



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030
VIA HYBRID / IN-PERSON**

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board, we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Meeting will be conducted in-person from the Council Chambers, Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena. Pursuant to AB 361 Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), the Advisory Body may conduct its meetings remotely and may be held via video conference.

The Public Safety Commission Meeting for **February 13, 2023** will be conducted hybrid via zoom teleconference and in-person.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Tricia Desmarais, Armando Munoz, Walter Cervantes, Bethesda Gee, Amin Alsarraf, Vice Chair Lisa Watson, Chair Ed Donnelly

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councilmember Jon Primuth

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

The City Council welcomes public input. If you would like to comment on an agenda item, members of the public may participate **by means of one of the following options:**

Option 1:

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Option 2:

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- 1) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on.
- 2) Submit by no later than 6:00pm February 12, 2023.

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1. Public Comment

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023**
Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023.
3. **Presentation on City-wide Emergency Operations Center Trainings and Drills**
Presentation on the City’s Emergency Operations Center and City-wide disaster preparedness trainings.

INFORMATION REPORTS

4. **Update on Homeless Point in Time Count and SGV CARE Program**
Discussion and update on the current homeless count and SGV CARE program.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. **City Council Liaison Communications**
6. **Staff Liaison Communications**
8. **Commissioner Communications**

ADJOURNMENT

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA, and the City's website at www.southpasadenaca.gov on February 8, 2023 as required by law.

February 8, 2023

Date



Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 9, 2023 / 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Cervantes, Gee, Alsarraf, Chair Donnelly

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Watson

Officials Present: Lieutenant Thomas Jacobs, Management Analyst Alison Wehrle,
Police Clerk Nelly Ochoa

Officials Absent: Police Chief Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief Paul Riddle, Mayor Pro Tem
Primuth

Vice Chair Watson joined the meeting at 8:37am.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. **Public Comment:** Written public comment was submitted by Susan Gutschow.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022**

Motion: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ALSARRAF, AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER CERVANTES, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the
Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Cervantes, Gee, Alsarraf, Vice Chair Watson,
Chair Donnelly

Noes: None

Abstain: None

3. **Public Safety Commission 2023 Work Plan Draft**

Lieutenant Thomas Jacobs answered questions as the Commissioners discussed the 2023 Work Plan timeline. Commissioner Cervantes expressed concerns regarding traffic safety. Commissioner Gee commented on outreach for mobilization of volunteers. Chair Donnelly addressed Commissioner Cervantes' traffic safety concerns, and Commissioner Alsarraf mentioned that the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission (MTIC)

oversees those matters. Management Analyst Alison Wehrle advised the Commissioners that they were able to make a motion and approve the 2023 Work Plan if they were ready. Management Analyst Wehrle confirmed that traffic engineering questions should be first addressed by MTIC, as they oversee traffic engineering and roadway design. Chair Donnelly suggested that the Commission review the 2023 Work Plan Draft and discussed the possibility of collaborating and coordinate a meeting with MTIC leading up to the next Public Safety Commission meeting.

Motion: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEE, AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ALSARRAF, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Public Safety Commission 2023 Work Plan Draft as presented.
Ayes: Commissioners Cervantes, Gee, Alsarraf, Vice Chair Watson, Chair Donnelly
Noes: None
Abstain: None

INFORMATION REPORTS

No items

COMMUNICATIONS

4. City Council Liaison Communications

No items

5. Staff Liaison Communications

Lieutenant Thomas Jacobs communicated that there were extra patrols conducted around the schools, since students have returned from holiday break. Lieutenant Jacobs also mentioned that the Coffee with the Chief event will be postponed, and a new date will be announced once available.

6. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Alsarraf requested an update on the status of the vacant Public Safety Commissioner seat. Commissioner Gee mentioned she will be meeting with the PTA council and will report back with an update. Chair Donnelly notified the Commission that a selected consultant for the Police Department assessment will be presented to City Council for approval on January 18, 2023.

Speakers: Yvonne LaRose

ADJOURNMENT

Date/Time: January 9, 2023 / 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Nelly Ochoa
Recording Secretary

Ed Donnelly
Chair



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: February 13, 2023

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Paul Riddle, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **Presentation on City-wide Emergency Operations Center
Trainings and Drills**

Presentation on the City's Emergency Operations Center and City-wide disaster preparedness trainings.



