

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Co-Response Program

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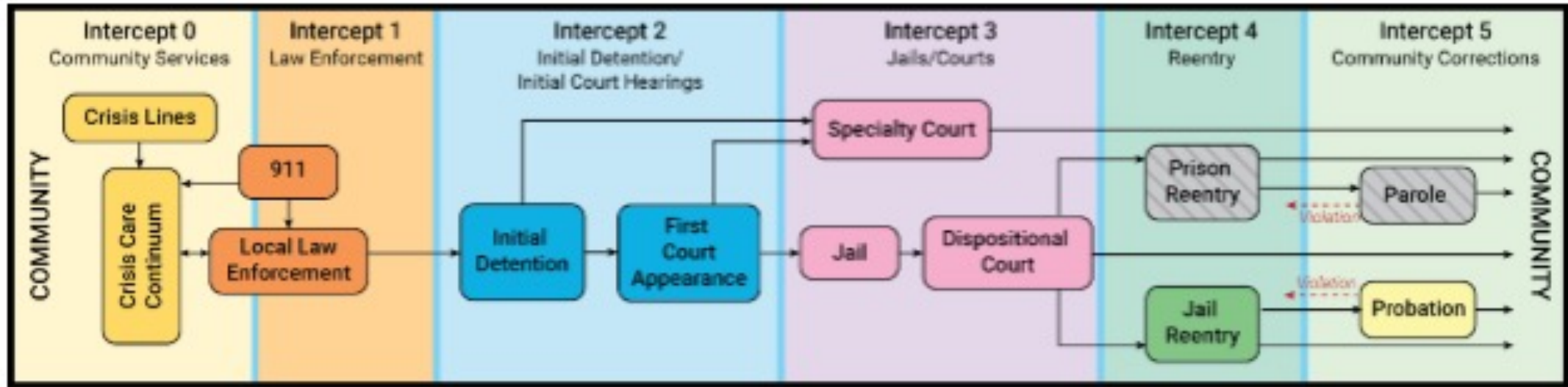
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In 2016 the SBC Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution for Santa Barbara County to become a Stepping Up County.

We then held a Sequential Intercept Map Symposium.



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Reducing the number of mentally ill in our jails

- Law Enforcements span of influence- Intercept 0 and Intercept 1

Preexisting challenges

SBSO averages 300-500 mental health crisis calls a month

Average time to resolve a MH call for patrol – 122 minutes (vs 20)

Santa Barbara is the only county in California where LE do not write 5150 holds

Preexisting challenges

16 LPS beds
Population
450,000

Mobile
practitioners are
not all licensed

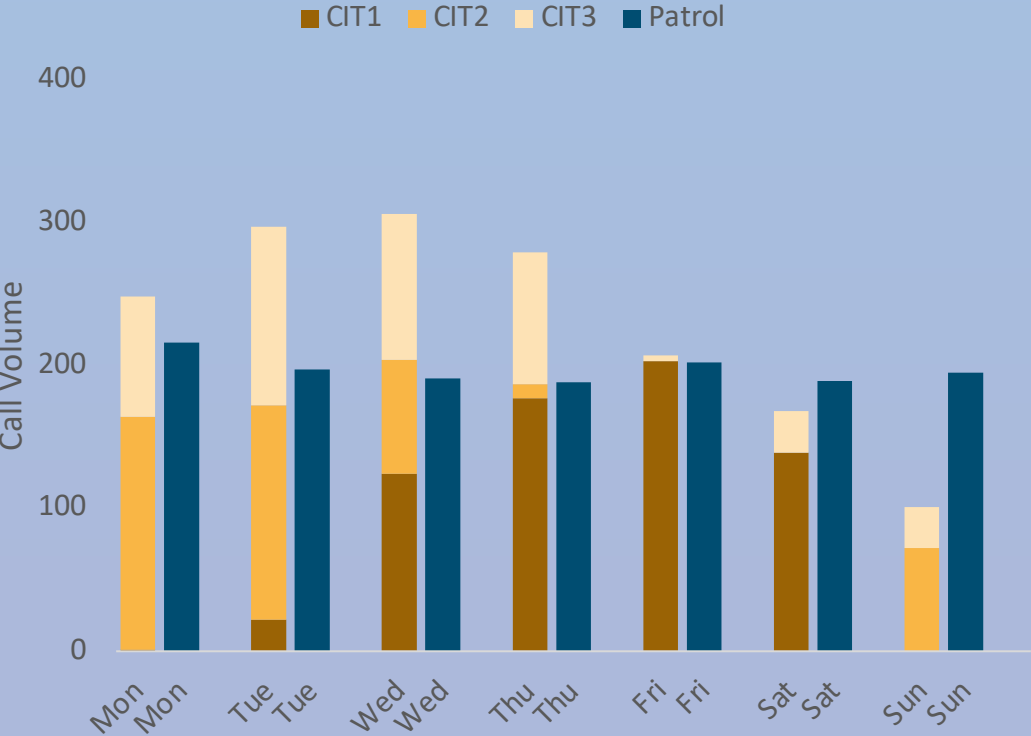
Wait times for
practitioners could
be 10 minutes- 3
hours



