

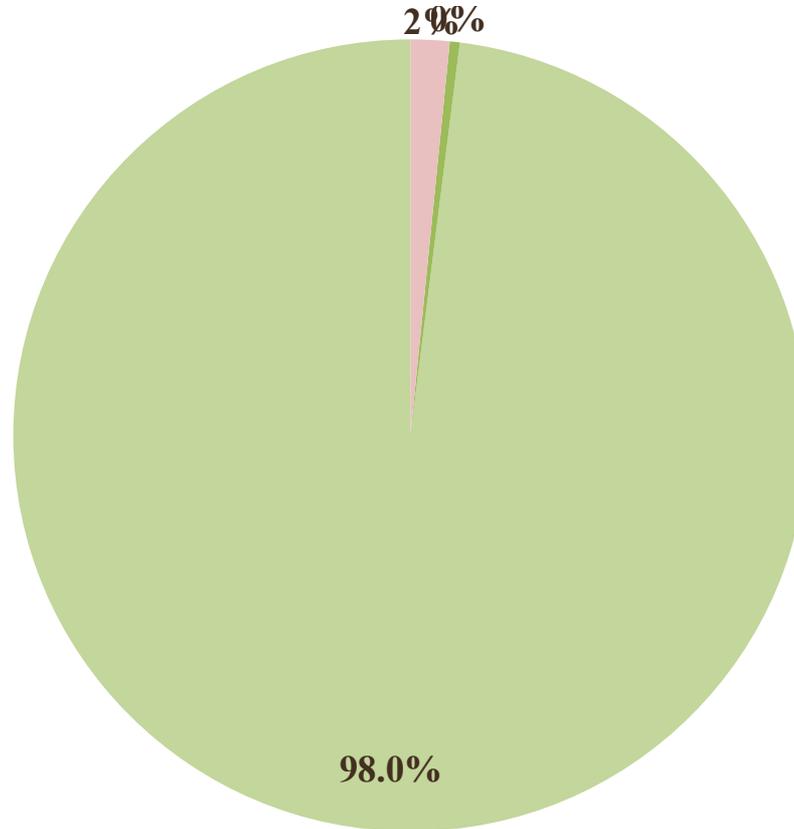


# Seattle Police Crisis Contacts



# Use of Force in Crisis Contact

- Type I Force
- Type II Force
- No Force



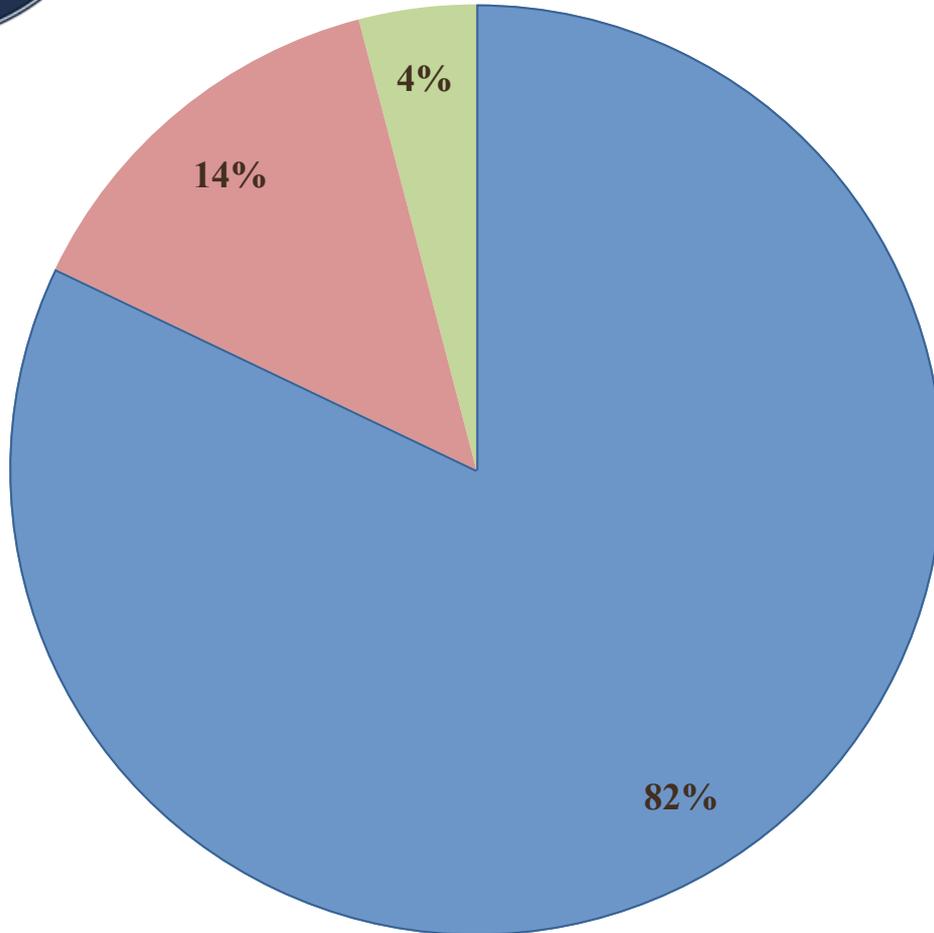


# Crisis Template

- The Crisis Template was deployed City-wide on May 15, 2015 to collect data about officers' interactions with persons in crisis.
- In the first three months of deployment, officers documented 2,464 contacts with persons in crisis.
  - We anticipate making approximately 10,000 contacts in the first year of deployment.



