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**RESPONSE TO THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
BUDGET CONFERENCE HELD ON MARCH 2, 2023
REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PROGRAM BUDGET**

As part of the presentation and discussion at the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) Budget Conference on March 2, 2023, the COC requested line-item budget detail for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) and Mental Evaluation Team (MET) programs.

The attached is responsive to the request for information and provides LASD's FY 2022-23 line-item budget detail for HOST and MET programs, including program descriptions, positions, and funding.



Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)

HOST is comprised of civilian outreach professionals from LAHSA and specially trained outreach deputies in crisis stabilization and intervention whose mission is to positively impact the homeless crisis in the county, while increasing public safety and preserving the rights and dignity of persons experiencing homelessness.

	LASD - FY 2022-23	
Deputy Sheriff Generalist	5	1,155,000
Sergeant - Supervision	1	280,000
Lieutenant - Supervision/Oversight	1	324,000
Total Staff	7	1,759,000
Overtime - As Needed Deputy Services		259,000
Overtime - Outreach Unhoused Encampments - Fire Zones (1X Funds)		912,000
Overtime - Unhoused Outreach Services - UA SD5 (1X Funds)		1,333,000
Total Overtime		2,504,000
TOTAL HOST		\$ 4,263,000

HOST Team

1.0 Deputy Sheriff Generalist
2.0 LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team Members
3.0 Total Staff

Total 5.0 HOST Teams Countywide
HOST was established in FY 17-18

Mental Evaluation Team (MET)

MET provides collaborative, compassionate mental health care in the community in the least restrictive manner to individuals suffering from mental illnesses. MET also educates deputies about de-escalation in emotionally charged situations and transport individuals to acute psychiatric or medical facilities in an unmarked car (pursuant to WIC § 5153) or arrange transportation via ambulance. MET also collaborates with and dispatches the Veteran Mental Evaluation Team (VMET) to co-respond to incidents involving veterans in crisis.

	LASD - FY 2022-23	
Mental Evaluation Teams		
Deputy Sheriff Generalist - Bonus I	35	8,330,000
Sergeant - Supervision	5	1,400,000
Operations Assistant II - Administrative Support	1	155,000
Lieutenant	1	324,000
Subtotal MET	42	10,209,000
Veteran Mental Evaluation Teams		
Deputy Sheriff Generalist - Bonus I	5	1,190,000
Sergeant - Supervision	1	280,000
Subtotal VMET	6	1,470,000
Triage Desk		
Deputy Sheriff Generalist - Bonus I	6	1,428,000
Sergeant - Supervision	1	280,000
Crime Analyst	1	166,000
Operations Assistant I	1	134,000
Law Enforcement Technician	1	134,000
Subtotal Triage Desk	10	2,142,000
Risk Assessment Management Program		
Deputy Sheriff Generalist - Bonus I	7	1,666,000
Sergeant - Supervision	1	280,000
Operations Assistant III	1	171,000
Law Enforcement Technician	1	134,000
Crime Analyst	1	166,000
Intermediate Clerk	1	111,000
Student Worker	1	52,000
Subtotal RAMP	13	2,580,000
TOTAL MET		\$ 16,401,000

MET Teams

1.0 Deputy Sheriff Generalist - Bonus I
1.0 Licensed Mental Health Clinician - LPS
2.0 Total Staff

Total 35.0 MET Teams Countywide
Total 5.0 VMET Teams Countywide
MET was introduced in 1991 and established in 1993

Triage Desk

Established in FY 2017-18, the Triage Desk is a 24/7 operation that provides consultations and mental health resources to individuals when MET is unavailable to respond. It centrally dispatches and helps expedite responses of MET units to support patrol deputies responding to mental health crises Countywide.

The Triage Desk also centrally collects data about mental health crises in LASD jurisdictions, provides consultation services to LASD deputies and CHP officers and helps electronically refer designated patients to the Risk Assessment and Management Program (RAMP).

RAMP

The RAMP provides intensive mental health case management to individuals who are difficult to engage in mental health treatment. RAMP is designed to provide field based follow-up and mental health linkage to patients who are high-utilizers of 911 systems: barricaders, bridge-jumpers, suicide-by-cop, veterans with post-traumatic stress syndrome, homeless mentally ill individuals posing threats, and for those who presented in crises involving deadly weapons. The MET and RAMP are linked; both programs help divert mentally ill individuals from the criminal justice system at the earliest intercept points possible.

GRAND TOTAL HOST and MET		\$ 20,664,000
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