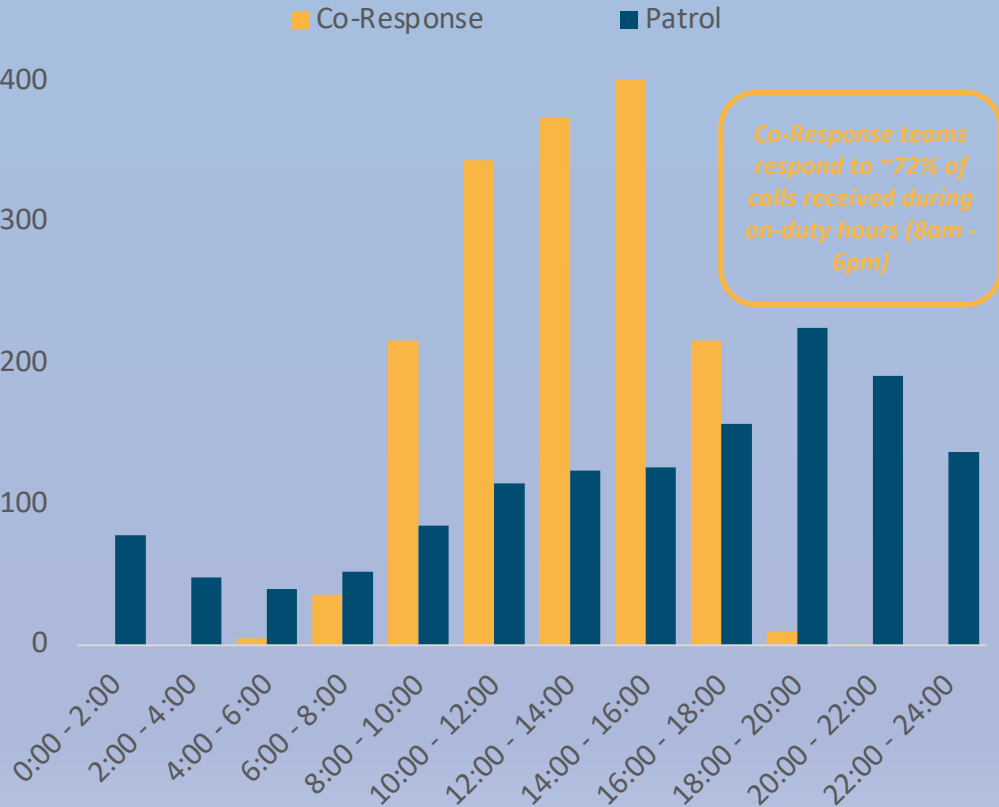
County Co-Response
(COR) pairs Crisis
Intervention Training
(CIT) trained deputies
from the Santa Barbara
Sheriffs Office with
licensed mental health
clinicians from
Behavioral Wellness.

