# Pediatric Advanced Life Support Training



# SFFD EMS and Community Paramedicine

FIRE COMMISSION REPORT MARCH 2024

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#### **OPERATIONS**

|            | e-month Data |           | T      |        |                  |
|------------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Month      | Daily Runs   | Time on   | SFFD   | Narcan | Cardiac Arrests: |
|            | (average)    | Task      | Market | Use    | 1. Total         |
|            |              | (average) | Share  |        | 2. Resus         |
|            |              |           |        |        | Attempted        |
|            |              |           |        |        | 3. Witnessed     |
|            |              |           |        |        | 4. VF            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 5. CPR/AED       |
|            |              |           |        |        | 6. ROSC at ED    |
|            |              |           |        |        | 7. % survival    |
| January 24 | 367          | 98        | 75     | 253    | 1. 147           |
|            |              |           |        |        | 2. 48            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 3. 25            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 4. 13            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 5. 13            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 6. 11            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 7. 26%           |
| February   | 366          | 95        | 75     | 226    | 1. 124           |
|            |              |           |        |        | 2. 41            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 3. 17            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 4.5              |
|            |              |           |        |        | 5. 11            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 6. 10            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 8. 30%           |
| March      | 371          | 94        | 74     | 268    | 1. 154           |
|            |              |           |        |        | 2. 50            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 3. 40            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 4. 11            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 5. 12            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 6. 15            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 7. 24%           |
| Average    | 368          | 96        | 75     | 249    | 1. 142           |
| (previous) | (367)        | (96)      | (75)   | (248)  | 2. 46            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 3. 27            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 4. 10            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 5. 12            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 6. 11            |
|            |              |           |        |        | 7. 27%           |

As part of its effort to bring greater understanding to how the EMS mission continues to grow each year, the EMS Division will begin including data about what drives call volume. Data related to the use of Narcan underscores how the ongoing opioid crisis is one of the leading drivers and how important it would be for policy makers to include representatives from EMS in discussions about mitigating this crisis. Moving forward, this table will include the top ten locations for frequent use of EMS services from the previous three months.

This will help illustrate how the SFFD EMS Division is a critical safety net for the City and County of San Francisco.

| Top 10 Addresses for 911 Use 3 Months |                    |                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Address                               | Туре               | Number of Responses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 555 Beale Street                      | Navigation Center  | 125                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 301 Eddy Street                       | SFPD               | 106                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 525 5 <sup>th</sup> Street            | Shelter            | 98                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 302 Silver Ave                        | Skilled Nursing    | 97                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1925 Evans Ave                        | Navigation Center  | 89                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 125 Bayshore Blvd                     | Navigation Center  | 84                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 224 South Van Ness Ave                | Navigation Center  | 82                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1001 Potrero Ave                      | ZSFGH Clinics      | 77                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 833 Bryant Street                     | Hall of Justice    | 75                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 220 Golden Gate Ave                   | Supportive Housing | 73                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## **NOTABLE ACTIVITIES**

- On March 26, seven members of the EMS Division conducted community outreach to seniors living in two different low-income elderly housing complexes. This group facilitated the placement of Lifeline material for 50 individuals and discussed how to best access EMS through use of the 911 system. Outreach was conducted in multiple languages and led by the following members: Nicholas Koo, Hoikit Cheung, Bandon Cairo, Melia Oldman, Sarah Lococo, Elaine Thompson, and Artur Gazaryan.
- 2. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, members of the EMS Division under the leadership of Section Chief Kevin Chocker provided coverage during the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Thousands of people, including members of the SFFD, marched under clear skies while the EMS Division kept watch.
- 3. Throughout the month of March, the EMS Division began its roll-out of power gurneys. Until March, the EMS Division has used the same manual gurneys for nearly four decades. The switch is one of the largest improvements to EMS equipment to date and is aimed at reducing the number of gurney related injuries. The EMS Division chose the Ferno INX gurney for this purpose.
- 4. EMS Training staff completed 3 months of PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) recertification training, for a total of 429 renewals. This is a biennial requirement for all paramedics. Great job by Lead Instructor Art Julaton!

#### **NOTABLE RESPONSES**

- On March 16<sup>th</sup>, multiple units responded to an auto-pedestrian accident with multiple victims. Members of the Department were confronted with four critical patients, including two pediatric victims. Under the leadership of Captain Covitz, members of the EMS Division performed in an outstanding manner. Two victims were beyond the help of our crews and were declared dead on scene. Two more were provided immediate care and transported to SFGH where they ultimately succumbed to their injuries. A fifth non-critical patient was transported as well. This response highlights both the incredible work and the trauma endured by members of the EMS Division.
- 2. Providers: Ryan Pasquinelli and Tom Delodovici. Engine 36. EMS Details: Witnessed cardiac arrest with a patient who had an Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (AICD), similar to a pacemaker. Very complex code with treatments and interventions, with multiple defibs by patients own defibrillator, in and out of a paced rhythm, and 3 shocks by EMS. Hospital Follow-up: Patient was in ED two hours later GCS 15 speaking with EMS crews.

