



LAS CRUCES FIRE DEPARTMENT LIGHT PROGRAM

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ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE PROGRAMMING



LIGHT STRUCTURE

- ▶ Exists as a 911 dispatchable unit
 - ▶ LIGHT Team = Firefighter/paramedic and licensed social worker
 - ▶ Two teams on alternating schedules
 - ▶ In service Monday – Saturday, 8:00AM – 7:00PM
 - ▶ Internal case manager for follow-up, referral navigation, and closed-loop support
 - ▶ Respond within Las Cruces city limits and to Las Cruces Public Schools
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CALL TYPES AND INTENTIONS

- ▶ Behavioral Issue
 - ▶ Suicidal Ideation/Attempt
 - ▶ Overdose
 - ▶ CPR/Death
 - ▶ First Responder Request
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CALL AND PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- ▶ 49% of calls have a concurrent issue in addition to what the call was dispatched as
 - ▶ Responses have ranged from 6 years old to 95 years old; average age is 37
 - ▶ By gender, responses are nearly 50/50
 - ▶ 49% of calls occur within private residences
 - ▶ Average time on task is one hour and eleven minutes
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NOTABLE OUTCOMES

- ▶ Patients avoid the revolving door
 - ▶ 40% of the time patients remain in place
 - ▶ 80% of LIGHT transports are to definitive care
- ▶ LIGHT broke off law enforcement from 49% of calls, other fire crews from 79%
- ▶ 30% of LIGHT calls result in additional follow-up from case manager
- ▶ 7% of LIGHT calls include referrals being made while the team is on scene with a patient
- ▶ Since launch, 56% of LIGHT patients have not had another 911 call
 - ▶ 85% did not have another call within 30 days

SUPPORTS

- ▶ Trust from LCPD
 - ▶ Community Partnership
 - ▶ Continued Stakeholder Investment
 - ▶ Resourcing
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QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

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