2020 DISPATCH CALLS – BY DAY AND TIME

Mental Health Calls by Day of the Week



Mental Health Calls by Time of Day



YEAR 1 OUTCOME DATA REVIEW

1,606

Mental-health flagged 911 calls were responded to by a COR unit in 2020 (**Dispatch**)

496

496 individuals had a total of **716** COR interactions in 2020, as captured by clinician data² (**Vertical Change**)

411

411 of those individuals also had BWELL service history⁴ (**Behavioral Wellness**), and **133** of these individuals interacted with the jail⁵

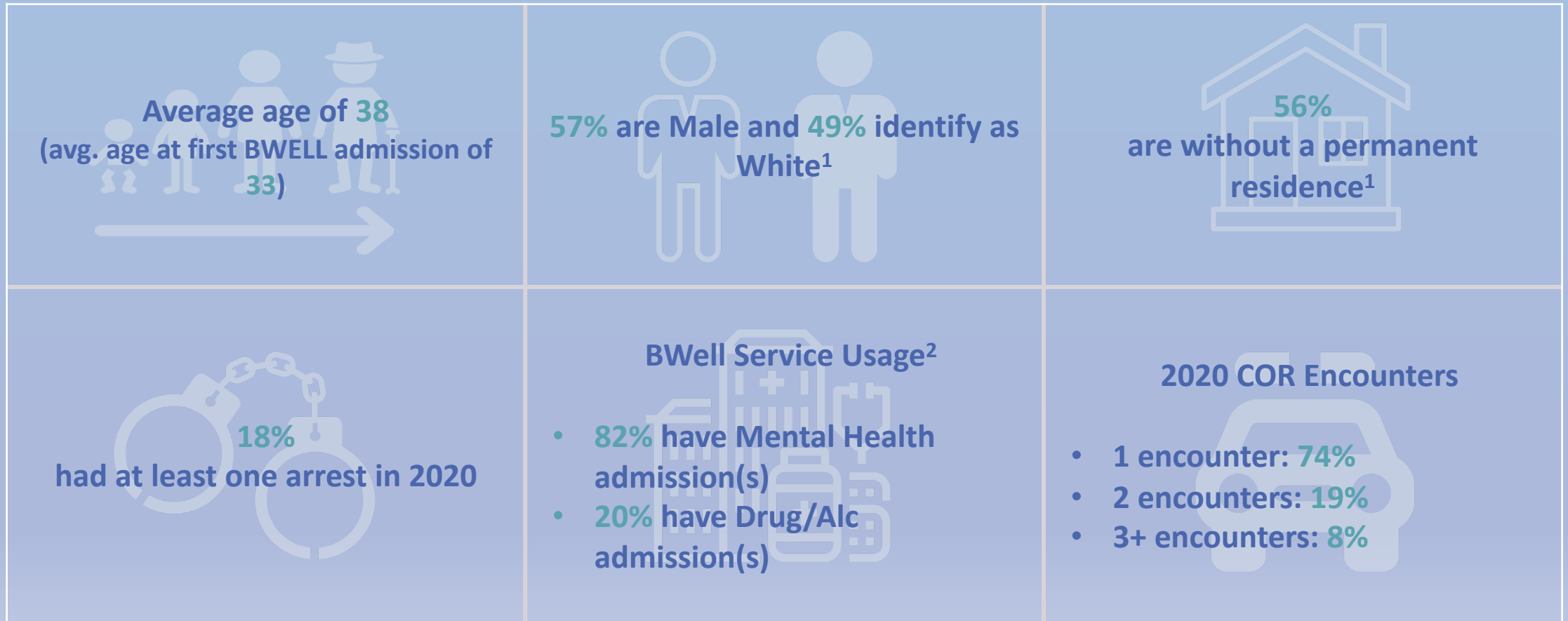
This set of individuals is our broader analysis "Cohort" (used when analyzing historical service interaction and demographic summaries)