3. Providers: Jason Reeves, Timothy Higgins, Cyra Dragon. EMS Details: Witnessed pediatric choking at a Daycare with Bystander CPR. On EMS arrival, patient was in PEA (Pulseless Electrical Activity). After IGel placement and CPR, patient regained pulses with transport to Mission Bay. Hospital Follow-up: Currently in PICU

## **PHOTOS**

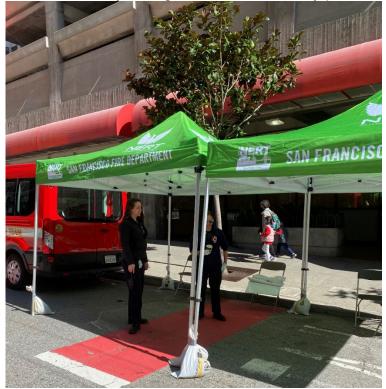


Members of the EMS Division conducting outreach.

Paramedic Koo placing a Lifeline notification on a resident's door.



Medical standby during the St. Patrick's Day parade.



Training with the Ferno INX power gurney.

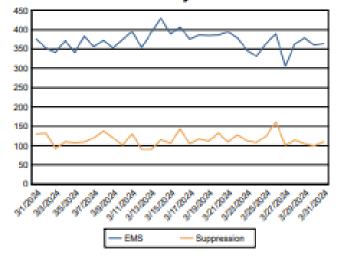


# SFFD ACTIVITY SUMMARY – March 2024

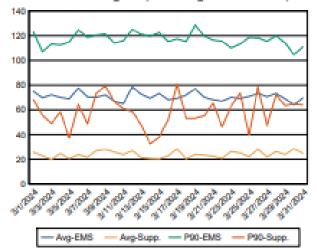
#### SFFD Activity Summary From 03/01/2024 To 03/31/2024

| Call Date  | EMS Calls Sup | pression<br>Calls | Total<br>Calls | EMS Call<br>Avg. (Min) | Transport<br>Avg. (Min) | Suppression<br>Avg. (Min) | EMS S<br>P90 (Min) | Suppression<br>P90 (Min) |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 03/01/2024 | 376           | 130               | 506            | 74.87                  | 95.25                   | 25.62                     | 123.11             | 68.22                    |
| 03/02/2024 | 352           | 132               | 484            | 69.72                  | 89.21                   | 22.74                     | 106.94             | 55.60                    |
| 03/03/2024 | 341           | 92                | 433            | 72.09                  | 89.87                   | 19.92                     | 113.25             | 48.94                    |
| 03/04/2024 | 372           | 110               | 482            | 70.01                  | 90.94                   | 24.49                     | 112.54             | 58.09                    |
| 03/05/2024 | 341           | 107               | 448            | 68.87                  | 91.11                   | 20.44                     | 114.87             | 37.10                    |
| 03/06/2024 | 383           | 109               | 492            | 77.59                  | 101.13                  | 23.73                     | 124.86             | 64.61                    |
| 03/07/2024 | 356           | 120               | 476            | 70.35                  | 94.61                   | 21.55                     | 118.61             | 48.52                    |
| 03/08/2024 | 373           | 138               | 511            | 70.17                  | 96.56                   | 26.76                     | 120.53             | 73.23                    |
| 03/09/2024 | 352           | 120               | 472            | 72.04                  | 94.93                   | 27.91                     | 121.31             | 79.28                    |
| 03/10/2024 | 375           | 101               | 476            | 66.91                  | 92.28                   | 25.72                     | 114.00             | 66.57                    |
| 03/11/2024 | 395           | 130               | 525            | 64.84                  | 91.96                   | 23.69                     | 115.92             | 61.03                    |
| 03/12/2024 | 354           | 90                | 444            | 78.33                  | 97.82                   | 26.85                     | 124.98             | 58.43                    |
| 03/13/2024 | 393           | 90                | 483            | 72.54                  | 97.88                   | 21.34                     | 121.16             | 47.64                    |
| 03/14/2024 | 430           | 115               | 545            | 69.35                  | 97.19                   | 20.57                     | 119.57             | 32.24                    |
| 03/15/2024 | 389           | 106               | 495            | 73.21                  | 100.87                  | 20.37                     | 122.57             | 37.72                    |
| 03/16/2024 | 407           | 143               | 550            | 68.18                  | 91.13                   | 22.69                     | 115.27             | 52.05                    |
| 03/17/2024 | 376           | 105               | 481            | 69.33                  | 96.19                   | 28.27                     | 117.44             | 80.69                    |
| 03/18/2024 | 386           | 117               | 503            | 71.92                  | 93.95                   | 20.19                     | 115.09             | 53.05                    |
| 03/19/2024 | 385           | 111               | 496            | 77.02                  | 100.10                  | 23.97                     | 128.83             | 53.00                    |
| 03/20/2024 | 386           | 133               | 519            | 70.11                  | 95.60                   | 23.17                     | 119.89             | 55.03                    |
| 03/21/2024 | 394           | 109               | 503            | 68.16                  | 97.84                   | 22.41                     | 116.47             | 65.15                    |
| 03/22/2024 | 379           | 128               | 507            | 66.94                  | 91.18                   | 20.73                     | 115.56             | 46.22                    |
| 03/23/2024 | 346           | 112               | 458            | 70.11                  | 89.62                   | 26.26                     | 110.02             | 62.72                    |
| 03/24/2024 | 331           | 108               | 439            | 69.20                  | 91.50                   | 25.01                     | 113.23             | 73.40                    |
| 03/25/2024 | 365           | 125               | 490            | 70.73                  | 95.90                   | 22.04                     | 118.64             | 39.55                    |
| 03/26/2024 | 389           | 161               | 550            | 73.25                  | 99.08                   | 28.21                     | 118.30             | 78.20                    |
| 03/27/2024 | 306           | 101               | 407            | 70.58                  | 91.79                   | 21.62                     | 115.36             | 46.93                    |
| 03/28/2024 | 363           | 114               | 477            | 73.29                  | 96.35                   | 26.15                     | 120.16             | 72.26                    |
| 03/29/2024 | 379           | 105               | 484            | 68.90                  | 92.60                   | 23.73                     | 114.08             | 63.44                    |
| 03/30/2024 | 360           | 99                | 459            | 63.83                  | 87.09                   | 28.41                     | 104.56             | 64.65                    |
| 03/31/2024 | 364           | 110               | 474            | 69.74                  | 87.44                   | 24.61                     | 111.18             | 63.82                    |

