associated with the homeless population, such as nuisance-type calls, trespassing, illegal camping, suspicious persons, and other calls related to mental health crises. He also discussed that all calls go through the Dispatch Center, then the Watch Commander. However, if CHAT feels uncomfortable with a dispatched call, they can

inform their supervisor to dispatch it to an officer. CPO Ferriera asked if the Turlock Police Department's process would be the same as the Modesto Police Department's. Chief Jason Hedden confirmed that the Turlock Police Department already follows a similar process, and their plan was for TPD CHAT to model MPD's CHAT program.

District Attorney Jeff Laugero asked Chief Gillespie how much CCP funding was allocated to the Modesto Police Department CHAT. Chief Gillespie advised that the Modesto Police Department is the first non-county entity to form part of the Community Corrections Partnership 5-Year Budget. The Modesto Police Department has allocated five years of CCP revenue to fund 12 Outreach Specialists for CHAT; the City of Modesto pays for all other costs associated with CHAT. They have received about \$1.5 million, and according to Vicki Martin, Administrative Services Manager, Probation, they are slated to receive another \$1.7 million with yearly escalators.

Mr. Laugero asked if there was a close collaboration with CARE. Chief Hedden noted that they probably use CARE more than they should. Nevertheless, he stated that CARE provides tremendous support when they find themselves in unique situations. Chief Gillespie stated that although CHAT works closely and collaboratively with CARE, he sees them as having established clients they are continually trying to connect with for long-term solutions, noting that the MPD CHAT's purpose is to clear calls for the police officers to deal with more appropriate situations by respond to calls for service and build relationships to help individuals get the needed support by connecting them with the right resources. Jeff Laugero asked Chief Gillespie if he foresees the City of Modesto Council allocating funding for MPD CHAT as time progresses; his response to DA Laugero was that the Council is very satisfied with the CHAT activity, and once fully staffed, they will also be a 24/7 operation. Additionally, he reported that MPD receives approximately 20,000 calls, of which 12,000 would be appropriate for CHAT to have handled if fully staffed, but still handled approximately 4,000 calls for service.

Jeff Laugero stated that although it is nice to see the CHAT expand to other jurisdictions, the potential for CCP funding to become limited is a possibility. Mr. Vartan noted that at some point, he foresees an overlap of calls and responders with the number of response teams being developed in the county and the BHRS 24/7 Mobile Crisis contracted to commence mid to late April 2024. Society expects police officers to be utilized to respond to all calls, including crisis and nonviolent situations, noted Chief Gillespie; furthermore, he stated that the mission is to divert people out of the criminal justice system by responding to their calls and other alternative response models do not respond to calls for service, as does the CHAT, but agrees with Mr. Vartan that there will be a need for a stronger collaboration between the different response teams. He also commented to Chief Hedden that their idea of using the name CHAT for their response unit was great for people to make that connection.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF THE NEWLY SUBMITTED CCP FUNDING PROPOSALS:

Chief Ferriera reported last year's CCP Executive Committee discussion to have a proposal window from January 1st through February 15th. He advised that although that time had passed, the Public Defender, Jennifer Jennison, had submitted a new proposal. Additionally, CPO Ferriera noted that the Sheriff's Office had an additional request submitted on time but not reviewed during the previous CCP Executive Committee meeting. The CCP funding requests are the following:

- Public Defender Jennifer Jennison's CCP funding request is for one Full-time Special Investigator II position for five years, with salary and benefits. The funding request is for \$145,687 the first year with a 3% escalator year after year, which is subject to change after the SEIU MOU expires on June 30, 2025. She explained that the last-minute submittal for CCP funding is to avoid losing a grant-funded full-time Special Investigator that is due to expire on June 30, 2024. She advised that funding support from the County to save the grant-funded position was denied. The Special Investigator assists the Public Defender's Office's attorneys by gathering and confirming information that will help defend Public Defender clients. She pointed out that the Public Defender's Office currently has 5 Special Investigator positions that assist with over 13,000 cases, and losing one investigator will result in delayed cases. Ms. Jennison noted that the Public Defender's Office did not have a Special Investigator Unit for many years until they started seeking grant funds to pay for the positions. She expressed frustration about being denied county funding when the need for staffing is evident due to the excessive workflow.