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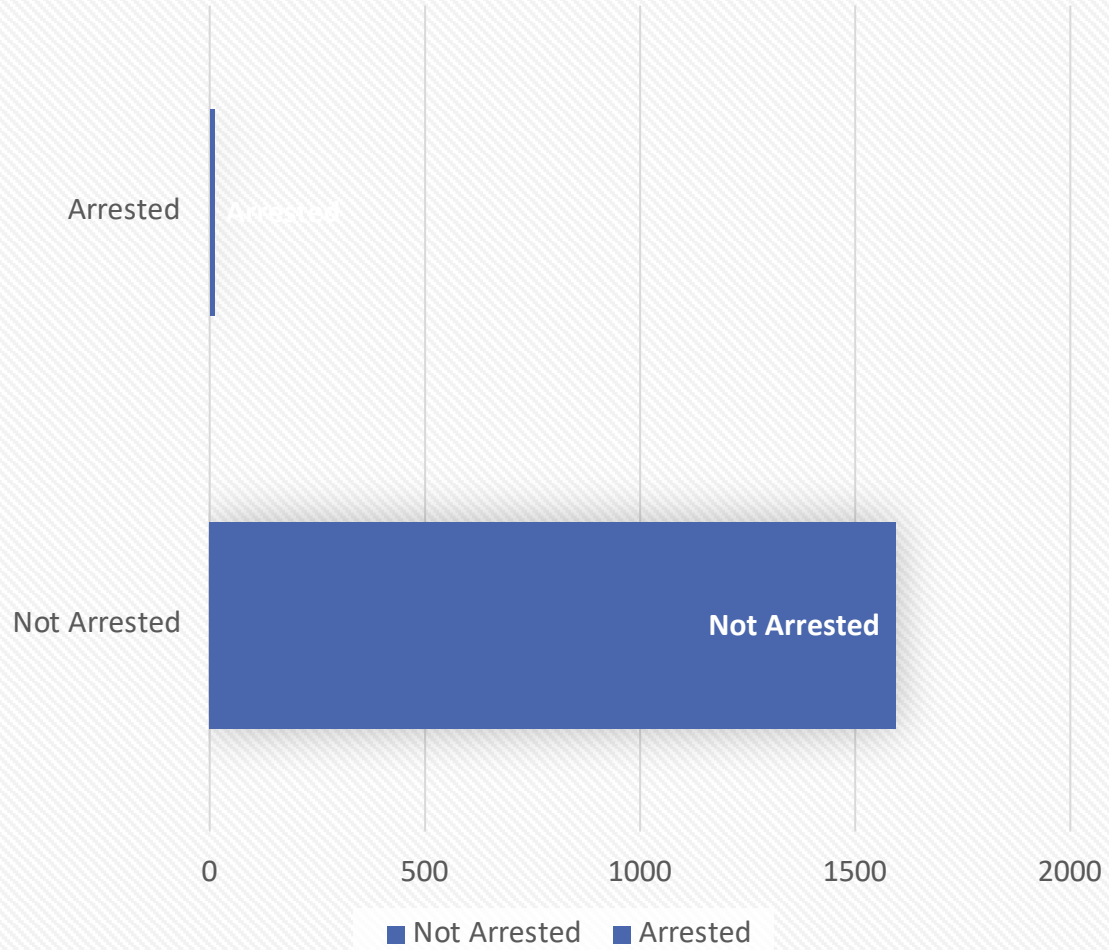
306 of those individuals also had 6 months of data available following their COR interaction

This set of individuals is our "pre/post Cohort" (used when analyzing system interactions 6 months prior to and following COR encounter)

