

TRAINING BULLETIN

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USE OF THE MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (MCRT) IN FIELD OPERATIONS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide officers with information regarding the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program and guidance on when and how to request MCRT services in the field.

The use of MCRT, when properly utilized by department members, can increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of operations by freeing officers to handle higher priority calls, and potentially reduce return calls for service.

The MCRT provides non-law enforcement crisis intervention for children and adults experiencing behavioral health crises. The program is designed to divert individuals from unnecessary hospitalization or incarceration by connecting them to appropriate mental health resources and support services. MCRT clinicians are certified to initiate Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 holds when necessary.

Each MCRT field team consists of one (1) Licensed Clinician and one (1) Masters-Level Case Manager and/or Peer Support Specialist. MCRT responds by conducting evaluations, providing crisis intervention, and coordinating ongoing care. In recent months MCRT has expanded their deployment of resources to improve their response times. This new deployment scheme should encourage department members who may have experienced delays in the past to consider utilizing MCRT in the future.

II. SCOPE

This Training Bulletin applies to all sworn Department Personnel.

III. PROCEDURES

The San Diego Police Department in partnership with MCRT has provided the following training material in the form of an information video produced by MCRT.

All sworn members of the department shall review Department Procedure 6.20, with particular attention given to the sections referencing MCRT (Section V. C. 2. a thru d). To access the materials, click on the link below:

San Diego Police Procedures:

[6.20 – Mental Health Procedures](#)

IV. TRAINING VIDEO

The San Diego Police Department in partnership with MCRT has provided the following training material in the form of an informational video produced by MCRT.

The Watch Commander shall play this video during online lineups and do so to adequately cover all schedules. Department members who do not attend a traditional lineup shall review the video at their earliest convenience. To access the materials, click on the link below:

MCRT Information Video:

[MCRT & Field Officer Training Video](#)

If you have any questions regarding this Training Bulletin, please contact **(Redacted – record exempt)** at the Neighborhood Policing Division.

Please read at squad conferences and post.