

Street Enforcement Team City Council Briefing

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Introduction

Executive Director Murphy Robinson

The Department of Safety (DOS) is implementing the Street Enforcement Team (SET) – a civilian based, unarmed 6-person unit that will have delegated enforcement authority to issue citations for low-level, quality of life ordinances.

- The team will be operational after its hiring and training is completed in mid-October.
- The SET is budgeted for the remainder of 2021 for an estimated \$200k which includes mostly personnel costs. This budget is being covered with EDOS 2021 vacancy savings.

In October 2020, the DOS created the Early Intervention Team (EIT) to conduct outreach at small encampments.

- The issue of urban encampments has grown significantly since 2020.
- The EIT operated under DOS leadership until July 31, 2021.
- The EIT is now a full-time program under the leadership of DDPHE Office of Behavioral Health Strategies.

Authority

The SET will operate under the Delegated Enforcement Authority from EDOS Murphy Robinson to issue citations for 20 ordinances:

1. Commissioned members of the Denver Street Enforcement Team are hereby authorized and empowered to issue citations for violations of the following sections of the DRMC:
 - a. 38-31(c) Failure to obey a lawful order
 - b. 38-40 False information
 - c. 38-43 Violation of court orders
 - d. 38-61 Destruction of public property
 - e. 38-71 Destruction of private Property
 - f. 38-86 Obstruction of streets or other public passageways
 - g. 38-86.2 Unauthorized camping
 - h. 38-99 Urinating or defecating in public
 - i. 38-102 Possession of graffiti materials prohibited
 - j. 38-115 Trespass
 - k. 39-1(b) Violation of park rules & regulations
 - l. 39-3 Park curfews and closures
 - m. 39-6 Destruction of park property
 - n. 38-175 Possession or consumption of marijuana
 - o. 48-44 Illegal dumping
 - p. 49-553 Littering
 - q. 54-415 through 54-518 Parking
 - r. 54-612 through 54-624 Electric scooters
 - s. 57-24 Damaging trees on public property
 - t. 57-26 Unauthorized use of trees on public property

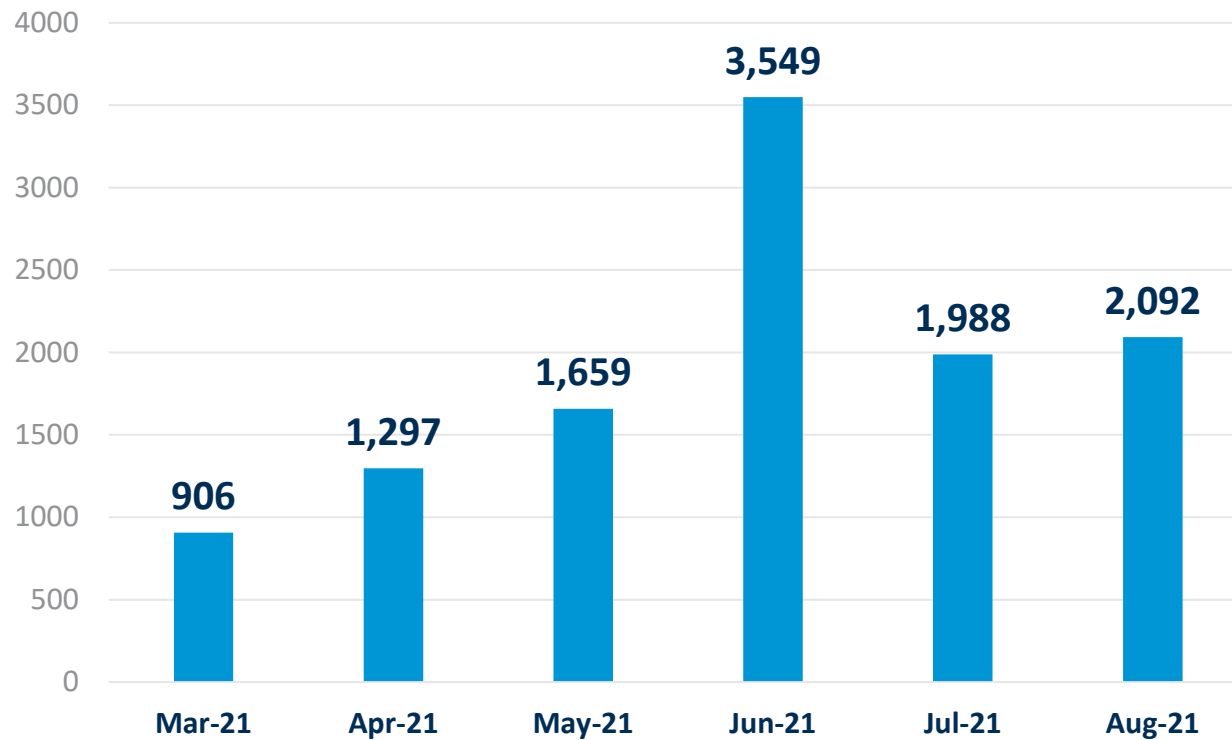
Overview

The creation of the SET was driven by several factors.