District Attorney Jeff Laugero stated that the District Attorney's Office also has grant-funded positions, which the CEO's Office has already advised they would not fund once the grant funds have depleted. He said Federal and State funding is being downsized, impacting positions paid for by grant funds, such as Investigators and Victim Advocates. The District Attorney's Office has 13 Victim Advocate positions, of which 9 are grant-funded, advised Jeff Laugero. Ms. Jennison inquired about the number of District Attorney's

Office's Investigators. District Attorney Laugero responded that his office has 22 Investigators. Additionally, he expressed his support for the Public Defender being granted funding to keep her Special Investigator, noting that the information they obtain when doing their job helps cases move forward and sometimes get access to information that the District Attorney's Office did not have.

The group discussed the Public Defender's staffing situation. They all agreed that the Public Defender's CCP funding proposal for a Special Investigator II should be considered due to the circumstances and the need to avoid stalls in the justice process.

- Captain Frank Martinez, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, is requesting to reallocate funds previously allocated by the CCP for the Agriculture Training Program and the Corrections Treatment Team to fund a collaboration with the Workforce Development (WFD) with Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) to provide the in-custody population with vocation and job-ready training; additional funding is not requested. The funding reallocation request is due to the challenges of filling positions allocated to the Corrections Treatment Team. The reallocation breakdown request is as follows:
 - The Agriculture Training Program allocation is split between running costs and \$125,000 to SCOE.
 - Corrections Treatment Team Deputy (position never filled) allocation of \$121,281 to SCOE.
 - Corrections Treatment Team; BHRS/WFD allocation of \$150,000 to WFD; \$59,000 to SCOE.

7. DISCUSSION OF THE FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN:

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera advised that all the CCP funding proposals for the CCP Five-Year Spending Plan for FY2025-FY2029 have now been received and can be collectively reviewed. He noted that it may be necessary to meet again to continue the discussion of the CCP Five-Year Spending Plan and decide on the funding proposals.

Sheriff Dirkse asked for the sum of the new funding proposals for FY2025-FY2029. Administrative Services Manager Vicki Martin asked Sheriff Dirkse if the Sheriff's Office request for 20 new positions is still being considered; he responded, "Yes."

Administrative Services Manager Vicki Martin advised that all the proposals submitted for the FY2025-FY2029 totaled \$41 million. If the budgeted amounts were entirely spent, the CCP Five-Year Budget would suffer a shortfall in FY2025-FY2026. Chief Ferriera affirmed that CCP would have a \$51 million deficit by the end of this year's Five-Year Budget, FY2029. Vicki advised that her calculations are based on the January Governor's Budget release, noting a growth revenue reduction of 15% and a 3% cost of living raise; she said that even with only 85% of the budget being spent and no new request considerations for FY2025, FY2026, and FY2027, the fund balance would still suffer a deficit in FY2027-FY2028.

Sheriff Dirkse asked Ms. Martin to develop an additional CCP budget for the CCP Executive Committee to discuss; the additional budget spreadsheet with all new requests reduced by a percentage, ensuring no deficit at the end of this year's Five-Year Budget, FY2029. He noted it was only a strategy that would give the CCP Executive Committee a couple of options and have each entity seek their board or council to supplement the funding needed. Sheriff Dirkse provided the following options: (1) without debating the merit, approve all the funding requests submitted at a reduced percentage; (2) debate the merit of each submitted request.

CPO Ferriera expressed his concerns about approving all funding requests, which could result in program reduction. He asked Sheriff Dirkse if he planned to go to the CEO's office to request the decreased positions should the group agree to approve all the requests at a reduced percentage. Sheriff Dirkse answered, "No." Sheriff Dirkse advised that the Sheriff's Office had several million dollars in construction leftovers that the county hadn't touched.

