



Crisis Intervention Team

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Goal 2 – Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

CIT Mission

It is the mission of the El Paso Police Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to provide citizens with behavioral or mental health problems a professional and safe response. The goal is to mitigate incidents through directed response of trained and specialized Officers. This will be executed through specialized training, partnerships with the community, other local law enforcement agencies and local mental health agencies.

Emergency Detention

HS 573.001 Apprehension by Peace Officer without warrant
(Emergency detention)

(a) A peace Officer, without a warrant, may take a person into custody if the officer:

(1) has reason to believe and does believe that:

(A) the person is a person with mental illness; and

(B) because of that mental illness there is a substantial risk of serious harm to the person or to others unless the person is immediately restrained; and

(2) believes there is not sufficient time to obtain a warrant before taking the person into custody

EPPD CIT Structure

1 Lieutenant

3 Sergeants

14 Officers

EHN component of CIT Consists of

1 Director

2 Managers

14 Mental health Specialists

2 Shifts, 7 days a week

8:00 am- 6:00 pm and 5:00 pm- 3:00 am (19 hour coverage)

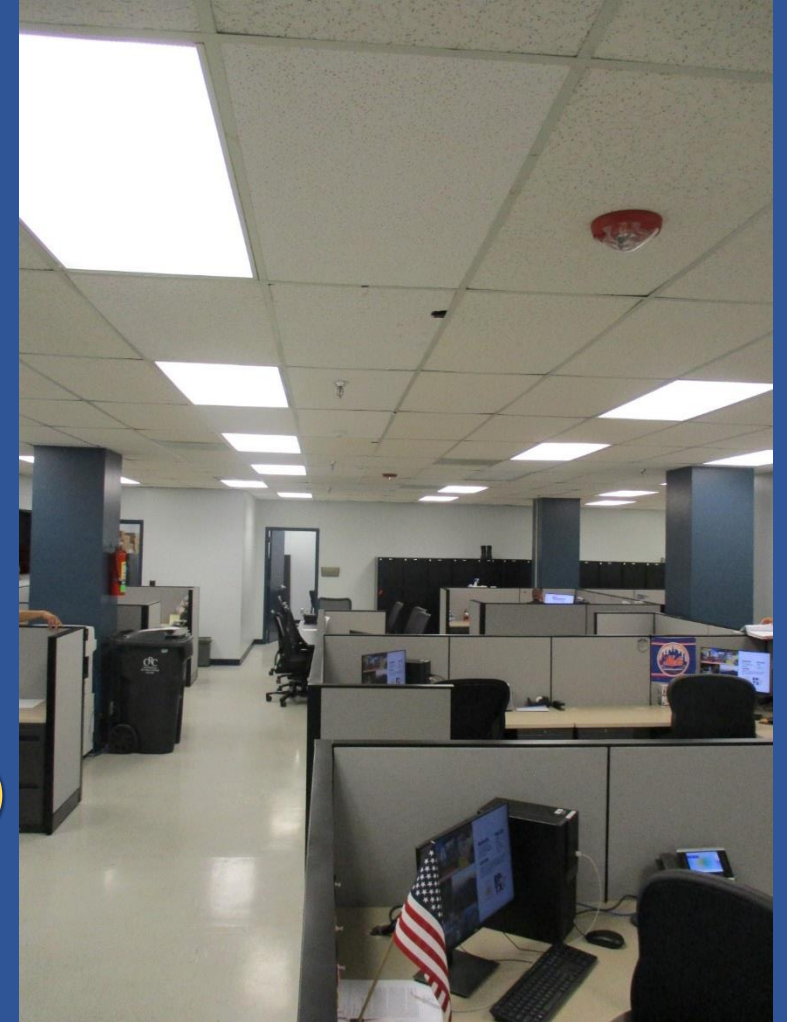
CIT Budget

- Emergence Health Network obtained SB292 grant
- \$728,902.00 allocated to EPPD
- Award being spent on equipment, office supplies, furniture, 8 marked police vehicles, the cost of gasoline and maintenance costs. (through December 10, 2019)

EPPD CIT Budget

Some items that were purchased or funded utilizing Grant funds:

- Office Furniture
- Computers
- Office Phones
- Office Supplies
- Print shop items
- Less lethal launchers (bean bag)
- Tourniquets
- Digital Cameras
- Officer Personal Protective Equipment
- 8 Marked Ford Utility Police SUVs (Delivery October 2019)
- Gasoline costs (through December 10, 2019)
- Vehicle repair and Maintenance costs (through December 10, 2019)



