

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mental Evaluation Unit



Systemwide Mental Assessment  
Response Team

Case Assessment Management  
Program

## Los Angeles Police Department

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Department of Mental Health

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#### Mission Statement

In police contacts with persons suffering from a mental illness, the goal of the Department is to provide a humane, cooperative, compassionate and effective law enforcement response to persons within our community who are afflicted with mental illness. The Department seeks to reduce the potential for violence during police contacts involving people suffering from mental illness while simultaneously assessing the mental health services available to assist. This requires a commitment to problem solving, partnership, and supporting a coordinated effort from law enforcement, mental health services and the greater community of Los Angeles.

#### Mental Evaluation Unit

The mission of the **MEU** is to reduce the potential for violence during contacts that involve people who suffer from mental illness and emergency service personnel, while simultaneously assessing the mental health services available to assist them.

The **MEU-Triage** manages all calls for front line patrol officers who come in contact with persons suffering from a mental illness, who are in crisis. They complete an incident report and dispatch a SMART unit and/or direct patrol officers to mental health services.

#### Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Team

Established in 1994 the **SMART** is the co-responder response team, consisting of specially trained officer and mental health clinicians.

SMART's goals are to:

- Prevent unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of mentally ill individuals.
- Provide alternate care in the least restrictive environment through a coordinated and comprehensive system-wide approach.
- Prevent the duplication of mental health services.
- Facilitate the speedy return of police patrol units to patrol activities.

#### Case Assessment Management Program

Established in 2005 the **CAMP** is the follow up mental health team consisting of a detective and a mental health clinician. Cases are triaged based on the level of risk the individual poses. Intensive case management strategies are employed to engage and assess the persons suffering from a mental illness, in hope of mitigate the behaviors and provide long term solutions by ensuring strong linkages are made to existing mental health systems. These cases can include:

- Individuals who are high utilizers of emergency services
- Incidents of Suicide by Cop
- Incidents involving Targeted School Violence
- Incidents involving increasing high risk behaviors
- Individuals involved in a Use of Force incident
- Incidents involving firearms

#### Mental Evaluation Training Detail

Established in 2007, the Training Detail is responsible for the facilitation of all of the Department's Mental Health In-service courses of instruction. This includes the management of the four-day Mental Health Intervention Training (**MHIT**), and coordination of the quarterly **Mental Health Crisis Response Program Advisory Committee**