

# Community Safety Team Paramedics

## Team History

- Started December 2022
- Originally two paramedics, one per team
- Now expanded to four paramedics over three teams
- Three paramedics in reserve for coverage
- 80 years of experience between full-time paramedics

This started as a partnership to resolve urban disorder issues using a multidisciplinary approach.

What this means for EMS is the opportunity to provide proactive care, often before the 911 call.

EMS is able to proactively engage the community we serve and build trusted relationships alongside a key partner.

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## Day-to-day

- Start and stop from the police station
- Team up with one or more officers
- Head out to prescribed area and patrol
  - In vehicles, on bikes, or on foot
- Respond to requests for a paramedic from other units

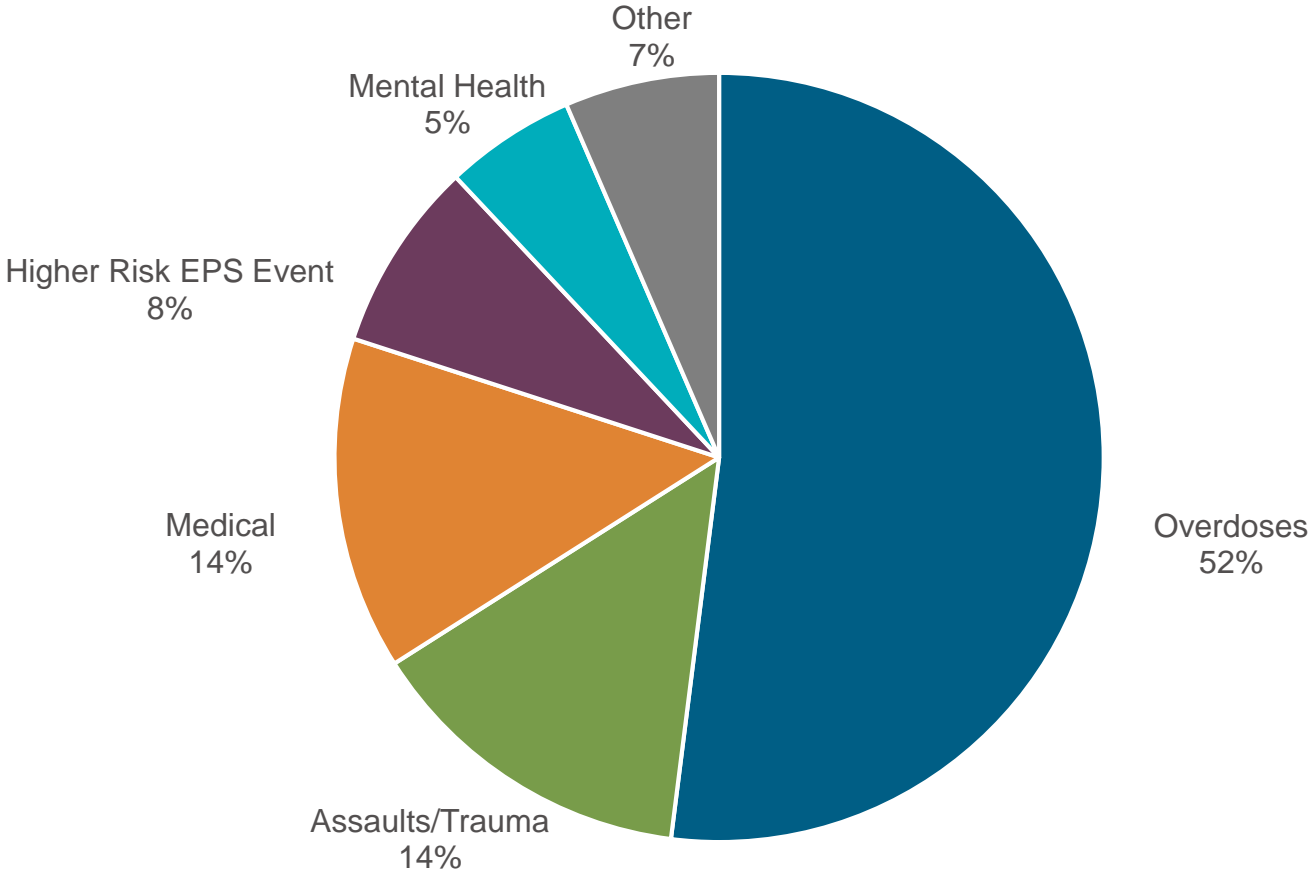
# Equipment



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# Paramedic Responses - 2095 (Dec 2022 - Sep 2024)