Calls By Date



# Call Length (Average and P90)

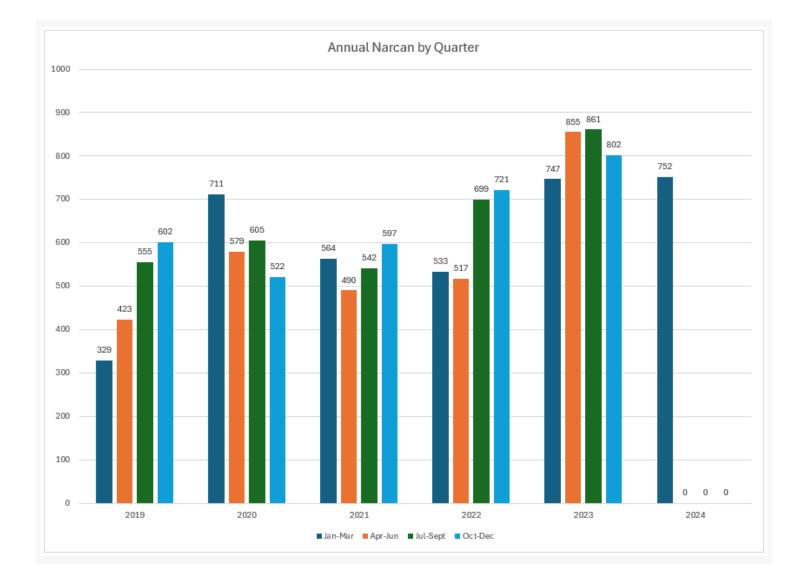


# San Francisco Fire Department Incident Distribution - Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (Last 6 Months)

|                   |         | No    | <b>)</b> | Ye    | s   | Total |
|-------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----|-------|
| EMS6              | 2023/10 | 102   | 52%      | 93    | 48% | 195   |
|                   | 2023/11 | 33    | 46%      | 39    | 54% | 72    |
|                   | 2023/12 | 23    | 41%      | 33    | 59% | 56    |
|                   | 2024/01 | 16    | 28%      | 42    | 72% | 58    |
|                   | 2024/02 | 19    | 41%      | 27    | 59% | 46    |
|                   | 2024/03 | 23    | 47%      | 26    | 53% | 49    |
|                   | 2024/04 | 3     | 75%      | 1     | 25% | 4     |
| Fire Incidents    | 2023/10 |       |          | 80    |     | 80    |
|                   | 2023/11 |       |          | 69    |     | 69    |
|                   | 2023/12 |       |          | 86    |     | 86    |
|                   | 2024/01 |       |          | 62    |     | 62    |
|                   | 2024/02 |       |          | 40    |     | 40    |
|                   | 2024/03 |       |          | 49    |     | 49    |
| Medical Incidents | 2023/10 | 5,625 | 77%      | 1,662 | 23% | 7,287 |
|                   | 2023/11 | 5,079 | 78%      | 1,434 | 22% | 6,513 |
|                   | 2023/12 | 5,677 | 77%      | 1,649 | 23% | 7,326 |
|                   | 2024/01 | 5,693 | 76%      | 1,769 | 24% | 7,462 |
|                   | 2024/02 | 5,209 | 76%      | 1,637 | 24% | 6,846 |
|                   | 2024/03 | 5,393 | 75%      | 1,759 | 25% | 7,152 |
|                   | 2024/04 | 371   | 78%      | 103   | 22% | 474   |

