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Problem Nature

- Assaults
- Intoxicated individuals
- Stranded motorist
- Fire works/Shots fired/Car backfire
- Someone has a gun
- Check the welfare / person down
- The priority number only determines how long the call waits before being dispatched, not the importance of the crime.

Mitigating Calls For Service

- On-Line Reporting
 - Police Districts/Libraries/Link
 - Criminal Damage to Property
 - Illegal dumping
 - Harassing phone calls (no known suspect)
 - Lost property
 - Theft from auto (except stolen license plates)
 - Detached garage burglary
 - Information reports
 - Theft (except motor vehicle theft, license plates, trailers, firearms)

Tele-Serve

- An officer over the phone will take your report
 - Call that are delayed in reporting / No life safety concerns and suspect not on scene
 - Expanded hours
 - Reduce time an officer spends on a call

Mitigating Factors

- **Tactical Disengagement**

- There may be incidents involving a person who is not a threat to officers or others that a responding officer or supervisor believes can be handled more safely through the use of tactical disengagement.
- Officers would tactically disengage after attempting contact and de-escalation techniques and that further interaction with the individual may result in an increased risk to the person, the public, or officers.
- Officers ensure that the family members, friends, and the subject are provided information about resources and services available to them, as reasonably possible under the circumstances.
- Write a report which Community Outreach and Stabilization Unit (Coast) will follow up on.

Investigative Component

- Elements of a crime
 - Crimes can be broken down into elements, which the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt. Criminal elements are set forth in criminal statutes
- Victims are asked specific questions that meet the elements of that crime
- Example (Burglary)
 - Entry building or dwelling without permission
 - Intent to commit a crime
 - Do they have a weapon
 - Is anyone there other than the burglar or accomplice
 - What is the location being burglarized

Evidence

- Fingerprints
- DNA
- Recover anything left behind by the suspect
- Video
- CCTV
- Witnesses

On-going Work

- Reducing the number of calls officers are sent to:
 - **Person in Crisis (Life safety / Immediate threat to themselves or others)**
 - **Unsheltered**
 - Welfare Checks
 - Accidents (no injury or impairment)
 - Animal Complaints (Life Safety)
 - Fireworks (Surrounding states/agencies don't respond)

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Question?