# Certified Officers on Scene

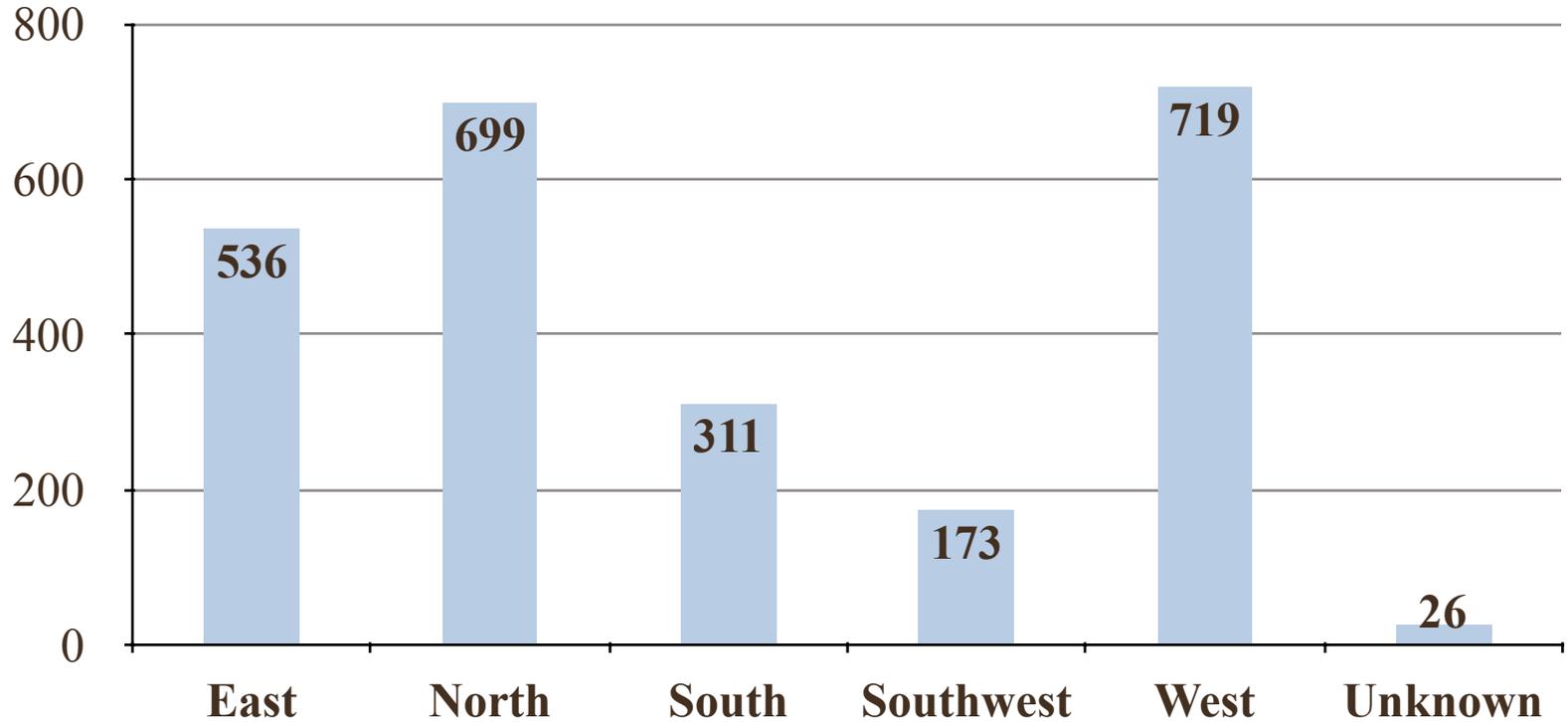


- Certified Officer on Scene
- Resolved without Certified Officer
- No Certified Officer on Scene



# Crisis Templates by Precinct

■ Number of Templates