# NARCAN ADMINISTRATION

|      | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sept | Oct-Dec |      | Annual Total |
|------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|--------------|
| 2019 | 329     | 423     | 555      | 602     | 2019 | 1909         |
| 2020 | 711     | 579     | 605      | 522     | 2020 | 2417         |
| 2021 | 564     | 490     | 542      | 597     | 2021 | 2193         |
| 2022 | 533     | 517     | 699      | 721     | 2022 | 2470         |
| 2023 | 747     | 855     | 861      | 800     | 2023 | 3263         |
| 2024 | 752     | 0       | 0        | 0       | 2024 | 752          |



# COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE DIVISION Assistant Deputy Chief Simon Pang March 2024

#### **Program Overview and Timeline**

| Program                          | Service Population  | Launch Date       | Full Implementation  |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| EMS-6                            | Frequent 911 users  | January 31, 2016  |  |
| Street Crisis<br>Response Team   | Community members<br>in behavioral crisis &<br>requiring well-being<br>checks | November 30, 2020 | 7 <sup>th</sup> team added May<br>28, 2022 (EMD on<br>June 22, 2022)<br>SWRT reconfigured<br>March 4, 2023 |
| Street Overdose<br>Response Team | Overdose response   | August 2, 2021    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> team added June<br>27, 2022  |

## **Community Paramedicine Division Highlights**

#### • SFPD Station Visits

Chief Sloan hosts a monthly policy meeting with the Mayor's Office and SFPD. When SCRT launched in November 2020 station visits were conducted at Tenderloin and Southern Station to provide information about the program. SFPD's Department Notice (DN) was updated for SCRT in December 2023. The Mayor's Office requested that line up visits be done again to communicate the changes made to the program. Chief Sloan attended a monthly SFPD meeting in December to meet the SFPD Station Captains and arrange station visits. Starting 1/24/24, every Wednesday, Chief Sloan and CP5 attended line ups at 0600, 1500 and 2100 hours. All 9 stations were visited in person. Line up visits were completed on 3/20/24. The officers were given an update on the team configuration, 2023 call volume and number of times SCRT requested PD assistance. The station visits were conducted jointly with SFPD's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Chief Sloan and the Community Paramedic Captains work closely with CIT supporting operations when responding to high utilizers with a behavioral health crisis that present a danger to first responders.

#### • Streets to Home Program

Tenderloin Joint Field Operations Incident Commanders (TL JFO IC) have started utilizing the Street To Home Program, run by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH). This program streamlines the housing process by allowing individuals to obtain the necessary documentation after placement. In coordination with the HSOC/HSH liaison, the TL JFO ICs have assisted 3 individuals into permanent supportive housing.

#### • SFPD CIT Award

On 3/25/24 A/Captain Brandon Chatham, along with Officer Charles August and Crisis Specialists John Wright and Roberto Lopez, were recognized by SFPD for responding to a patient in behavioral health crisis. A/Captain Chatham coordinated SFFD resources and members, resulting in the safe restraint of the individual and transport to the ED for further care.



#### • Emerging City Leaders Workshop

Chief Sloan, along with Battalion Chief Sayumi Brannan, completed the Emerging City Leaders Workshop Series on March 13th. Three main topics were presented over 9 sessions: Leadership and Communication for Success, Coaching and Conflict Conversations and Facilitation Skills. The interactive format and skilled facilitators from DHR resulted in learning valuable information and acquiring new skills.



# EMS-6

Operational period: 3/02/2024 – 3/31/2024 Total encounters: 280 Average encounters per day: 9.33 Utilization changes of top 20 utilizers engaged by EMS-6 from month before the operational period to current: -49.32%

| Encounter Type*     | Number |
|---------------------|--------|
| Case Conference     | 4      |
| Phone Consult       | 80     |
| 911 System Contacts | 200    |
| Total               | 284    |

#### EMS-6 Successes & Challenges:

A long time EMS6 client with justice involvement was admitted and stabilized for nearly 6 weeks to manage a severe, worsening, and chronic medical condition. The client is often volatile and threatening, creating barriers to receiving needed medical care resulting in high ED utilization. During his hospitalization, a concerted effort was made to plan for his eventual discharge and establish a viable path for his continued medical needs. EMS6 was part of a very large multi-disciplinary team to achieve this goal. EMS6 provided collateral information regarding previous interventions and data to highlight the severity of this client's condition and the difficulty managing his complex needs in the community. A plan was made to support the client when discharged, which includes SF Sheriff's accompanying him to his medical appointments in the future.