District Attorney Jeff Laugero suggested approving all the funding requests for FY2025, FY2026, and FY2027 and dropping them from the budget for two years, allowing an opportunity for the budget to recover. However, he recommended altering the new CHAT requests to fund only a portion of the request. Ms. Jennison stated that the Public Defender's Office could not reduce the ask for 10 attorney positions. She acknowledged the recruitment difficulties but noted that knowledge of position availability would be helpful. Captain Martinez agreed it would take years to fill all the positions; he stated that the Sheriff's Office has approximately 37 vacancies, and the CCP funding request for 20 new positions would be years before the positions are filled. Jeff Laugero pointed out that fully funded

positions, when unfilled, roll over to the following year. On the other hand, Mr. Laugero stated that grant-funded positions are lost, noting he will possibly fill them with salary savings.

Public Defender Jennifer Jennison commented that this committee had discussed developing a CHAT budget formula at today's meeting. Chief Brandon Gillespie noted opposition to the development of a CHAT budget. He discussed concerns about the inequity in the Board of Supervisors and the county CEO's suggestion to reduce the revenue of a previously approved CCP allocation to fund new CCP funding requests, as this has never been suggested. Ms. Jennison noted not realizing the intent to decrease the MPD CHAT budget to fund the new CHAT requests. CPO Ferriera clarified that the county CEO and the Board of Supervisors have questioned the CCP budget allocated to MPD CHAT.

Chief Gillespie noted that the CCP Executive Committee has consistently voted on merit with the funding limitations in mind; he emphasized the need for consistency and prioritization. First, for consistency purposes, he suggested reviewing the new CCP funding requests and discussing downsizing to avoid a CCP budget deficit. Second, regarding CHAT, he suggested having a CHAT guideline: only funding what positions or funding based on PIT.

Jennifer Jennison requested that the voting on the Public Defender's CCP funding request move forward due to the critical situation of the Public Defender's Office becoming unavailable due to a lack of attorney positions. Chief Ferriera noted no opposition to her request but did emphasize the need to review the other submitted requests to reduce the \$41 million budget request and decide on the CHAT funding request.

Tony Vartan noted, agreeing with Chief Gillespie, that the purpose of the CCP Executive Committee was to serve the community regardless of jurisdiction. He suggested that Chief Gillespie provide a breakdown of the costs associated with the MPD CHAT and evaluate the funding source to assist in determining the new CHAT funding requests. Chief Gillespie noted no opposition; he will provide a breakdown of the MPD CHAT the next time this committee meets.

MOTION: Tony Vartan. Second: Jeff Laugero. The request for 10 Attorney Block Budgeted I-V positions for the Public Defender's Office for \$2.235 million beginning in FY2025-FY2029 was unanimously approved.

Vicki Martin informed the CCP Executive Committee that 39% of this year's CCP budget request is solely for the Sheriff's Office's new allocation request for 20 Deputy Sheriff positions. Chief Ferriera asked Captain Frank Martinez if the Sheriff's Office CCP funding request for 20 deputy positions could be adjusted to fund in stages. He advised that the request can be adjusted to 5 Deputy Sheriff positions per year.

Jeff Laugero commented on the Board's perspective that CHAT only serves the City of Modesto, yet four county agencies impacted by CHAT are present at today's meeting. The membership agreed that MPD CHAT effectively reduces caseload, serves the community, and connects with client support. Tony Vartan noted that he cannot build an all-inclusive team, but with the coordination and collaboration of agencies, that team can be achieved.

CPO Ferriera announced that the CCP Executive Committee would reconvene in the coming weeks to reevaluate the remaining new proposals to reduce the \$41 million FY2025-FY2029 budget request. Chief Ferriera will call the Ceres Police Department and the Turlock Police Department to notify them of the committee's decision to postpone the vote. The meeting time and date will be forthcoming.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

The meeting date and time will be forthcoming.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Homeless Outreach Team

Ceres Police Department



Overview

- Budget: \$3,113,578 over 5 years
- 4 new staff: three full-time Public Safety Outreach Specialists and one full-time Supervisor.
- La Familia Central Valley hired as a contractor.
- **Focus:** Over the 5-year project, Ceres Police Department's H.O.T. will focus on supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, transiency, mental health crises, substance use issues, or are at risk of homelessness, in the geographic catchment area of Ceres.
- **Services:** H.O.T. will provide Ceres' vulnerable population with housing assistance, case management, substance use treatment. mental health referrals, and related needs.