*\* Unknown precinct indicates a lack of address, or an address that does not geocode and therefore does not provide an indication of precinct.*



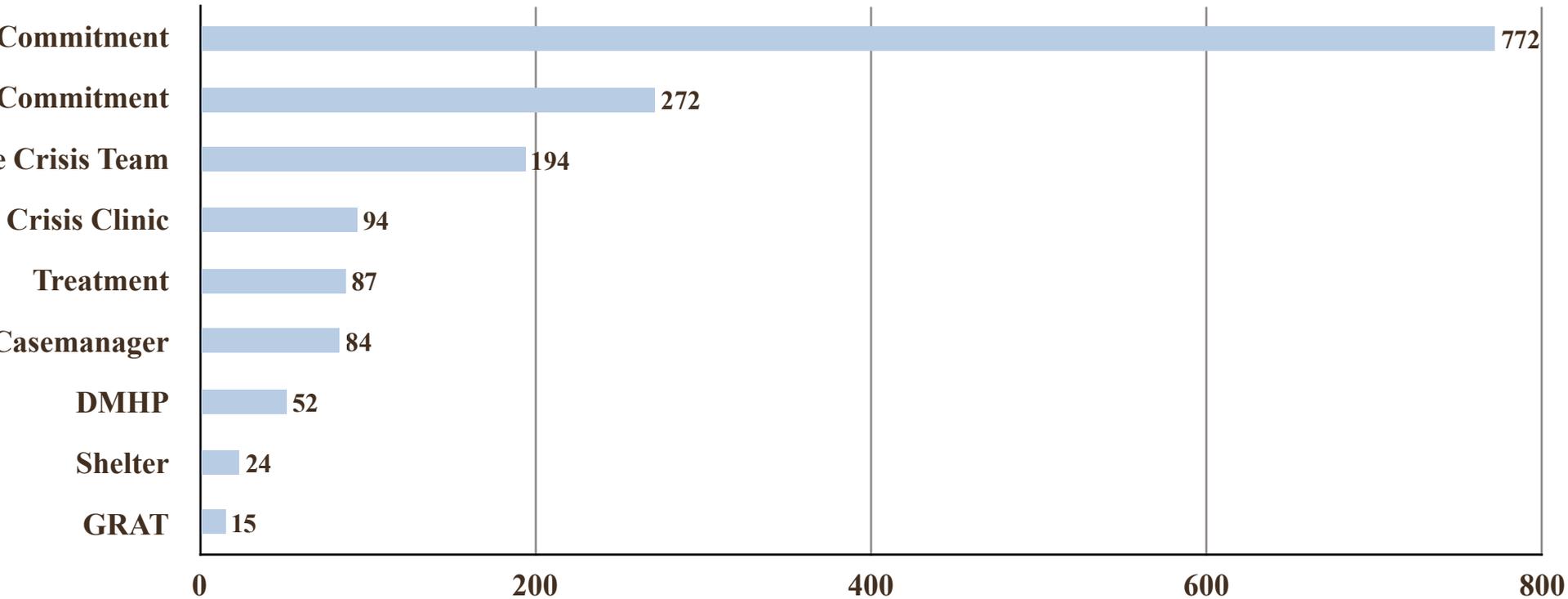
# How are we helping?