CIT Training

- Began October 7th, 2018
- Concluded November 11, 2018
- 320 Hours (8weeks) of training



CIT Training

The training topics included:

- Active Listening Skills
- Alzheimer's/Dementia
- Anxiety
- Autism
- CIT-1850
- HIPPA
- Excited Delirium
- Grief
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Mental Illness/Mental Health
- Medication Induced Movement Disorders
- Personality Disorders
- PTSD
- Self Injury
- Stress Management
- Substance Abuse Disorders
- Mental health Diagnosis
- Trauma Affected Veterans
- Traumatic Brain Injuries
- FBI Basic Negotiator School
- TCOLE Instructor
- Mental health first Aid Instructor - Adult
- Mental health First Aid Instructor - Youth

Crisis Intervention Team statistics

- January 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - 1,036 people placed under an emergency detention
 - 166 people transported voluntarily for mental health assistance

Crisis Intervention Team statistics contd.

Emergency Detentions

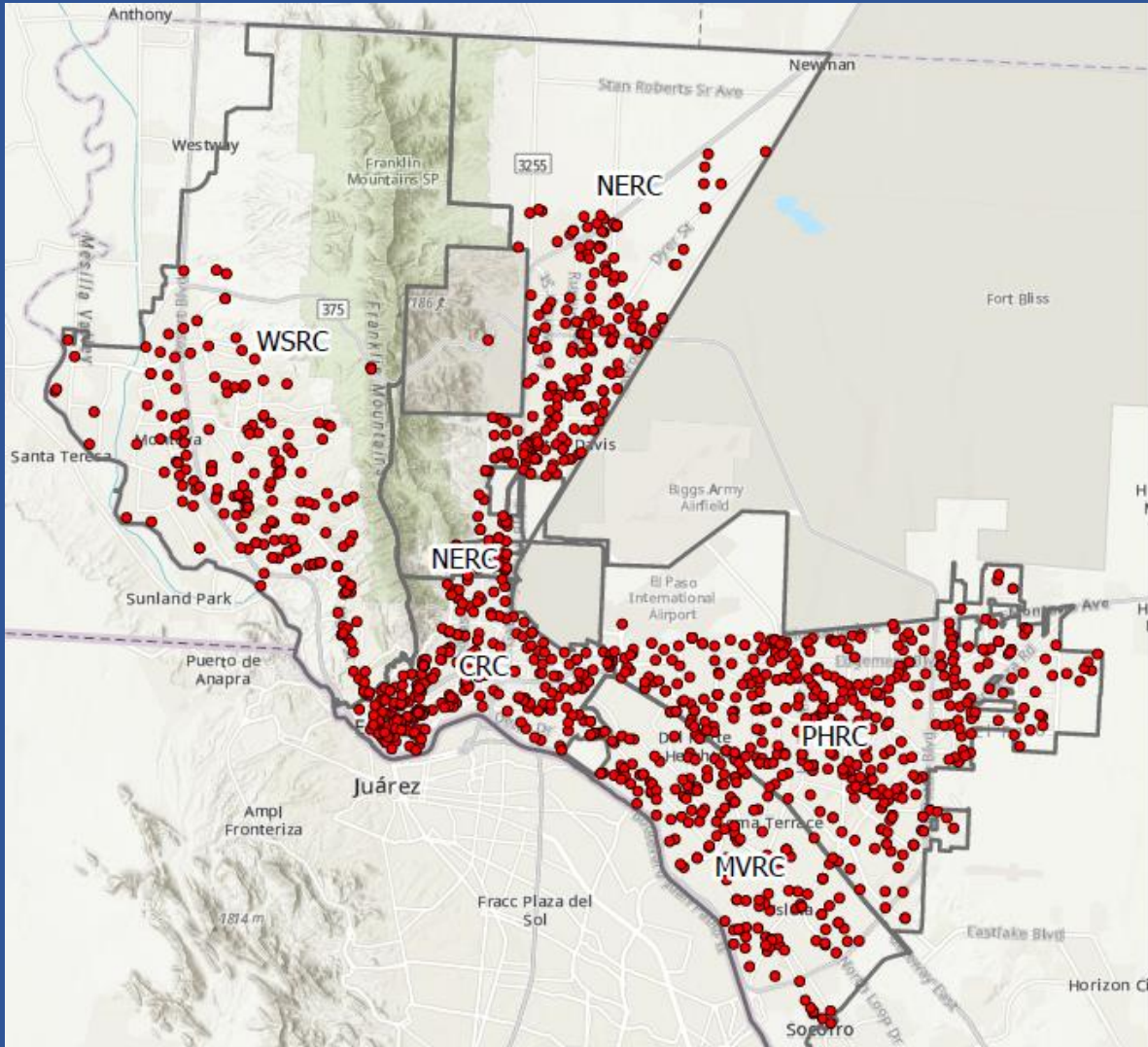
Command	Total	CIT	CIT%	Patrol	Patrol %
CRCC	566	299	53%	267	47%
MVRC	267	120	45%	147	55%
NERC	411	207	50%	204	50%
PHRCC	651	291	45%	360	55%
WSRC	299	119	40%	180	60%