Personnel Breakdown

3 Public Safety Outreach Specialists

- Proactively provide **outreach services** for a broad range of non-criminal crises, including homelessness, intoxication, disorientation, substance abuse, mental illness, and dispute resolution, providing alternatives to law enforcement whenever possible.
- Focus on **engagement, case management, data collection, and connection** to emergency health and mental health services and transportation, providing **social services linkages** and **intervention**, and assisting with educating the homeless population and the public on laws and County City ordinances.

1 Supervisor

- Leading, scheduling, planning, assigning, and prioritizing outreach services for the team.
- **Monthly team meetings** to evaluate community progress, noticeable trends, and determine if changes are needed to ensure that the program is having the intended impact.
- Coordination between Ceres PD, County resources, businesses, and nonprofits.
- Conduct biannual **community meetings**, at a minimum.

La Familia Central Valley (LFCV) - Contractor

- For provision of immediate and ongoing **mental health services**. LFCV clinicians will be utilized through tele-mental health, dialed in by the Public Safety Outreach Specialists on the ground.
- Establish **training modules** for the entire police department responding to target populations.

Project Breakdown

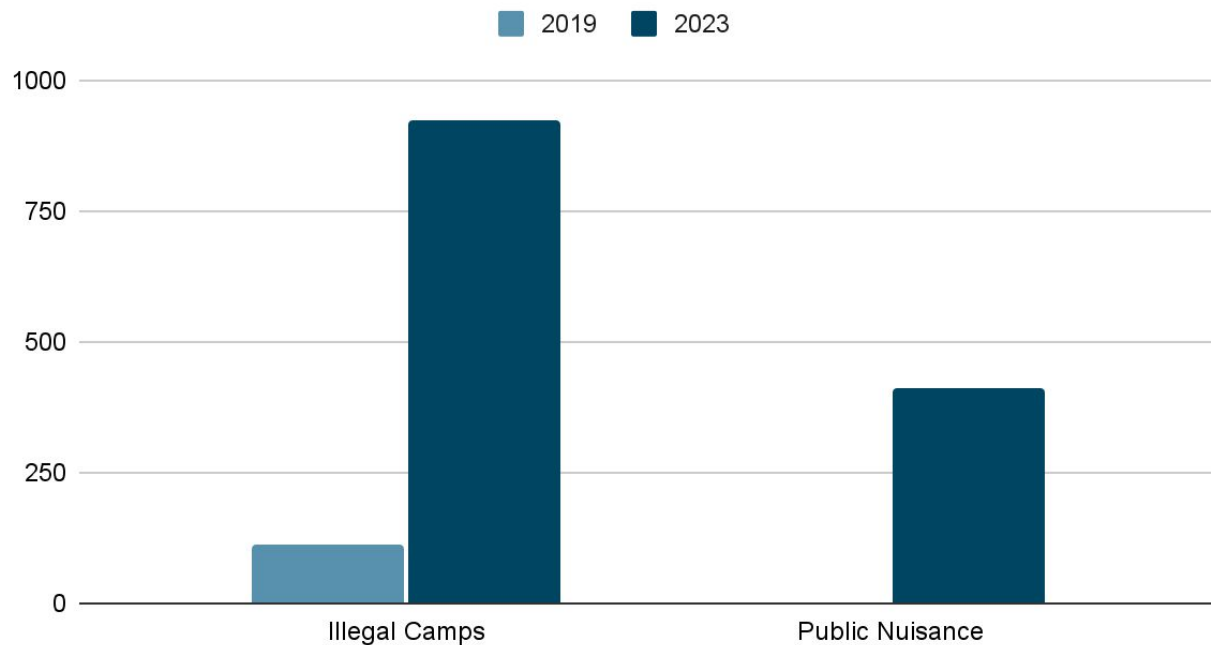
- H.O.T. will focus on frequent touch points with the high need population, including daily visits to encampments, to offer case management care and work to get individuals off the streets.
 - Decrease calls regarding homeless individuals by increasing care and increase community involvement in the crisis.
- H.O.T. will respond to non-violent police calls revolving around homeless individuals, mental health/5150 calls, and substance use issues.
 - Decrease sworn officer police time on non-violent quality-of-life calls.
 - Divert non-violent quality-of-life calls from criminal justice system.
- If needed, H.O.T. will connect a community member to the LFCV consultant, live on the spot, for crisis care and ensure that follow up appointments are set up, as needed.
- The Team will also focus on coordinating efforts with established teams, including Modesto's CHAT and Stanislaus County's CARE Team, and create pathways for community involvement and input.