- In the first three months of deployment, officers made 1,594 referrals to community services.
- Officers also made 272 voluntary commitments to local hospitals, and 772 involuntary commitments.



# Crisis Referrals

■ Number of Referrals



*\*Officers may make more than one referral per contact*



# Arrests of Persons in Crisis

- Of the 2,464 contacts made, 187 arrests were made, which is just less than 8% of all contacts.
- Of those subjects arrested, 64% were either armed, or had threatened violence.
- An additional 113 subjects had committed criminal offenses but were not ultimately arrested.
  - 60% were transported to a local hospital.



# Barricaded/Arson/Bomb

Date of Incident: 6/17/15

Incident #: 15-203573

Type of Incident: Barricaded suspect / Arson / Bomb Threat

At about 1100hrs, an outside agency attempted to administratively serve a search warrant at a Seattle address. The suspect was already in custody and the outside agency thought they were serving a warrant on an empty house. Detectives attempted to open the door when a subject spoke to the detectives through the door, refusing to open it. The detectives believed that the subject had mental health issues and may have been high on methamphetamine. While the detectives spoke with the subject through the door, the subject threatened to “Blow the place up.” The detectives notified SPD who, requested SWAT / HNT and ABS. SPD contained the scene maintaining a continuous dialogue for more than 10 ½ hours. Ultimately, the subject surrendered and the situation was resolved with the use of reportable force.



# Crisis

Date of Incident: 6/24/15

Incident#: 15-212716

Type of Incident: Crisis

On 06/24/2015 at approximately 0322 hours officers were dispatched to a report of a woman on the 12th Ave S Bridge who was about to jump. Officers arrived and found the subject, at the bridge railing, with a long scarf tied around her neck and the other end tied to the railing. Officers were able to establish a dialog with the subject. Officers spoke to the subject for approximately 50 minutes and eventually were able to get her to remove the knotted scarf from her neck and to step back from the railing. The subject was transported to Harborview for an involuntary commitment for her suicidal tendencies and threat to later complete the act.



# Malicious Harassment

Date of Incident: 7/10/15

Incident#: 15-235930

Type of Incident: Malicious Harassment

On 7/10/2015 at 1233 hours Officers responded to an assault call in the area of 1st AV and Union St. Officers contacted the male victim, an out-of-state visitor to the city, who reported he was walking north-bound on 1st AV with a female friend heading to Pike Place Market. They were conversing with each other and not paying attention to others around them. They passed by an unknown male who suddenly yelled profanities at the and then swung a broken bottle at the victim, striking him in the head and causing a laceration. The victim called 911 and waited nearby for police. The suspect remained at the scene and was pointed out by the victim when officers arrived. When officers went to contact the suspect, he still held the broken bottle. Officers verbally engaged with the suspect, and convinced him to set the bottle down. He was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was booked for investigation of Malicious Harassment.



# Crisis

Date of Incident: 7/31/15

Incident#: 15-263853

Type of Incident: Crisis

SPD responded to numerous 911 calls about a man with a knife at 6th Av and Pine St. Officers found the subject in the company of Metro Transit Security by the Metro Tunnel, north sidewalk 500 Pine St. He was holding the box-cutter in his right hand, pressing the blade into his left wrist. There were several CIT-certified officers on scene, who attempted to engage the subject in conversation. He was clearly agitated to the point of tremors and would not respond to officers' verbal engagement inquiries about his selected topic of interest. The victim pressed the blade into his wrist and pulled violently across, causing a laceration to his wrist, but he still refused to speak to us. Due to the heavy crowds and their potential for unintended victimization from the knife or blood-borne exposure, officers were required to close the distance to within ten feet. Officers were faced with an untenable tactical situation, with no cover or opportunity to maintain distance, no way to safely contain the subject or keep others away. The scene was chaotic and dynamic, and action was required to protect the pedestrian public, the officers, and the subject. One officer deployed her Taser and the subject was safely controlled and delivered for medical attention.