EMS6 spent 8 hours with this client in a single encounter to address his complex biopsychosocial needs. The client required ambulance transport for a recent injury. A medical exam, x-rays, diagnosis, treatment, and discharge were completed within 3 ½ hours to be on time for a medical appointment needed to manage his chronic condition. EMS6 stayed at the client's side, shepherded him through the process, smoothed over interactions with hospital staff where the client was disruptive, de-escalated the client's behavior and accompanied him to x-ray and back. EMS6 secured a taxi voucher for transport to the appointment and followed the client in the taxi. Mid-transit, the client exited the taxi into moving traffic. EMS6 pulled the client to safety on the sidewalk, calmed the client, called for a second taxi, and arrived at the facility 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Unfortunately, the appointment was cancelled without notice secondary to insurance coverage issues. This escalated the client again. EMS6 calmed the client and arranged transport to an ED for his medical need. Over the next 12 hours the client was transported or presented to and was exited from multiple hospitals five more times. Community Paramedic Division members responded to him multiple times to advocate for admission and a resolution to his ongoing medical issue. This event prompted the facilitation of a multi-disciplinary case conference to find a solution that would serve his medical needs and reduce ED utilization.

## **SCRT**

Operational period: 3/1/2024 – 3/31/2024 Total Calls for Service: 1270 Average Response Time: 17.35 Average on Scene Time: 41.71

#### **Disposition All Calls for Service**

| Non-ambulance transport to non-ED resource | 196  | 15.43%  |
|--|------|---------|
| Ambulance transport to ED                  | 204  | 16.06%  |
| Remained in the community                  | 562  | 44.25%  |
| Unable to Locate & Walked Away             | 308  | 24.25%  |
| Total                                      | 1270 | 100.00% |

#### **Disposition Engaged Individuals Only**

| Non-ambulance transport to non-ED resource | 196 | 20.37%  |
|--|-----|---------|
| Ambulance transport to ED                  | 204 | 21.21%  |
| Remained in community                      | 562 | 58.42%  |
| Total                                      | 962 | 100.00% |

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| Grave disability | 18 |
|------------------|----|
| Danger to Self   | 14 |
| Danger to Others | 4  |
| Total*           | 32 |

\* individuals may be placed on a hold for multiple reasons, therefore, the total will not reflect the sum

#### **Police Presence on Scene**

|  |     | Percent of total calls for service (1270) |
|--|-----|---|
| PD On Scene Prior to Arrival             | 24  | 1.89%                                     |
| PD requested by SCRT                     | 4   | 0.31%                                     |
| SCRT requested by PD                     | 255 | 20.08%                                    |
| Total Incidents with PD present on scene | 283 | 22.28%                                    |

#### SCRT Successes & Challenges:

CP5 was special called by PD regarding a family in need of shelter. On arrival CP5 and SCRT encountered a family of 7 who arrived in the US from Afghanistan several days ago. There were 2 adults and 5 children, all under the age of 6. Over the course of 3 hours multiple shelters and the Urgent Accommodation Voucher (UAV) program were contacted. After being denied by shelters and not receiving a response from UAV, Chief Sloan was notified. She was able to locate a responsive individual at UAV and a hotel voucher was procured with placement for 2 weeks. SCRT transported the family to the hotel. The family received follow up from the Department of Public Health Office of Coordinated Care (OCC) and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) and was connected to resources. The UAV voucher was provided by HSH, who recently expanded the program due to the needs of the Community Paramedic Division, who have had multiple encounters with families in need of shelter during evening/overnight and weekends.

#### SB43

An 80-year-old client seen by multiple Community Paramedic members, street outreach teams and PD over 8 years was admitted for placement after being conserved. She has been unhoused for over 10 years. The client stays on the sidewalk in various neighborhoods across the City, frequently displaying distressing street behaviors and occupying restrooms, preventing entry and use by others. She is wheelchair user and unable to perform activities of daily living, meaning she is not eligible for shelter or other services. She asks others to push her to her destination and to buy food and water. She will become verbally abusive to individuals who assist her. She presents the same behaviors to CP member and has called the Public Defender's Office during encounters. As she aged, her medical issues have become more debilitating, and she is no longer able to care for herself. The expanded criteria for Grave Disability under SB43 is the reason she has been successfully referred for conservatorship, after years of encounters, advocacy and multiple previous admissions.

## SORT

Operational period 3/1/2024 – 3/31/2024 Calls for Service: 166 SFFD Suboxone Starts: 10

| Provider             | Apr-<br>23 | May-<br>23 | Jun-<br>23 | Jul-<br>23 | Aug-<br>23 | Sep-<br>23 | Oct-<br>23 | Nov-<br>23 | Dec-<br>23 | Jan-<br>24 | Feb-<br>24 | Mar-<br>24 | Total | % of<br>Total |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|---------------|
| AMR                  |            |            | 2          |            |            |            | 1          |            | 1          |            |            |            | 4     | 4%            |
| King American        |            |            |            | 2          | 1          | 1          |            | 1          |            |            | 1          | 1          | 7     | 7%            |
| SFFD                 | 8          | 7          | 6          | 4          | 4          | 8          | 9          | 10         | 10         | 5          | 11         | 10         | 92    | 89%           |
| SORT                 | 7          | 5          | 3          |            |            | 1          | 5          | 2          | 2          | 3          | 3          | 2          | 33    | 32%           |
| SCRT (inc CP5)       | 1          | 2          |            |            | 2          | 1          |            |            | 1          |            |            |            | 7     | 7%            |
| Medic Units /<br>EMS |            |            | 3          | 4          | 2          | 6          | 4          | 8          | 7          | 2          | 8          | 8          | 52    | 50%           |
| Grand Total          | 8          | 7          | 8          | 6          | 5          | 9          | 10         | 11         | 10         | 5          | 12         | 11         | 103   | 100%          |