*January 1, 2019-August 31, 2019

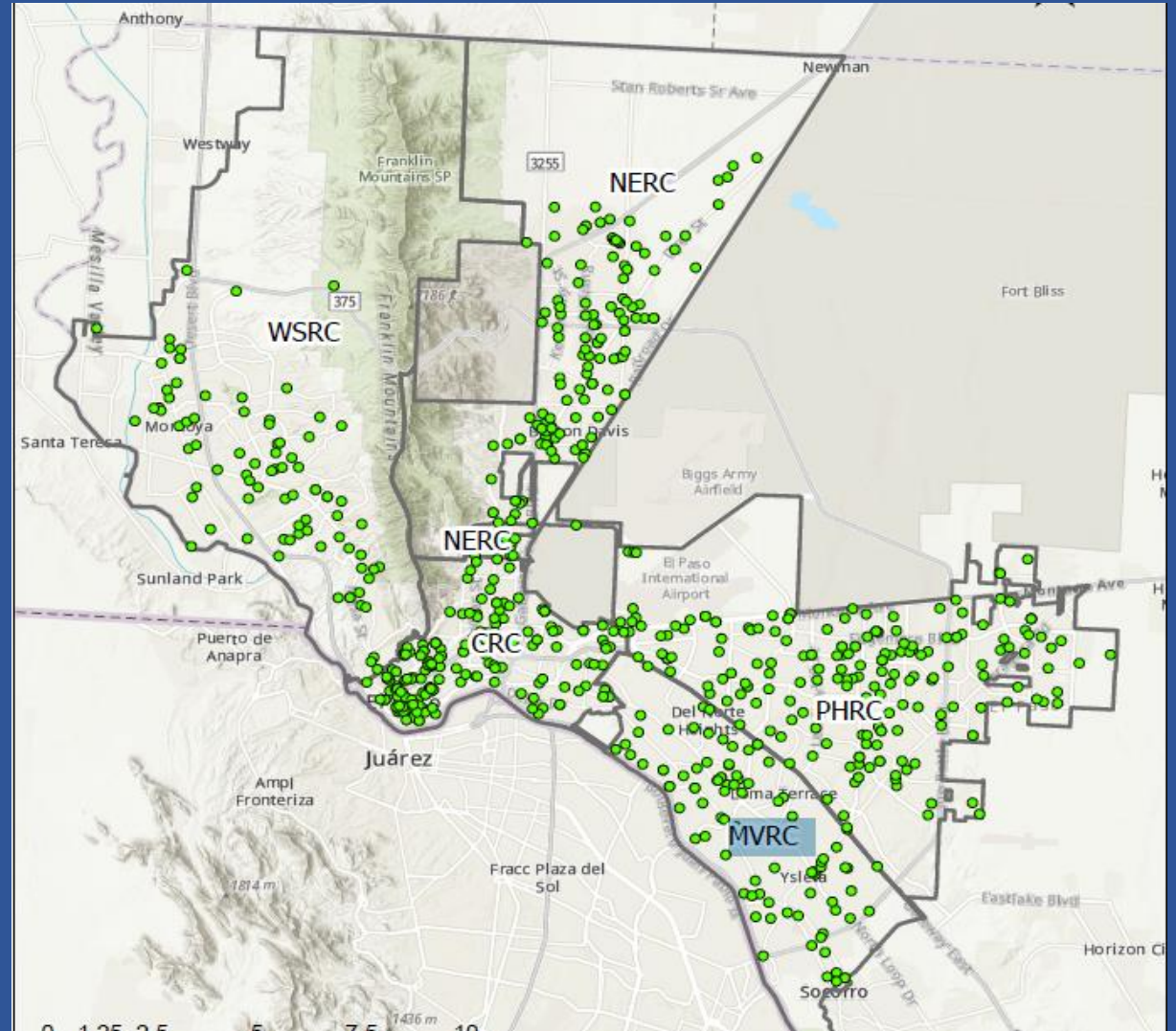
Crisis Intervention Team statistics contd.