- 1) We have heard from the community that not every response needs to be an armed officer.
Introducing an armed law enforcement officer to an encampment response or other low-level ordinance violation may also bring trauma or conflict.
- 2) STAR has demonstrated that an alternate response can result in better outcomes.
- 3) Park Rangers, Right of Way Enforcement (ROWE), and other civilian enforcement models have proven successful.
- 4) DPD is dealing with increases in crime and reduced resources.
- 5) The call volume regarding encampment complaints has grown significantly.
Calls include increasing demands for enforcement of the urban camping ordinance. The tone of calls has also shifted.

Significant Increase in Encampment Complaints

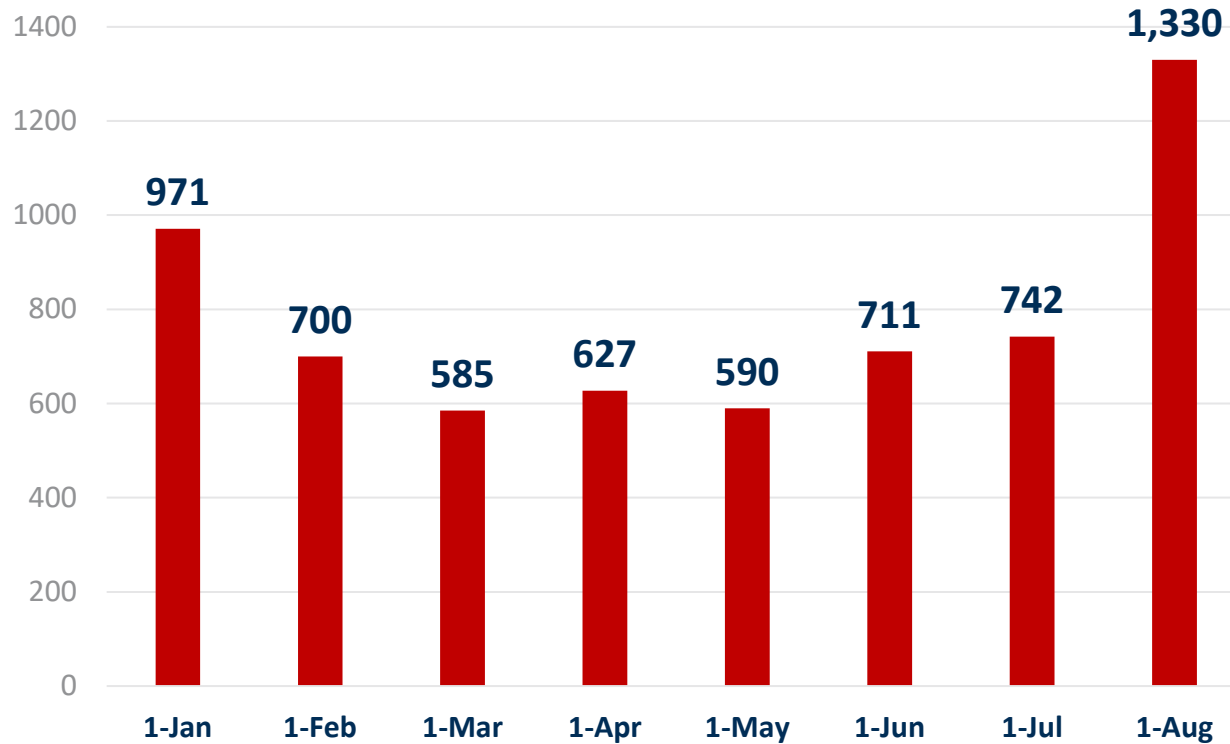
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** 311 began encampment call taking in March*

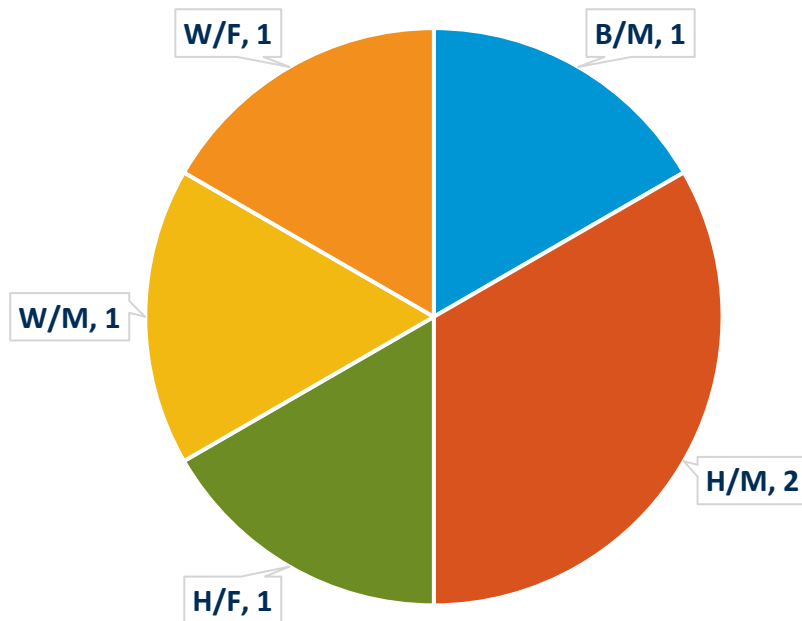
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Team Members