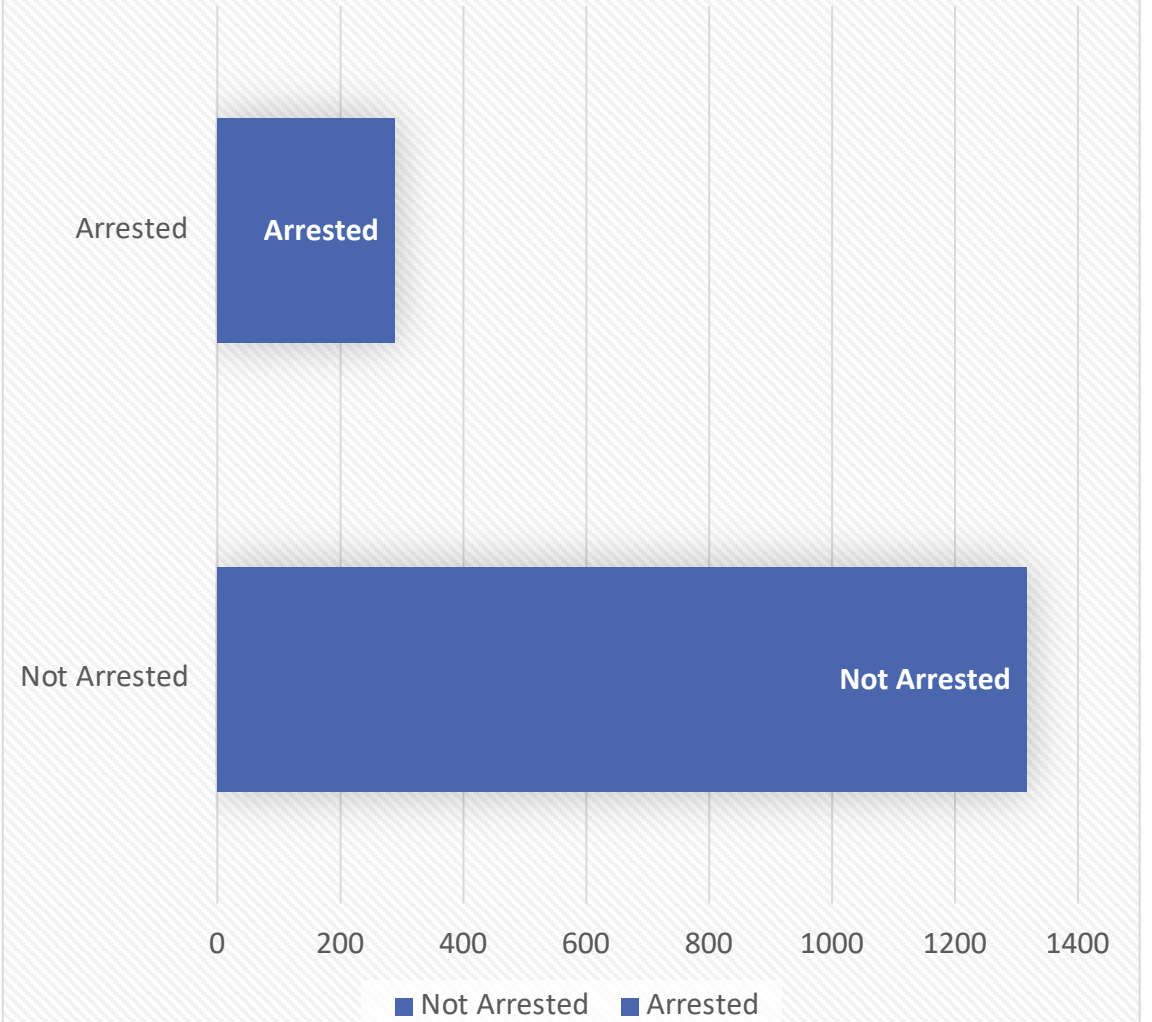
COHORT OVERVIEW



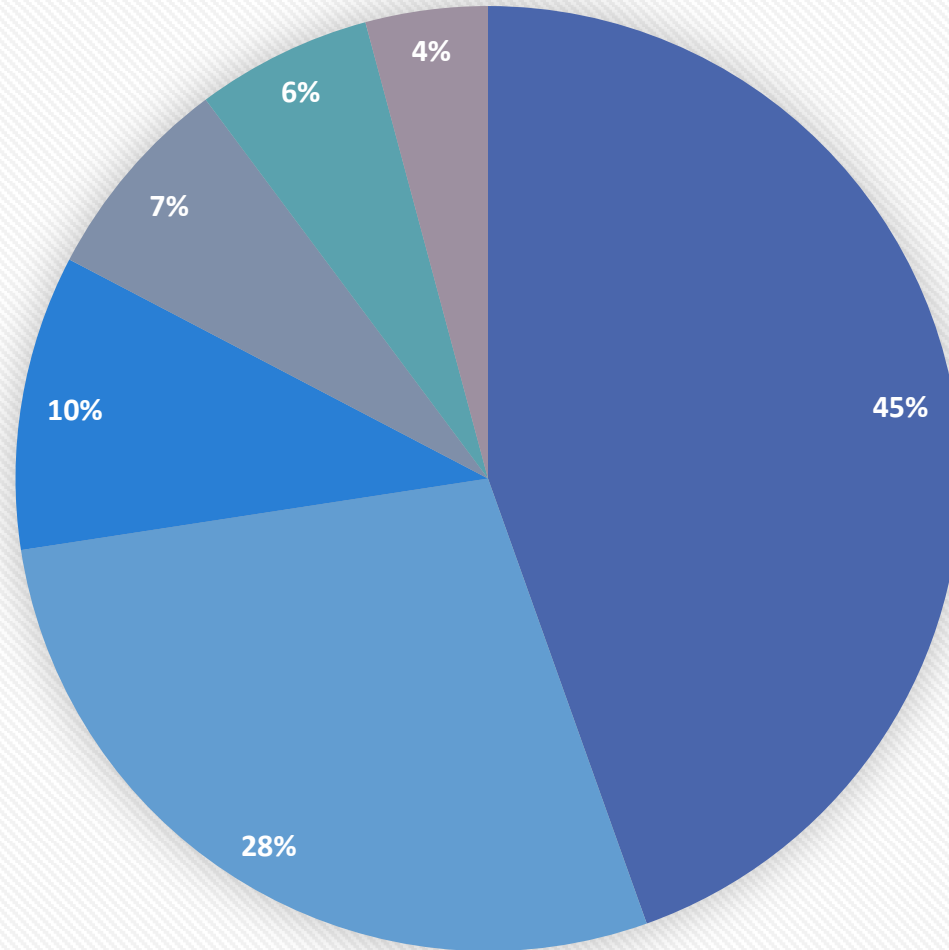
Co Response Related Arrests for Cohort



Patrol Related Arrests for Cohort



Service Utilization



■ Other Support Services

■ Mental Health Services

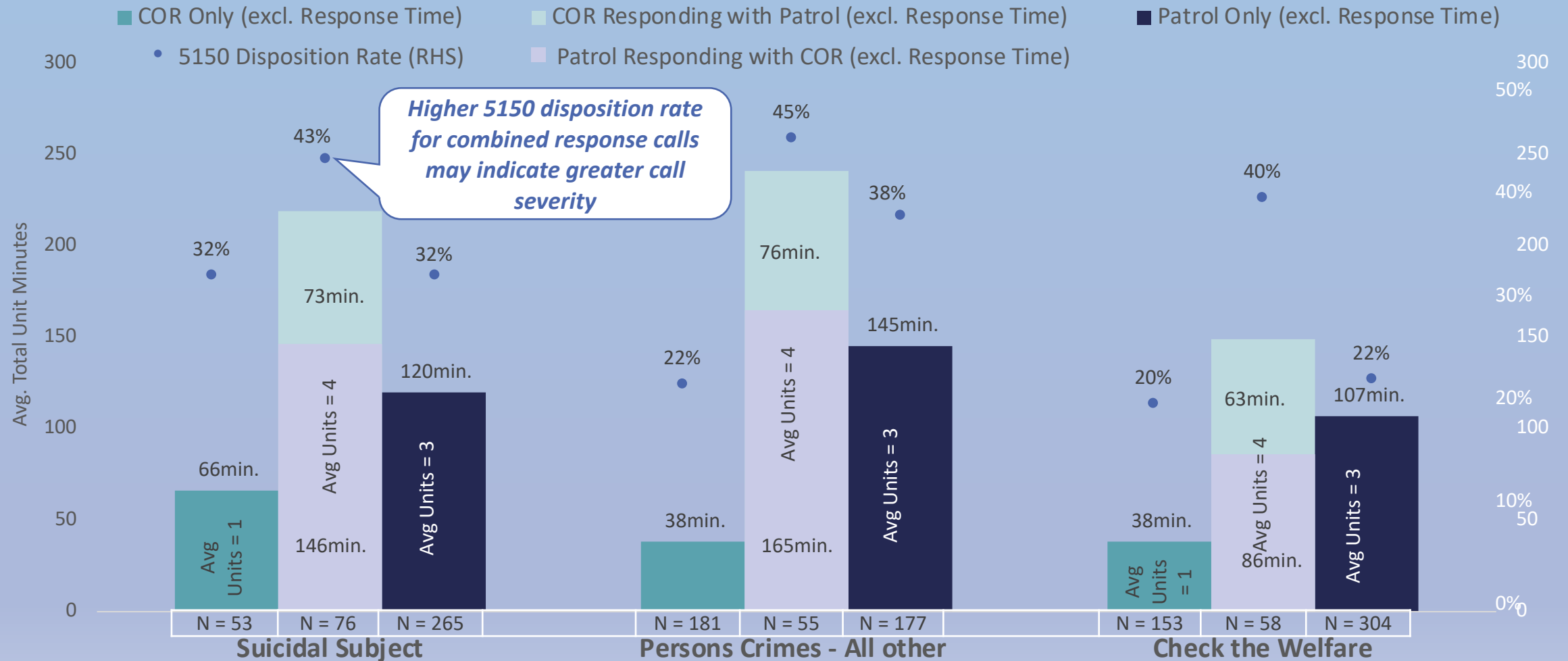
■ Transportation

■ Social Services

■ Substance Abuse

■ Housing Services

COR AND PATROL RESPONSE UNIT MINUTES



6 months post COR encounter for Cohort

Bookings reduced by
41%

Only 13% were arrested

24% more individuals
engaged in MH services

Most were non-crisis

We. Saved. Lives



Nikolas Story

“The events of this last week, although extremely trying, have reinforced our faith in God and in humanity. Indeed, there