Target Population: Homeless

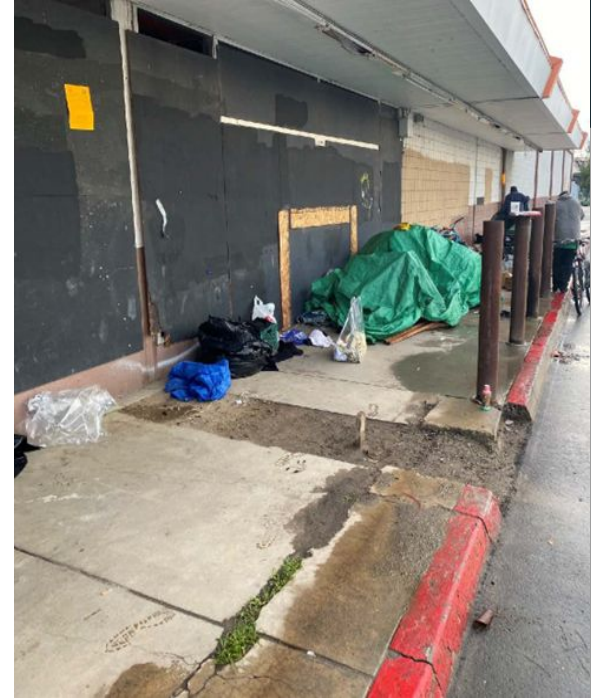
- Background
 - Services and shelters for the homeless do not currently exist within Ceres city limits.
 - According to the 2023 Point-in-Time (PIT) count, while a majority of Stanislaus County's homeless population is considered sheltered (55%), almost all of Ceres' homeless population lives outdoors or in their cars.
 - To address the growing number of homeless encampments, Ceres relies on the deployment of County and neighboring resources, working in-the-moment, instead of toward a long term goal.
 - The CARE Program visits Ceres once per week to help CPD, but that level of assistance is no longer enough time or support to meet emerging needs.
 - Ceres began connecting with the CARE team in January 2023 and has made contact with homeless individuals, increasing each month.
 - In 2023: Ceres PD and CARE contacted (853 CAMPS BY CODE ENF.) CARE 443
 - Jan-Feb 2024: Ceres PD and CARE contacted (160 CAMPS BY CODE ENF) CARE 97
- Between September 1 and November 26, 2024 (86 days), the police reported abating 216 homeless encampments.

Increase in Homeless Encounters

Homeless Encounters



Pictures of Recent Encampments





Increase in Mental Health and Substance Use

The American Psychological Association finds nearly 20% of all calls to law enforcement involve someone with a mental health crisis.