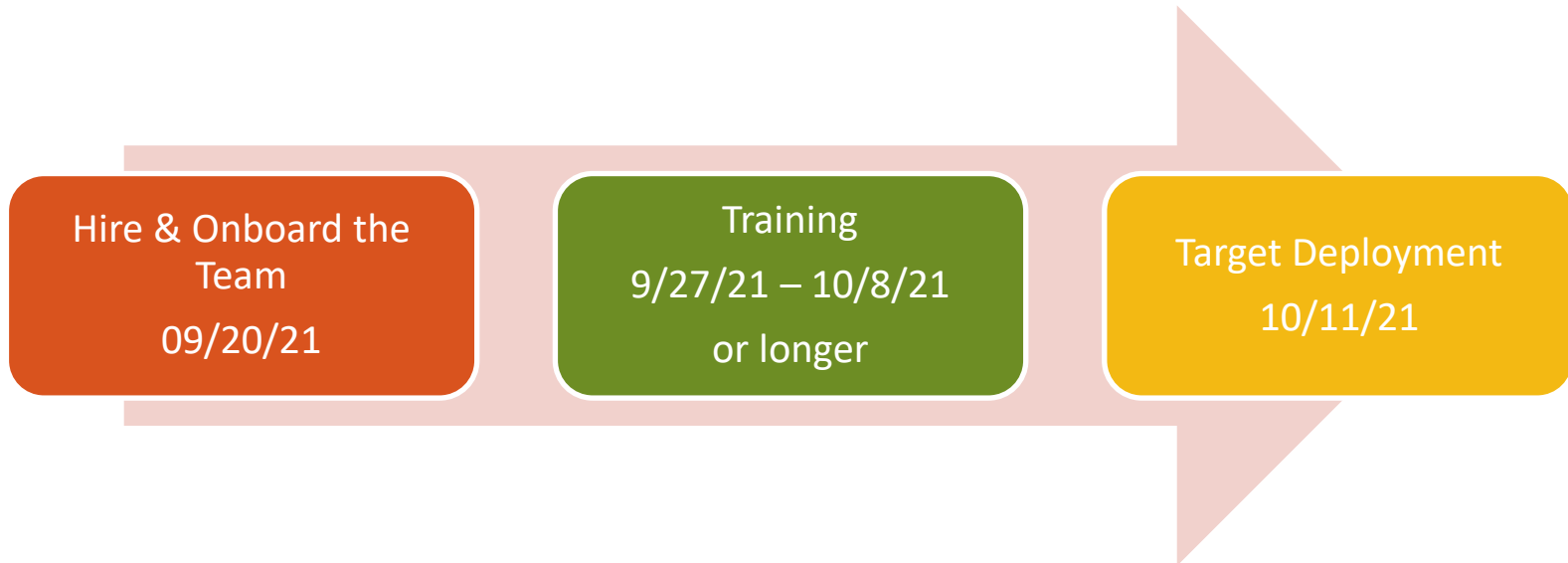
SET Demographics



Background & Experience

- Paramedic
- Youth Corrections
- Human Services
- Encampment Outreach
- DPD Real Time Crime Center
- DPD Photo Enforcement
- Emergency/9-1-1 Dispatcher
- Denver and Colorado Natives
- Compliance
- Corrections
- DPD Volunteer in Police Services
- Bachelor's Degree (supervisor)

Timeline



Training

Curriculum

- Legal Training (multiple topics)
- STAR Emergency Mental Health Response
- Report Writing
- First Aid Awareness and CPR Certification
- Crisis Intervention Training and De-escalation
- Mental Health First Aid/Trauma-Informed Care
- Homeless Sensitivity & Resources
- Early Intervention Team, Wellness Winnie & Solutions Center
- Encampment Hazards and Safety
- Harm Reduction
- Right of Way
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Naloxone Administration
- Park Enforcement
- Encampment Complaints PD and 3-1-1 Calls & Pocketgov
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Unconscious Bias/EDI

Providers

- City Attorney's Office
- Housing Stability (HOST)
- Public Health & Environment (DDPHE)
- DPD Homeless Outreach Team, CROs & Co-Responders
- Denver Sheriff Department
- DOTI/Solid Waste
- Right of Way Enforcement
- City Inspectors
- Park Rangers
- Denver Fire Department
- Denver Health Paramedics
- 9-1-1
- 3-1-1
- Harm Reduction Action Center
- Denver District Attorney's Office

Training will be both classroom-based and experiential (in the field) training.

Outcomes

Define Success

- Reduction in urban encampments
- Reduction in crime associated with encampments
- Mitigate small encampments before they become large

Data Collection

- Encampment Responses
- Dispositions of the encampment
 - Compliance
 - Citation
- Other non-camp enforcement actions
- GIS mapping

Reporting to Council

- End of Year 2021 Report to Council
- Continued Quarterly Reporting to Council and City Leadership
- Impact Analysis by DOS Research Team