

Lawrence Police Department Mental Health Squad

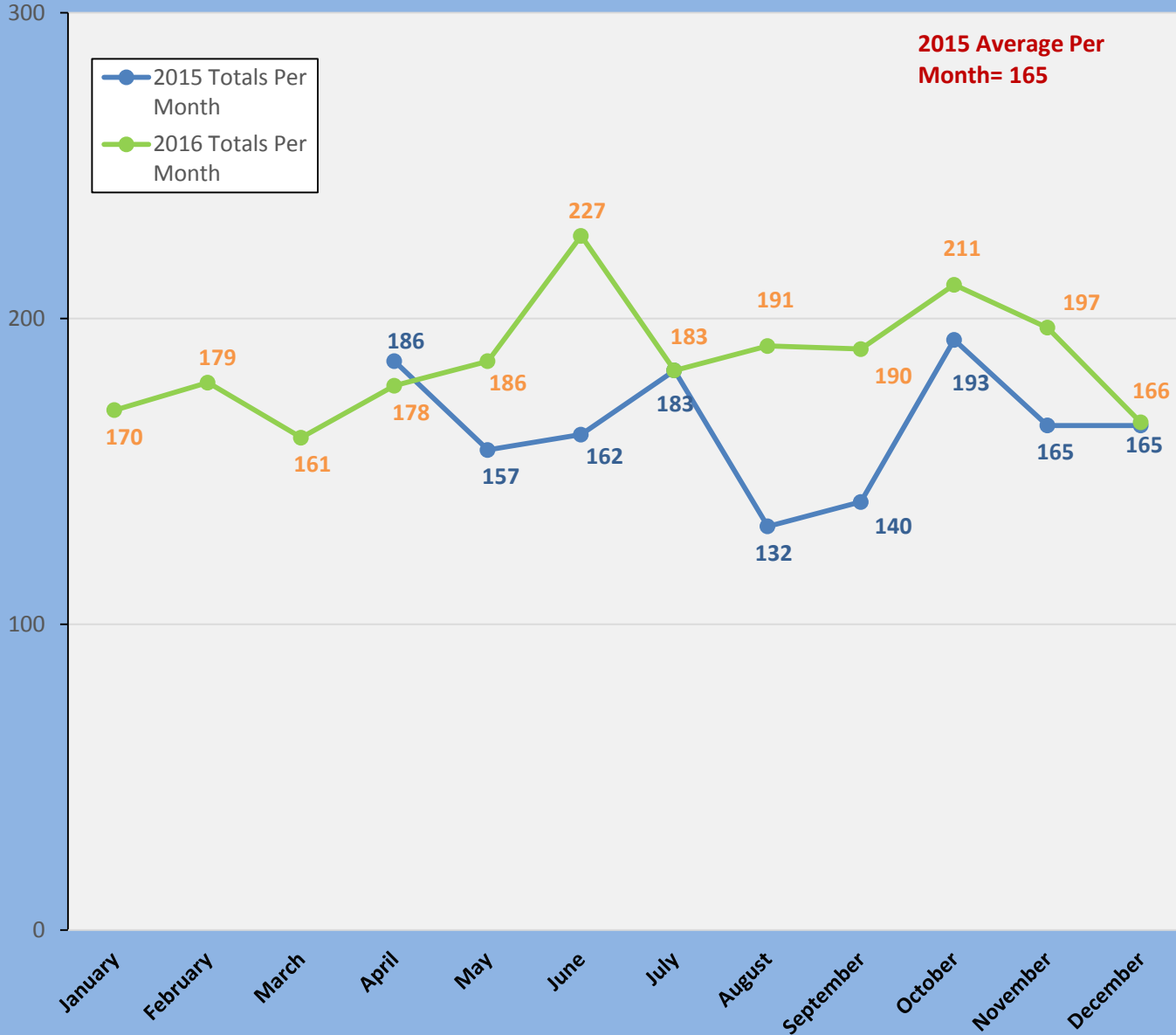


The Problem

- Mental Health Calls are increasing ('16 2239 vs. '15 1483) everywhere
- The complexity of calls are multi-faceted and sometimes very dangerous
- Data is incomplete (Nationwide problem)
- Lack of continuum of care for citizens



Mental Health Totals Per Month April 2015 through December 2016



How we have gotten where we are now

Research

- PMHC website
 - Police Mental Health Collaboration
 - Bureau of Justice Assistance website
- Numerous different models of units from around the country
- Physical visits to several different agencies in the area (KCMO, Topeka, Olathe, KCKS)

Input from stakeholders

- Bert Nash
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital
- Consumers
- CJCC
- CIT Council (consisting of 14 different local agencies and service providers)

Background of Squad

- Crisis Intervention Training
 - Shown to be successful in de-escalation and identifying mental health problems
 - Chief Khatib made a commitment to get entire Department trained by 2018
 - Training implemented at LPD in 2015, currently 116 staff trained with another 35-40 to be trained in late 2017
- Co-Responder Program
 - Civilian Bert Nash Employee paired with assigned LPD Officer
 - Designed as a secondary response to facilitate treatment for consumers
 - Variation of this program in several agencies in NE Kansas (Topeka, Olathe, etc)
 - Follow up case management also a part of Co-Responder

Benefits of CIT training and Team

- Provide for improved care for citizens of Lawrence
- Provide linkage to outside resources
- Reduce time spent by patrol officers on calls
- Reduce repeated calls for service based on mental health
- Improve safety for both officers and community

Four Initial Objectives

as outlined by City Auditor Michael Eglinski

- Clarify goals in efforts to improve responses to people with mental illness
 1. Reduce time spent by officers on MHC
 2. Reduce repeated calls for service from high volume consumers
 3. Improve safety for both community and officers
 4. Improve linkage to outside resources and services
- Develop and administer employee survey
 1. Current employee survey has been developed for in-house usage using PowerDMS program which tracks when survey done and if someone has not participated

- Develop a plan for collecting data related to mental health calls
 1. Nationwide issue
 2. Currently only calls that are tracked are Suicide Threats/Attempts and check welfare
 3. Additional coding circumstance that identifies mental health related calls has been implemented

- Develop both policy and Standard Operating Procedures for unit commitment and sustainability
 1. Policy is currently in development
 2. Memorandum of Understanding between Bert Nash and LPD is being developed
 3. SOP for unit also developing
 4. Combined with data this will help sustainability

Questions???