#### **Disposition All Calls for Service**

| Non-ambulance transport to non-ED resource | 7   | 4.22%   |
|--|-----|---------|
| Ambulance transport to ED                  | 90  | 54.22%  |
| Remained in the community                  | 52  | 31.33%  |
| Unable to Locate & Walked Away             | 17  | 10.24%  |
| Total                                      | 166 | 100.00% |

#### **Disposition Engaged Individuals Only**

| Non-ambulance transport to non-ED resource | 7   | 4.70%   |
|--|-----|---------|
| Ambulance transport to ED                  | 90  | 60.40%  |
| Remained in community                      | 52  | 34.90%  |
| Total                                      | 149 | 100.00% |

#### **SORT Highlights:**

An individual was transported to the ED for an overdose. This individual has opiate use disorder (OUD) and alcohol use disorder (AUD). The individual expressed a desire to stop using substances. They would need medically supervised detox and suboxone to treat opiate withdrawal while in treatment. A substance use navigator (SUN) contacted SORT, who facilitated transport to Maria X Martinez (MxM) for ongoing care coordination. SORT contacted HealthRight360 (HR360) for detox options. HR360 has recently contracted with out of county facilities for alcohol detox. An MxM provider assessed and prescribed the suboxone, POET supported the client during the 20-minute phone intake and SORT went to the pharmacy to pick up the suboxone so the client would have medication without interruption during treatment. The client was transported from MxM to the out of county facility. This encounter spanned 7 hours, from time of overdose to time of transport. Identification of and notification to SORT of an individual who wanted treatment was an integral part of this process. Navigating polysubstance use needs in the setting of treatment and detoxification is a complex and challenging process for providers and nearly impossible for someone who has just survived an overdose. The client stated he would not have been able to complete the multiple steps needed for the intake process without the support of POET, SORT and MxM providers.

# San Francisco Fire Department EMS and CP Divisions

# Acronyms/Abbreviations/Terms

| 5250                 | 14-day hold placed after a 5150   | CP             |
|----------------------|---|----------------|
| 800B                 | Police code for "report of mentally disturbed person", B priority (non-violent, no weapon)      | СР             |
| 910B                 | Police code for "check on wellbeing", B priority (non-violent, no weapon)                       | CP             |
| AB1544               | CA State Assembly Bill 1544 codifies Community<br>Paramedicine into the CA Health & Safety Code | CP             |
| ABC's                | Airway, Breathing, Circulation  | Training       |
| ACLS                 | Advanced Cardiac Life Support   | Training       |
| ADU                  | Acute Diversion Unit  | CP             |
| AED                  | Automatic External Defibrillator  | Training       |
| ALS                  | Advanced Life Support   | MCI/Training   |
| AMA                  | Against Medical Advice  | Operations     |
| Amb                  | Ambulance   | Operations     |
| AMS                  | Altered Mental Status   | Training       |
| AOS                  | Arrived on Scene  | Operations     |
| ΑΟΤ                  | Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Laura's Law)   | СР             |
| APS                  | Adult Protective Services   | СР             |
| ASA                  | Aspirin   | Training       |
| AUD                  | Alcohol Use Disorder  | CP             |
| BLS                  | Basic Life Support  | MCI/Training   |
| BP                   | Blood Pressure  | Training       |
| BVM                  | Bag Valve Mask  | Training       |
| CaCl                 | Calcium Chloride  | Training       |
| CAL-MAT              | California Medical Assistance Team  | MCI            |
| ССР                  | Casualty Collection Point   | Active Shooter |
| CCP Leader           | Casualty Collection Leader  | Active Shooter |
| CDMIN                | California Disaster Medical Network   | MCI            |
| CDPH                 | California Department of Public Health  | MCI            |
| CECC                 | Central Emergency Communication Center  | Operations     |
| CHF                  | Congestive Heart Failure  | Training       |
| CIT                  | Crisis Intervention Team (SFPD)   | CP             |
| CIWA                 | Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment  | CP             |
| СМ                   | Case Manager  | CP             |
| COPD                 | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease   | Training       |
| СР                   | Community Paramedic   | СР             |
| COWS                 | Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale  | СР             |
| CP1                  | ADC CP Division   | СР             |
| CP2                  | Section Chief of Operations, CP Division  | СР             |
| CP3                  | Section Chief of Administration, CP Division  | СР             |
| CP5                  | Field Community Paramedic Rescue Captain  | СР             |
| CPR                  | Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation  | Training       |
| CQI                  | Continuous Quality Improvement  | Operations     |
| C-Spine              | Cervical Spine  | Training       |
| <b>D</b> 10 <b>W</b> | Dextrose 10% in water   | Training       |