# Challenges

Police actions come first.

Officers up front.

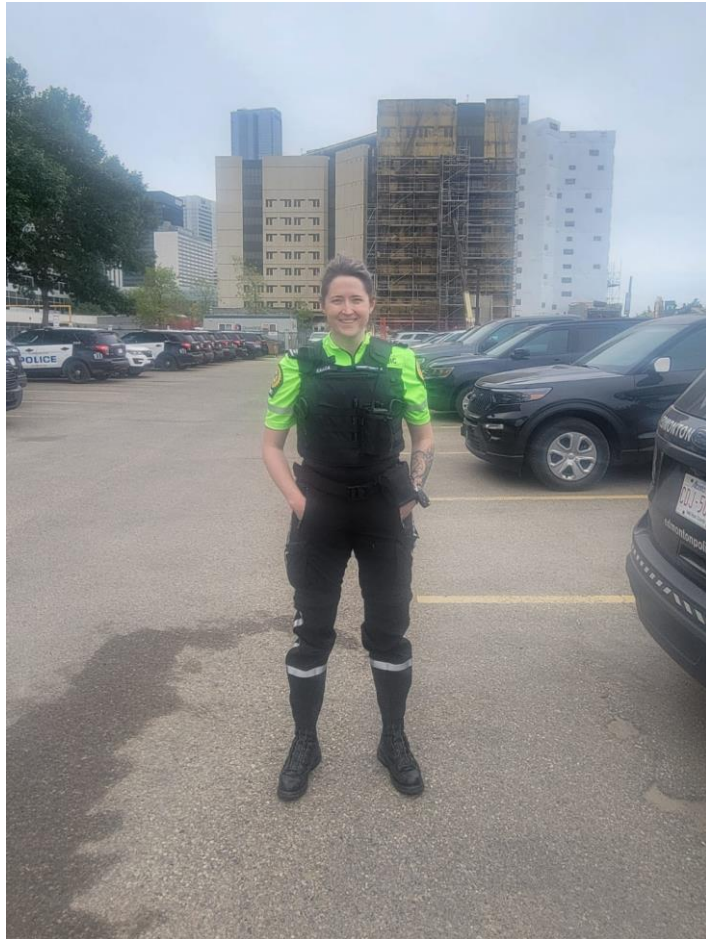
Communications

Differentiation.

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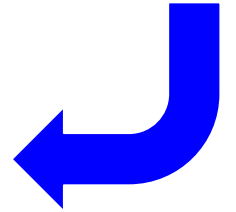
## Differentiation



Totally a not cop!



Totally a cop!



## Outcomes

- EMS response eliminated in 73% of overdose cases
- Only 20% of all events resulted in transport to hospital
- 31% were able to be brought to a shelter or ‘safe space’
- Just over 7% received treatment and then refused further aid or assistance

## Patrol Assists

- 174 Staged Events (8.5% of calls)
- CEW deployments
- Trauma during arrests (officer and arrestee)
- Fit for incarceration
- Community member in need of aid
- Preemptive responses to high acuity events

## Community Engagement

Helping bridge communications with other agencies

- Radius Health
- Boyle Street Overdose Response Team

‘Foot in the door’ effect

The development of positive relationships with the community

# QUESTIONS & THANKS