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- Deputy Chief of Operations for the St. Paul Police Department
Problem Nature

- Assaults
- Intoxicated individuals
- Stranded motorist
- Fireworks/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)
• 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
• 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)
Nancy Pass (ECC)
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Question?