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 4

DATE: February 13, 2023

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Tamara Binns, Assistant to the City Manager
Leah Demarest, Senior Management Analyst Housing Division

SUBJECT: **Update on Homeless Point in Time Count and SGV CARE Program**

Discussion on the homeless point in time count and the end report for SGV Care Programs 2022.

Attachments:

A. SGV CARE Overview

ATTACHMENT A
SGV Care Overview 2022

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CRISIS ASSISTANCE RESPONSE & ENGAGEMENT SGV CARE



End of 2022 Report

August-December 2022

SGV CARE



CRISIS ASSISTANCE
RESPONSE &
ENGAGEMENT

Introduction

SGV CARE



CRISIS ASSISTANCE
RESPONSE &
ENGAGEMENT

In August 2022, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA) began a collaborative effort to launch San Gabriel Valley Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement Program (SGV CARE), the first multi-city regional effort to provide alternative mobile responses to 9-1-1 calls for people experiencing mental or behavioral health emergencies.

SGV CARE operates two crisis response teams:

The Cohort, operating within three cities- Arcadia, San Marino, and South Pasadena, and directly dispatched through each respective police department.

Montebello, working directly with Montebello Community Assistance program - MCAP.

Each team provides a 30-minute max response time to non-violent service calls with a focus on serving behavioral health and/or homelessness related issues.

Services include:

- Welfare checks;
- Basic immediate needs such as water, food, and clothing;
- Triage, screening, and assessment;
- Emotional support;
- Crisis intervention and de-escalation;
- Risk assessment;
- Risk of harm to self (e.g., eating disorders, non-compliance with taking meds);
- Suicide prevention and intervention;
- Psycho-social support;
- Peer support services; and
- Referral to local area resources including coordination with medical and behavioral health services and homeless services providers/resources, including housing assistance referrals.



Our SGV CARE Teams



Acknowledging that every community is different, each crisis response team is uniquely staffed to meet the needs of the unique individuals in the communities we serve.



Licensed and Licensed Eligible Clinicians

Licensed Clinical Social Workers hold a Masters Degree in Social Work and have completed 3,000 hours of clinically supervised hours of therapy, group counseling, and assessments

Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) designation allows for an LPS mental health clinician to initiate a 5150, or 72-hour hold to someone who is in serious need of mental health treatment can be transported to a designated psychiatric inpatient facility for evaluation and treatment for up to 72-hours. If the facility feels that further treatment is indicated, the person can be held involuntarily for additional lengths of time providing they meet the legal criteria and are unwilling or unable to remain voluntarily.



Peer Support Specialist - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Although we do not respond to emergency medical health calls, EMTs provide insight to external factors to mental health crises such as drug interactions, physical signs of distress, and provide differential provider impressions based on medical emergencies that present similar to mental health emergencies.



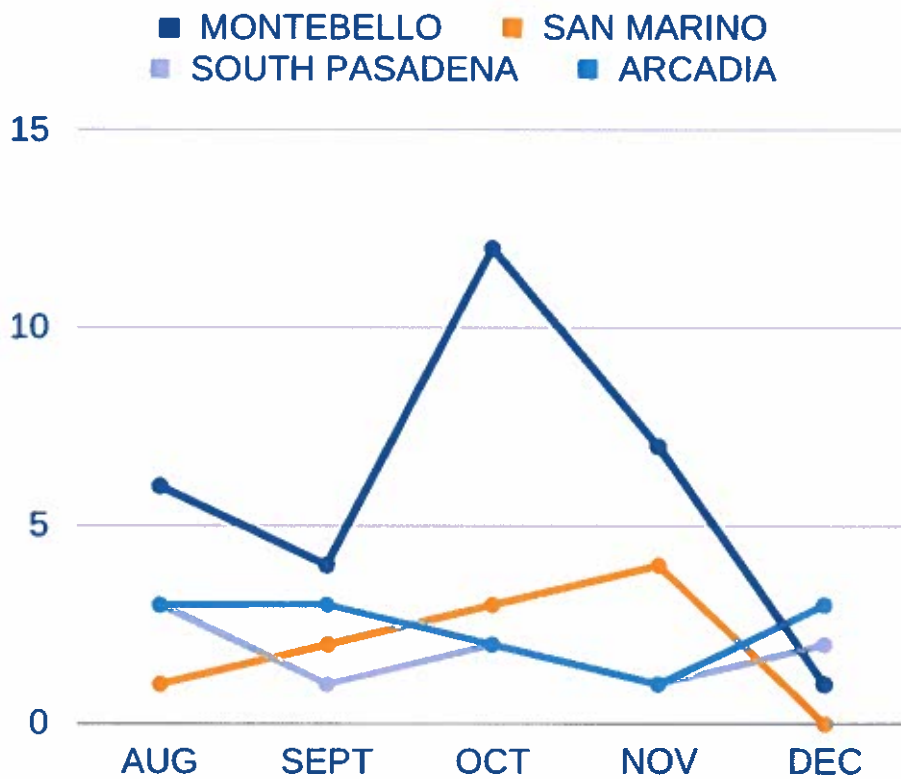
Peer Support Specialist - Substance Use Disorder Counselor