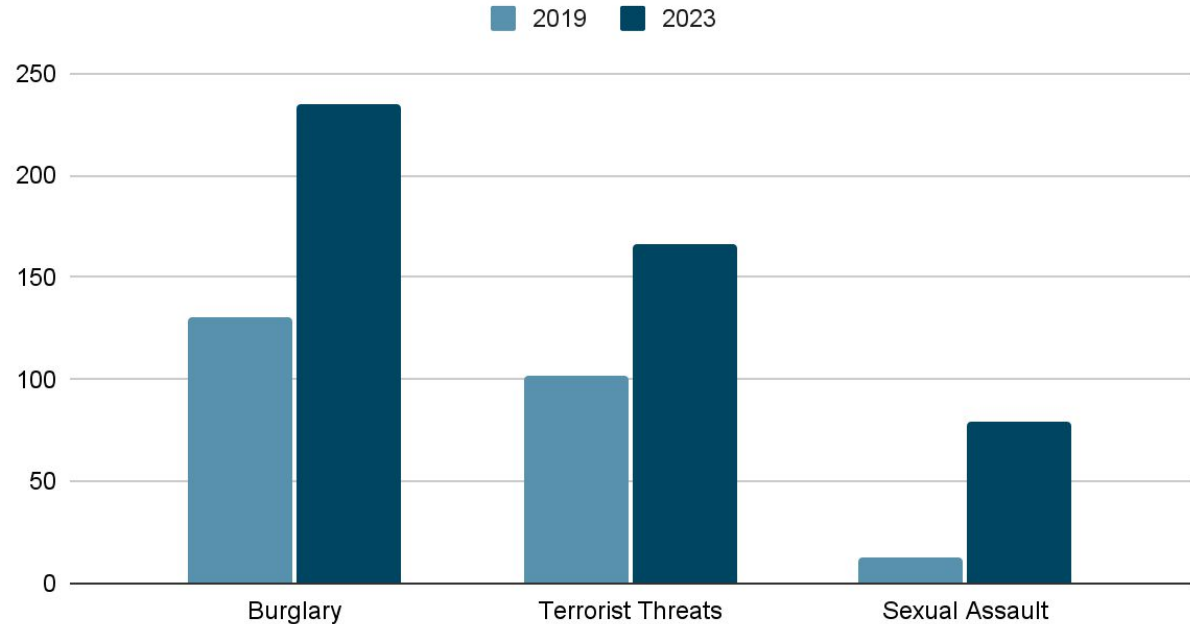
Mental Health and Substance Use



Increase in Violence, Decrease in Police Force

CPD is down 19% of its workforce (42 officers, out of 52 budgeted positions).

Increase in Violent Crime



Goals and Outcomes

We expect the Homeless Outreach Team to respond to 10,000 calls over the five year period.

Goal: Improve the quality of Ceres PD response to individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, and substance use issues.

Outcomes:

1. By the end of Year 5, reduce the number of hours that sworn Ceres police officers are responding to non-violent calls with homeless individuals and community members with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders by 10%.
2. By the end of Year 5, 85% of CPD sworn police officers have received training on how to respond to those experiencing mental health crises, substance use disorders, and/or homelessness.
3. By end of Year 5, 50% of those served are demonstrated to be referred to and/or access trauma-informed services outside the criminal justice system, such as medical, mental health, and wraparound services;

By the end of Year 5, realize a 50% decrease in repeat 911 calls which could include calls about 5150s, Suicides, Homeless Encampments, and Public Nuisances.

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAT TEAM



PRESENTED BY:
CAPTAIN STEVE RODRIGUES
&
LIEUTENANT DAVE SHAW



RE-ENVISIONING POLICING

- CHAT Team will allow Turlock Police Department's vision of an alternative policing response and engagement to become a reality for our community.
- CHAT Team will focus on responding to non-criminal and non-violent incidents through empathetic and compassionate approaches.
- Our Mission: Addressing people who are experiencing homelessness or mental crises by building strong partnerships and relationships between the criminal justice system and social/medical services.