With current staffing, the Crisis Intervention Team is only able to handle approximately 50% of the calls for service city wide involving a person in a mental health crisis, resulting in an Emergency Detention. As a result, approximately half of all mental health calls are still being handled by patrol officers when CIT is unavailable.

Emergency Detention and PCO calls handled by Patrol (1,158)



Emergency Detention and PCO calls handled by CIT (1,036)



*January 1, 2019- August 31, 2019

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Year to date in 2019 CIT Officers have responded City Wide to calls for service ranging from dispatched calls, follow up calls and requests from patrol who are on the scene of a situation involving a person with a mental illness.

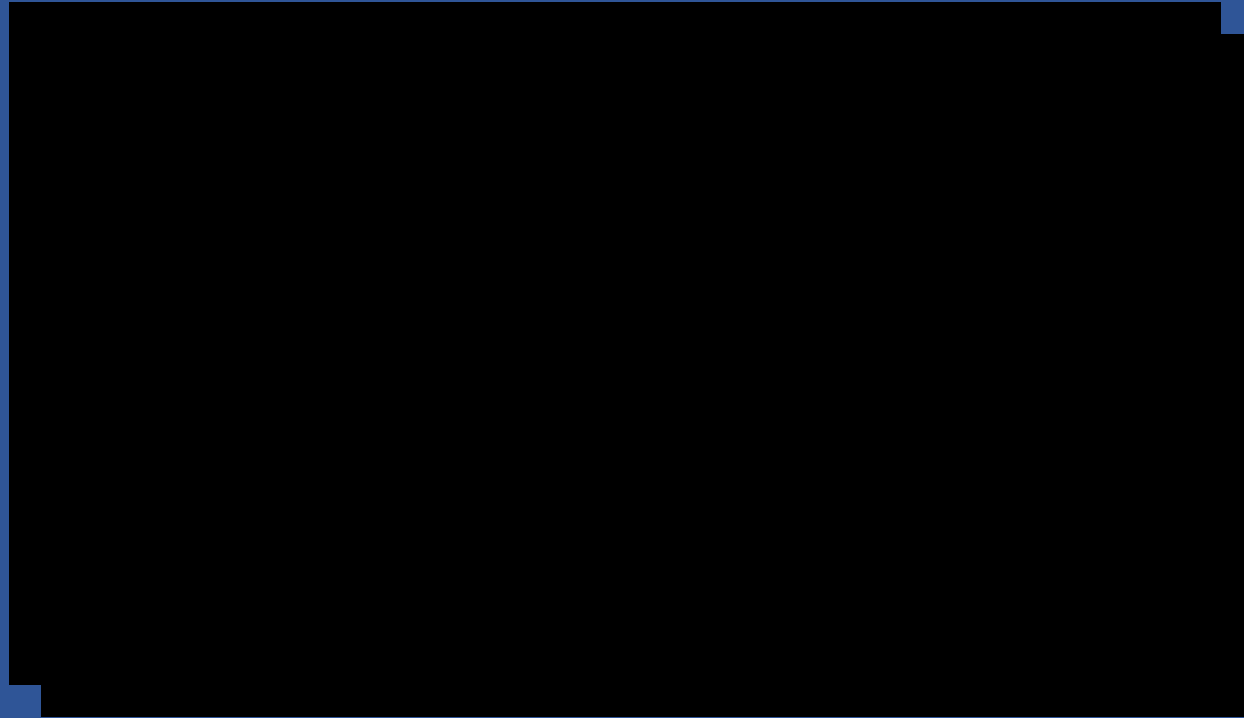
Dispatched Calls	Observed Calls	Adults checked	Juveniles Checked
3907	1274	3020	200

Use of Force

The El Paso Police Department's goal is to only use the force necessary regardless of the incident type to include CIT's use of force when dealing with consumers. Not all situations can be resolved by the use of de-escalation or negotiation techniques as indicated by the table below.