Substance Use Disorder Counselors have lived experience and are culturally and linguistically appropriate to serve the intended populations. The SUD counselor serves as an important resource for those individuals experiencing substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders.

In our first quarter, SGV CARE has responded to 61 unique individuals experiencing non-violent Mental Health or Behavioral Health Crises.



TOTAL CALLS BY CITY AUGUST-DECEMBER 2022



64%

UNHOUSED
INDIVIDUALS

61

TOTAL UNIQUE
INDIVIDUAL CRISIS
ENCOUNTERS

Defining Call Criteria

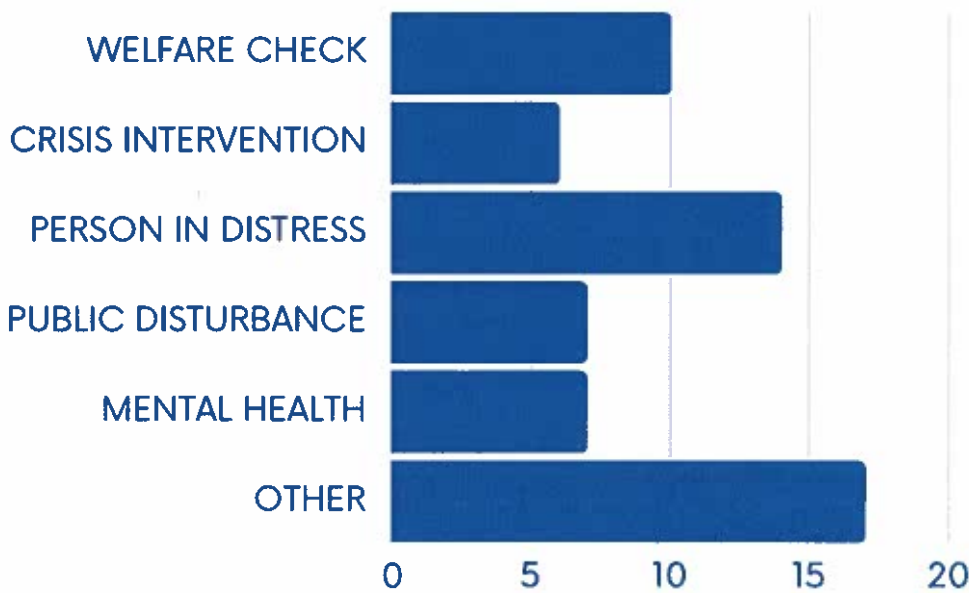
December was designated for a collaborative effort between Law Enforcement/dispatch, SGVCOG, Governments Performance Lab (GPL), and L.A. CADA to define the types of calls that could be triaged to the SGV CARE team. Over the course of 3 weeks, the group has developed inclusionary and exclusionary criteria for calls, including real life scenarios that relate to the unique population in each jurisdiction involved.

This effort not only provided a clearer vision for the best utilization of the CARE team, but also provided a sense of confidence and safety for the team as well as the greater community.

SGV CARE is designed to respond to non-violent, non-medical Mental Health and Behavioral Health Crises.



CALLS BY TYPE



2 HRS

AVERAGE
ENCOUNTER TIME

62%

REQUIRED
TRANSPORTATION

10min

AVERAGE RESPONSE
TIME

HOW CALLS ARE TRIAGED

- Dispatch alerts the police about a 911 call.
- Police determine if the call meets the criteria for a non-violent, weapon free, non-medical emergency call.
- Dispatch is instructed to call the SGV CARE team on their designated phone line.
- Dispatch provides pertinent information and location of the call.

