

Differential Calls Response

This is a topic which has been talked about since the beginning of my career in law enforcement 35+ years ago.

Types of Calls for Service better handled by ?

- Suicidal subject calls
- Non-violent Mental health crisis calls
- 3rd Party Welfare checks
- Checks on medical patients
- Civil disputes over property (neighbors)
- Landlord tenant complaints
- Dumping complaints
- Legal paper services
- Civil stand-by
- Found property/bikes
- Transients and homeless issues
- Animal calls when ACO is off
- Child custody issues
- All death calls – even natural causes
- Parking complaints
- Fireworks calls
- Out of control children

The question is – Why are we sending a highly trained, armed police officer with arrest powers to these calls? One reason, because the police work 24 hours a day – 365 days a year and people either don't want to or can't wait until normal business hours when other resources are available.