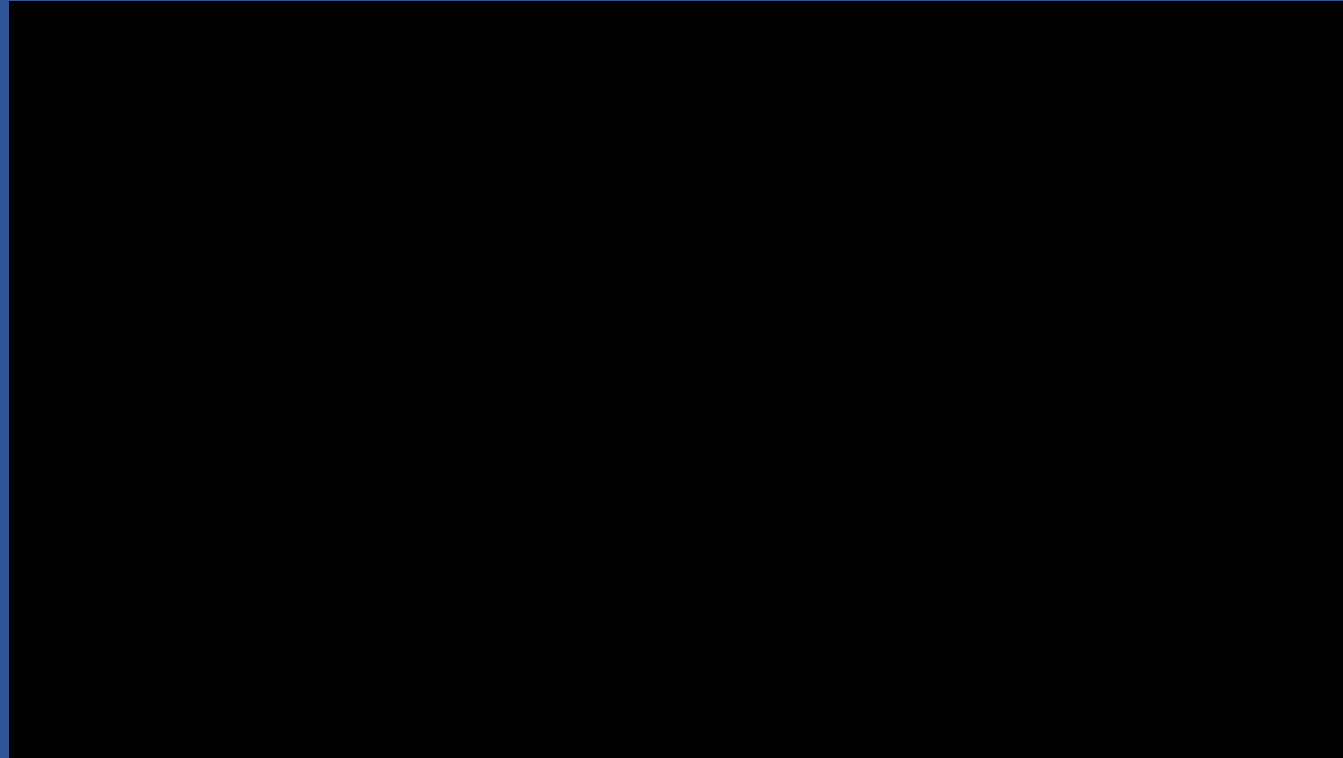
Date	Type of Call	Type of Force Used
April 3, 2019	Domestic Disturbance	Empty Hand
April 24, 2019	Domestic Disturbance	Empty Hand, Taser
May 2, 2019	Welfare Check	Leverage
May 8, 2019	Suicide w/weapon	Taser
June 12, 2019	Domestic Violence	Empty Hand
June 19, 2019	Subject Disturbance	Leverage
June 21, 2019	Suicide	Leverage
June 23, 2019	Suicide Threat	Empty Hand
July 20, 2019	Assault in progress	Empty hand, Knee

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CIT Officers responded to a call of a suicide threat. Officers met with the person, who was denying that he was suicidal. CIT Officers spend over an hour and a half speaking with him. Ultimately he agreed to go to seek mental health services. While on the way to the hospital, the person thanked the CIT unit. He said if they had left him there at home he likely would have completed suicide.

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CIT Officers were dispatched to a suicide in progress. Upon arrival the Officers contacted a female in crisis, who had a knife to her throat. CIT Officers along with patrol Officers were able to verbally de-escalate the situation and get her to drop the knife. The subject was placed under an Emergency Detention to get her the mental health assistance she needs.

FUNDING

- FY 2018 - \$330,000 (COELP)
- FY2019 - \$550,000 (COELP)
\$1.1 million (EHN*)
- FY2020 - \$1.2 million (EHN)
- FY2021 – EST \$3 million