# Crisis

Date of Incident: 7/31/15

Incident#: 15-262869

Type of Incident: Crisis

At approximately 0016hrs a man called 911 and told the call taker that he wanted to die. The caller told the call taker that he had a knife and was going to cut his throat. Officers arrived in the area and searched for the man for about half-hour, but were unable to locate him. As officers were conducting their search, the male called back and informed the call taker that he had just cut himself. The male would not give a location and hung up. The male called 911 repeatedly over the next thirty minutes and finally revealed his location at about 0106hrs. When officers located the man, he was sitting on a bench, holding a knife and had blood running down his arm. Officers asked him to drop the knife, but he refused. Traffic was blocked off, HNT was requested, SWAT responded and Medics were called in to stand-by. Eventually officers established a dialogue with the man while officers with less-lethal and firearms provided cover. As officers worked to deescalate the situation, the subject took off on foot (eastbound) but was again contained by officers at a nearby intersection. An HNT Officer was able to re-engage the subject in a dialogue at this second location and the subject dropped the knife. Officers took the man into custody and called in medics to treat the man's self-inflicted lacerations. The subject was transported to HMC for a Mental Health Evaluation.



# Suicide Threats/Crisis

Date of Incident: 8/1/15

Incident#: 15-264893

Type of Incident: Suicide Threats / Crisis

On 08/01/2015 at approximately 13:03 hours, the complainant called 911 to report that her husband had armed himself with a large knife and was making threats to kill himself. She reported that she had gone into their bedroom and found him on the floor mumbling to himself. She stated that his eyes were “bugged out” and he was in a panicked state. He kept repeating that he needed serious help and that he was going to kill himself. He took the knife and motioned as if he was about to stab himself in the stomach. The complainant screamed for him to stop. She became fearful for her family’s safety and removed them from the residence and waited for officers to arrive. At the home, police made numerous attempts to call the subject on his cell phone inside the residence but got no answer. A sergeant then used a patrol vehicle’s PA system to attempt to hail the man. Less than a minute later, the subject emerged from the home and was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to HMC for an evaluation.



# Suicide Threats/Armed

Date of Incident: 8/6/15

Incident#: 15-272087

Type of Incident: Suicide Threats; armed with a knife

The complainant called 911 requesting help because her husband had armed himself with a large “boning knife” and was threatening to kill himself in front of her and their two children. They got into a heated argument because the complainant told him that he had to leave the family home because of his marijuana use and depression. The subject became extremely upset and told his wife that he would kill himself instead. He grabbed a large knife and held it to his neck. As she was speaking with the 911 operator, the call was disconnected. The 911 Center made numerous attempts to call back, but received no answer. As officers arrived on scene they were able to make contact with the caller and her two children, who were unsure if the subject was still inside the home. The complainant began receiving text messages from the subject, telling her that he had fled to the detached garage behind the house. He told her that he had barricaded the doors and windows and that police “would have a big fight on their hands” if they tried entering the garage. The subject made numerous statements that he was going to kill himself and that he was armed with a knife.

Officers on scene had established containment and identified that the subject was alone in the garage. Officers established communication with the subject via the PA system and an on-scene supervisor requested that HNT respond. The subject slowly opened the door to the garage and told officers that he was not coming out because he didn’t trust police. Officers continued talking with the subject via PA and requested that he drop the knife show and come to the door so officers could help him. Suddenly, the suspect yelled that he was surrendering and appeared in the doorway with his hands empty and his back to officers. The subject was taken into custody without further incident. He was involuntarily committed to HMC and transported via AMR. This incident was resolved without the use of reportable force.