| <b>D</b> 25 <b>W</b> | Dextrose 25% in water   | Training     |
|----------------------|---|--------------|
| D <sub>50</sub> W    | Dextrose 50% in water   | Training     |
| DEM                  | Department of Emergency Management  | MCI          |
| DKA                  | Diabetic Ketoacidosis   | Training     |
| DMAT                 | Disaster Medical Assistance Team  | MCI          |
| DMORT                | Disaster Mortuary Team  | MCI          |
| DNR                  | Do Not Resuscitate  | Training     |
| DOA                  | Dead on Arrival   | Operations   |
| DOC                  | Department Operations Center  | MCI          |
| DPH                  | Department of Public Health   | MCI          |
| DPH-OCC              | Department of Public Health Office of Care Coordination   | CP           |
| DUCC                 | Dore Urgent Care Clinic – a behavioral health clinic  | CP           |
| DX                   | Diagnosis   | Operations   |
| ECG                  | Electro-Cardiogram  | Training     |
| ED                   | Emergency Department  | Training     |
| EDCM                 | Emergency Department Case Management  | CP           |
| EDIE                 | Emergency Department Information Exchange   | CP           |
| EMS                  | Emergency Medical Services  | MCI/Training |
| EMS1                 | Assistant Deputy Chief, EMS Division  | Operations   |
| EMS2                 | Section Chief, EMS Operations   | Operations   |
| EMS6                 | Responds to frequent 911 users  | Operations   |
| EMS6A                | Field Unit Call Sign (Alpha)  | CP           |
| EMS6B                | Field Unit Call Sign (Bravo)  | СР           |
| EMS6C                | Field Unit Call Sign (Charlie)  | СР           |
| EMS6D                | Field Unit Call Sign (Delta)  | СР           |
| EMSA                 | Emergency Medical Services Agency   | Operations   |
| EMT                  | Emergency Medical Technician  | Operations   |
| EOC                  | Emergency Operations Center   | MCI          |
| EOP                  | Emergency Operations Plan   | MCI          |
| Epi                  | Epinephrine   | Training     |
| ESF                  | Emergency Support Function  | MCI          |
| ET3                  | A new reimbursement/billing framework designed to reimburse providers for non-ED transports or treat in place scenarios | CP           |
| ETT                  | Endotracheal Tube   | Training     |
| FEMA                 | Federal Emergency Management Agency   | MCI          |
| FF/PM                | Firefighter Paramedic   | Operations   |
| G                    | Gram  | Training     |
| GCS                  | Glasgow Coma Scale  | Training     |
| GYN                  | Gynecological   | Training     |
| HazMat               | Hazardous Materials Incident  | Training     |
| HICT                 | High Intensity Care Team  | CP           |
| HIPAA                | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996   | СР           |
|                      | (regulations protecting the privacy and security of certain health information)   |              |
| НОТ                  | Homeless Outreach Team  | СР           |
| HR360                | Health Right 360 (a community-based organization)   | CP           |
| HSOC                 | Healthy Streets Operation Center (Mayor's response task force for<br>unhoused)  | CP           |
| HTN                  | Hypertension  | Training     |
|                      |   |              |

| IC        | Incident Commander   | Active Shooter  |
|-----------|--|-----------------|
| ICM       | Intensive Case Management  | CP              |
| ICS       | Incident Command System  | MCI             |
| ICU       | Intensive Care Unit  | Operations      |
| IM        | Intramuscular  | Training        |
| IN        | Intranasal   | Training        |
| Ю         | Intraosseous   | Training        |
| IV        | Intravenous  | Training        |
| IVP       | IV Push  | Training        |
| J         | Joule (electrical measurement)   | Training        |
| JEOC      | Joint Emergency Operations Center                                      | MCI             |
| kg        | Kilogram   | Training        |
| LEMSA     | Local Emergency Medical Services Agency                                | Operations      |
| LOC       | Level of Consciousness   | Training        |
| lpm       | Liter Per Minute   | Training        |
| Lt49      | Lieutenant, Station 49   | Operations      |
| LUCAS     | Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System (mechanical chest        | Operations      |
|           | compression device)  |                 |
| MAD       | Mucosa Atomizer Device   | Training        |
| MAP       | Managed Alcohol Program  | CP              |
| MAT       | Medication-Assisted Treatment  | CP              |
| max       | Maximum  | Training        |
| mcg       | Microgram  | Training        |
| MCI       | Multi-Casualty Incident  | MCI             |
| ME        | Medical Examiner   | Operations      |
| meds      | Medications  | Training        |
| mEq       | Milliequivalent  | Training        |
| mg<br>MGS | Milligram  | Training<br>MCI |
| MHOAC     | Medical Group Supervisor   Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator | MCI             |
| min.      | Minute   | Training        |
| MI        | Myocardial Infarction  | Training        |
| ml        | Milliliter   | Training        |
| MMRT      | Mobile Medical Response Team   | CP              |
| MOU       | Memorandum of Understanding  | Operations      |
| MVA       | Motor Vehicle Accident   | Operations      |
| NDMS      | National Disaster Medical System                                       | MCI             |
| NIMS      | National Incident Management System                                    | MCI             |
| NPA       | Nasopharyngeal Airway  | Training        |
| NPO       | Nothing per mouth  | Training        |
| NS        | Normal Saline  | Training        |
| NTG       | Nitroglycerin  | Training        |
| NTI       | Nasal Tracheal Intubation  | Training        |
| OA        | Operational Area   | MCI             |
| ОВ        | Obstetrical  | Training        |
| OES       | Office of Emergency Services   | MCI             |
| ΟΡΑ       | Oropharyngeal Airway   | Training        |
| ОТС       | Over the Counter   | Training        |
| ΟΤΙ       | Oral Tracheal Intubation   | Training        |
| OUD       | Opioid Use Disorder  | CP              |