were so many miracles and events we believe were divinely orchestrated using individuals like your team to bring Nikolas to the point where he can find help, through that help find healing, and through healing find hope. If Nikolas had to go through the painful situation he did, he was in the right place and was saved in exactly the right manner.” – Nikolas’ Parents



2022 Preliminary Data

January – September 25th, 2022

Total SBSO MH Calls: 3913

COR Calls: 989 (25%)

Total Arrests: 43 (.043%)





Challenges

- Department Cultures
- Staffing
- Funding
- Anti Police Bias



This is a community program!



“Families who've experienced Co-Response are universally supportive...we must continue to fight for this program which is undeniably effective.” – Local NAMI President

In Summary

- The increase in MH calls and acuity necessitate an “all hands-on deck” approach
- LE is highly trained and knowledgeable about this population
- Our clinicians deserve to be safe while at work
- Our community deserves quick, appropriate, well-trained resources
- Together, we can!





Thank you!

Additional Benefits of Co-Response

Crisis Negotiation
call outs

CIT trainings & de
escalation training
for public and
private

Intel & threat
management

Gun Violence
Restraining Orders
(GVRO)

Evictions,
Probation

Regional Team –
Santa Barbara City,
Santa Maria City,
University Campus

**Santa Barbara Sheriffs Office
Behavioral Sciences Unit**

