

# RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 Mental Health #4

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED	X	PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	12/31/2019	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
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## SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

The Crisis Intervention Team should be more fully integrated into SPD operations.

Changes to Existing Policy(s): All general orders should be reviewed and, where appropriate, involvement by the Crisis Intervention Team should be included. Incorporating the Crisis Intervention Team into the Use of Force general order might provide a tool for de-escalating situations.

## SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

In recent years, the number of police-related calls for service involving persons with mental illness has increased. Integrating the Crisis Intervention Team into more operations of the SPD might help de-escalate situations.

## SPD RESPONSE

SPD does not have a "Crisis Intervention Team," but since 2019, SPD has assigned officers to the Mental Health Unit, which currently consists of two officers attached to the IMPACT team. During their shifts, they routinely respond to calls for service across the city, follow-up on referrals, and participate in ongoing department training.

In December 2020, the department published GO 580.06 (De-Escalation and Planned Response) with the following purpose ([link](#)):

*The purpose of this order is to provide guidelines for interacting with those individuals who may be experiencing emotion or mental health crises.*

As of October 2023, a revision of the department's use of force policy (GO 580.02) contains the following mental health references and considerations:

- Verbatim citation of Penal Code § 835a
- Definitions: CIT and de-escalation
- Consideration governing the use of force
- Training

## OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

## APPENDIX

N/A