RESOURCE REFERRALS

CHAT Team will provide resource referrals in the field, as well as actively help link clients with resources such as:

- Mental health system of care
- Family system of care
- Drug and alcohol treatment services
- Housing system care
- Social services and benefits information

RESPONSE STRATEGIES



CHAT Team responses allows for immediate and timely care such as:

- De-escalation of crisis situations
- Real time assessments
- Services
- Follow-up care to encourage success with the hopes of reducing repeat contacts

IMPORTANT STATISTICS

- The 2023 Point-in-Time Homeless Count recorded 223 homeless individuals in the City of Turlock, second highest in Stanislaus County.
- January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 Turlock Police responded to approximately 4751 calls of service for quality of life issues. Approximately 5% of 103,250 calls for service.
- Code Enforcement and Patrol had 2041 calls that were self-initiated due to additional resources and personnel dedicated to providing resources to the unhoused population.
- **USBYTHENUMBERA.COM** – Article called “18 Cities with Highest Homeless in the US [Report of 2024]” listed the City of Turlock as number 13 on their list.

24-MONTH HISTORY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

1349 Residentially Challenged
Calls

991 Mental Health Calls

Turlock Police
Department's
Calls for Service

3338 Suspicious Person Calls

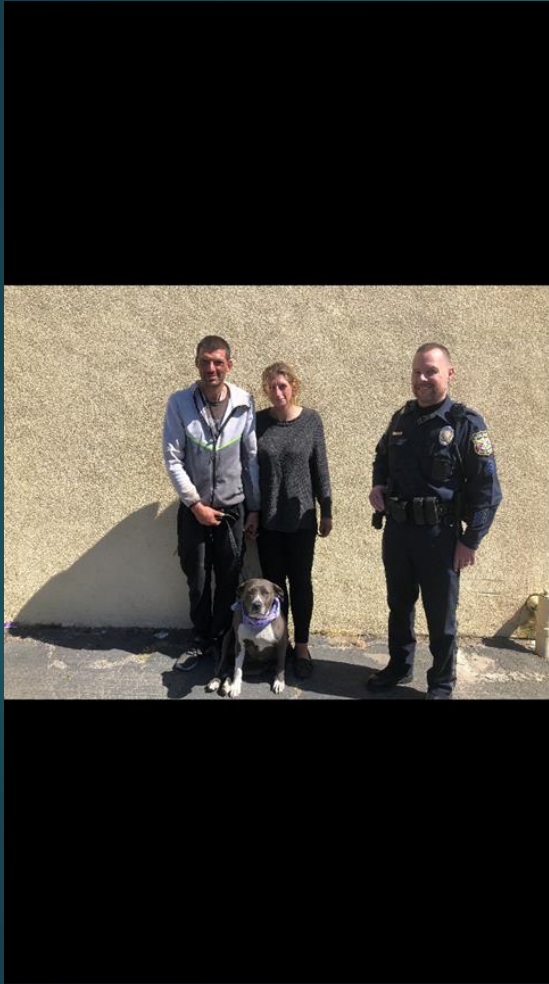
2483 Trespassing Calls

Total – 8161 Calls for Service

RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

- Locate, identify, and build relationships with the unsheltered homeless population.
- Engage individuals for the purposes of providing immediate support, mental health treatment, intervention and connection with homeless assistance programs.
- Respond and handle certain calls for service involving individuals suffering from a mental health crisis, substance abuse, and homelessness. These calls for service include:
 - ❖ Trespassers
 - ❖ Security Checks
 - ❖ City Ordinance Violations
 - ❖ Mental Health Evaluations

CHAT TEAM



BUDGET REQUEST

Turlock Police Department's Request

- **Salaries/Benefits - \$3,083,410 (5 years)**
 - ❖ (1) Civilian Outreach Specialist Supervisor
 - ❖ (4) Civilian Outreach Specialists
- **Equipment - \$ 50,500**
- **Training/Schools - \$ 18,000**
- **(3) Vehicles -\$ 285,000**
- **Office Equipment - \$31,500**

***** Total request to fund this program for 5 years - \$3,468,410.00 *****

CONCLUSION

- CHAT Team will play a vital role in reimagining policing, while fostering a compassionate approach to assisting people experiencing homelessness and mental health/substance crises throughout the City of Turlock.
- It will alleviate the necessity for officer response to non-emergency calls for service by connecting individuals to support services and assessing minor calls.
- The team will provide police officers support by allowing officers to focus on emergency situations, contributing to the goal of a safer and more vibrant community.

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAT TEAM

QUESTIONS?