ON SCENE

- CARE team immediately debriefs with Law Enforcement.
- CARE team provides:
 - Crisis intervention and de-escalation services.
 - Emotional support and counseling.
 - Assessments - Suicidality and Mental Status Exam.
 - Safety planning with referrals to local resources.

TRANSPORTATION

- Depending on call outcome, client may be transported:
 - SUD treatment
 - Hospital/Emergency Room
 - Non-Emergency Services
- Involuntary holds will be transported by law enforcement or ambulance.

12

CONNECTIONS TO
SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDER
TREATMENT

12

CONNECTION TO
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SERVICES

22

FOLLOW UPS
COMPLETED

21%

VOLUNTARY OR
INVOLUNTARY HOLDS

5

OTHER SOCIAL
SERVICES OR
HOUSING
NAVIGATION

Proactive Response to the Needs of the Community

For clients who need additional services, the crisis response team can use the van to transport clients directly to a licensed facility, other service provider, or family residence. Crisis response staff will provide a warm hand-off to needed community service providers in close proximity to the client's desired location. Direct communication with providers may include a conference call to arrange follow-up crisis support and an appointment for client follow up support (as needed). Each client is made aware and asked to sign informed consent to the follow-up arrangement.



SUCCESS STORIES



FOLLOW UP PROCESS

Crises do not end after a response call. Mental and Behavioral Health are chronic illnesses that require linkages to additional services and require ongoing support.

The CARE team follows up with each client on a needs scale:

- 72 hours if a safety plan is conducted.
- 1 week post crisis.
- 2 weeks post crisis.
- 30 days post crisis.

SUCCESS ONE:

Elderly female consistently called the city's fire department for complaints of warmth in the evenings. SGV CARE determined the subject did not meet criteria for a hospitalization, therefore Adult Protective Services was contacted.

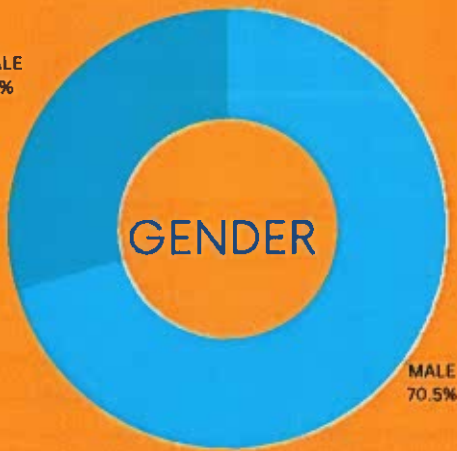
After initiating an APS report, family members began to assist the client with the proper resources along with the help of CARE. CARE provided the family with mental health resources and the doctors officially diagnosed her with early onset dementia. Throughout the process, APS and CARE supported the family with other resources such as In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), nursing facilities and mental health resources to assist the client. As of now, the patient is under the care of her daughter and continues to monitor her progress.

SUCCESS TWO:

Student presented homicidal ideations with a plan to hurt their classmates. According to the principal, the student expressed that they had been bullied by classmates. This became a triggering point for the student and expressed that they had a list of the students they wanted to hurt with their lunch fork.

During the hospitalization, CARE continued to provide support to the family. CARE followed up with the family and were advised that the patient is receiving therapy services once a week and complying with treatment. CARE was able to assist in minimizing school violence and encouraging the family to ensure youth receives mental health treatment.

