

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH-EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU

FIELD RESPONSE OPERATIONS

Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT)

Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) consist of DMH clinicians designated per Welfare and Institutions Code 5150/ 5585 to perform evaluations for involuntary detention of individuals determined to be at risk of harming themselves or others or who are unable to provide food, clothing, or shelter as a result of a mental disorder.

Law Enforcement Teams (LET)

This co-response model pairs a DMH clinician with a law enforcement officer. The primary mission is to respond to 911 or patrol officer requests for assistance on calls involving mentally ill, homeless, or high risk individuals. The current Mental Evaluation Teams are in collaboration with the following:

- Burbank Police Department
- Torrance Police Department
- Alhambra Police Department
- Culver City Police Department
- Long Beach Police Department
- Gardena/Hawthorne Police Departments
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Monterrey Park/Montebello Police Departments
- LASD Metropolitan Transit Authority Crisis Response Unit
- Santa Monica Police Department Homeless Liaison Program
- Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Psychiatric Evaluations
- Los Angeles Police Department Case Assessment and Management Program
- Los Angeles Police Department Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Team
- East San Gabriel Police Departments (Azusa, Covina, Glendora, West Covina)
- Southeast Region Police Departments (Bell Gardens, Bell, Vernon, Downey, Huntington Park, South Gate, Signal Hill)

School Threat Assessment Response Team (START)

START provides training and consultation, assessment and intervention, and case management and monitoring to students at risk for targeted school violence. START collaborates with educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, mental health providers, and parents to mitigate or eliminate threats.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment – Outreach and Engagement Team (AOT-O&E)

AOT-O & E identifies persons with serious mental illness and a history of treatment non-compliance, assesses for substantial risk for deterioration which could be mitigated by provision of appropriate services. Once accepted into AOT, outreach and engagement is completed to adequately assess for criteria and/or to connect AOT enrollees with service providers. Candidates either voluntarily consent to outpatient treatment or, if the individual is unwilling to consent, AOT may petition for a court order to begin outpatient treatment.

Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME)

HOME provides field based outreach and engagement services and intensive case management in Service Areas 4 and 6 to under-served or disengaged homeless persons who are mentally ill, living in homeless encampments, or frequenting locations where outreach is not readily available or provided in a focused manner.

Mental Health Alert Team (MHAT)

MHAT provides the mental health response to barricade and hostage situations in partnership with local and federal law enforcement agencies. The goal is to facilitate a negotiated solution.

Emergency Response Teams (ERT)

Emergency Response Teams (ERT) are comprised of DMH staff that provide field response to critical incidents such as school violence, earthquakes, or acts of terror. ERT provides on-scene consultation and crisis intervention to survivors, their families, first responders, and the community. ERT collaborates with the LA County Office of Emergency Management and the LA City Office of Emergency Management.

Psychiatric Emergency Teams (PET)

Psychiatric Emergency Teams (PET) are mobile teams operated by psychiatric hospitals approved by the Department of Mental Health to provide 5150 and 5585 evaluations. Team members are licensed mental health clinicians. PET operates similar to PMRT and provides additional resources in specific geographical regions.