| PACC     | Post-Acute Community Conservatorship                         | СР             |
|----------|--|----------------|
| PALS     | Pediatric Advanced Life Support                              | Training       |
| PDC      | Patient Distribution Center                                  | MCI            |
| PDT      | Patient Declines Transport                                   | Operations     |
| PEA      | Pulseless Electrical Activity                                | Training       |
| PERRLA   | Pupils equal, round, and reactive to light and accommodation | Training       |
| PGO      | Public Guardian Office                                       | CP             |
| PHI      | Protected Health Information                                 | CP             |
| РМ       | Paramedic  | Operations     |
| PO       | By Mouth   | ,<br>Training  |
| POV      | Privately Owned Vehicle                                      | Operations     |
| prn      | As Needed  | Training       |
| PSH      | Permanent Supportive Housing                                 | CP             |
| PT       | Patient  | Operations     |
| ΡΤΑ      | Prior to Arrival   | Operations     |
| QRS      | Parts of Cardiac Contraction Complex                         | ,<br>Training  |
| RAMS     | Richmond Area Multi-Services (a community-based              | CP             |
|          | organization)  |                |
| R/O      | Rule Out   | Training       |
| RC       | Rescue Captain   | Operations     |
| RC1      | Rescue Captain Field Unit 1                                  | Operations     |
| RC2      | Rescue Captain Field Unit 2                                  | Operations     |
| RC3      | Rescue Captain Field Unit 3                                  | Operations     |
| RC4      | Rescue Captain Field Unit 4                                  | Operations     |
| RC49     | Rescue Captain, Station 49                                   | Operations     |
| RC5      | Rescue Captain Field Unit 5                                  | Operations     |
| RDMHC    | Regional Disaster Medical/Health Coordinator                 | MCI            |
| RDMHS    | Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialist                  | MCI            |
| RGS      | Rescue Group Supervisor                                      | Active Shooter |
| RIS      | Rapid Intoxication Scale                                     | CP             |
| RMM      | Rescue Medical Manager                                       | Active Shooter |
| ROI      | Release of Information                                       | CP             |
| ROSC     | Return of Spontaneous Circulation                            | Operations     |
| RTF      | Rescue Task Force  | Active Shooter |
| SBP      | Systolic Blood Pressure                                      | Training       |
| SCRT     | Street Crisis Response Team                                  | CP             |
| SEMS     | Standardized Emergency Management System                     | MCI            |
| SFFD     | San Francisco Fire Department                                | MCI            |
| SFPD     | San Francisco Police Department                              | MCI            |
| SGA      | Supraglottic Airway (airway device)                          | Operations     |
| SIP Site | Shelter in Place Site (COVID)                                | СР             |
| SL       | Sublingual   | Training       |
| SORT     | Street Overdose Response Team                                | СР             |
| SP       | Shared Priority  | CP             |
| SPA      | Service Provider Agreement                                   | Operations     |
| SQ       | Subcutaneous   | Training       |
| START    | Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment                            | Operations     |
| SUD      | Substance Abuse Disorder                                     | СР             |
| SVT      | Supraventricular Tachycardia                                 | Training       |
| SW       | Social Worker  | CP             |

| SWRT     | Street Wellness Response Team  | CP             |
|----------|--|----------------|
| TEMS     | Tactical Emergency Services Team   | Active Shooter |
| Title 22 | The section of the California Health & Safety Code which pertains to<br>Emergency Medical Services | СР             |
| ТКО      | To Keep Open   | Training       |
| ТѠѠСС    | Tom Waddell Urgent Care Clinic Golden Gate Ave   | CP             |
| Тх       | Treatment  | Operations     |
| UOA      | Upon Our Arrival   | Operations     |
| UTL      | Unable to Locate   | Operations     |
| V-Fib    | Ventricular Fibrillation   | Training       |
| V-Tach   | Ventricular Tachycardia  | Training       |
| WPIC     | Whole Person Integrated Care   | CP             |
| y/o      | Years old  | Operations     |