FEMALE
29.5%

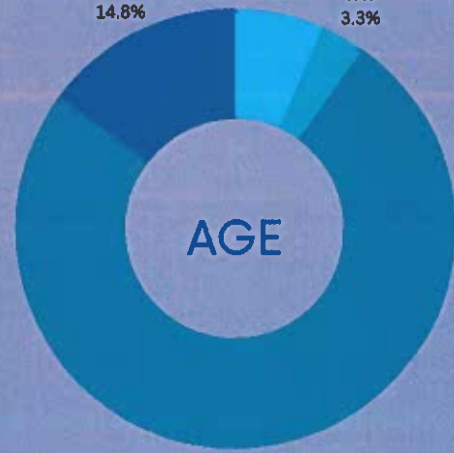


MALE
70.5%

ELDER
14.8%

YOUTH
6.6%

TAY
3.3%



AGE

ADULT
75.4%

PAC. ISLANDER/HAWAIIAN
0%

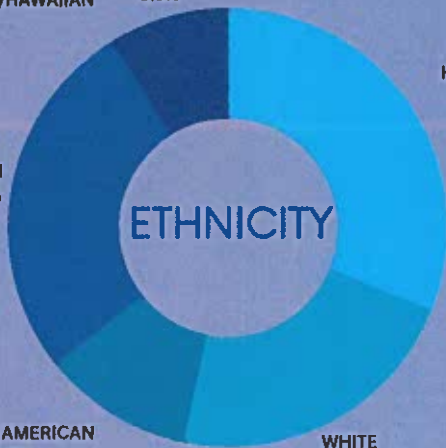
UNKNOWN
8.9%

ASIAN
26.7%

HISPANIC
31.1%

AFRICAN AMERICAN
11.1%

WHITE
22.2%



ETHNICITY

DEMOGRAPHICS

GOALS:

- Expand and scale community-based, holistic care and services through sustainable and equitable community capacity building and service coordination.
- Utilize behavioral health responses for individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders, homelessness, unemployment, and other situations caused by unmet needs; avoid and minimize law enforcement responses.
- Provide effective treatment services in alternative placements, instead of incarceration or criminalization.
- Authentically engage and assist individuals and families impacted by lack of resources or lack of knowledge of available resources.

SGV CARE



CRISIS ASSISTANCE
RESPONSE &
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Safety and Sensitivity



Unique situations experienced out in the field can lead to unpredictable events and outcomes. Delivering services to individuals experiencing mental health, homelessness, and substance use disorders requires skills in safety, de-escalation, and cultural sensitivity specific to trauma.

Over the past few months, the CARE team has partnered with our law enforcement partners, experienced Licensed Clinicians, and Crisis Intervention Specialists to best equip our team to provide services to our neighbors while practicing personal and environmental safety.

TRAINING	PURPOSE	AGENCY
TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH TO CRISIS	Appropriate ways to approach an individual experiencing a crisis.	L.A. CADA Licensed Clinical Social Workers - Caryl Lark and Tom Pickel
NON VIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION & DE-ESCALATION	How to respond safely and appropriately when an individual is experiencing a crisis	Crisis Prevention Institute
SCENE SAFETY	Identifying critical environmental and behavioral factors when approaching or on scene.	Arcadia Police Department - Officer Drew Pruhs

CONCLUSION

SGV CARE has responded to 61 unique individuals experiencing non-violent mental health, behavioral health or substance use related crises.

SGV CARE has provided services that assist individuals and families in dealing with mental health, behavioral health, and substance use related crises, with the goal of providing appropriate mental health care and treatment instead of incarceration and criminalization.

These kinds of interventions help prevent clients from cycling through the criminal justice and hospital systems, which are often unable to completely address their ongoing needs and can even exacerbate their underlying issues.

SGV CARE has been successful in the response to these calls, by providing needed resources catered to individual challenges.

Thank you to your partner cities: Arcadia, Montebello, San Marino and South Pasadena.



ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

From: [Chris Bray](#)
To: [Paul Riddle](#); [Public Safety Commission](#)
Subject: mobile stroke unit
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 10:18:43 AM

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All,

I spent last week walking laps around St. Joseph's Hospital, in Phoenix, and noticed the presence of a mobile stroke unit outside the ER:



It's staffed by the hospital, but integrated with, and dispatched by, the Phoenix Fire Department. The mobile stroke unit has a CT scanner and a CT technician, an RN, and a video link to an on-duty neurologist. They can determine, in the field, what kind of stroke a patient is having, and they can immediately administer a range of drugs that paramedics can't, providing

immediate treatment wherever a patient is having a stroke. UCLA also runs a mobile stroke unit:

<https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/neurology/mobile-stroke/how-it-works>

Has there been any discussion about the possibility of adapting this model here, in partnership between the Verdugo Fire cities and Huntington Hospital? It seems like there's a potential for a significant local improvement in emergency care, if the hospital would be interested.

Chris Bray