

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON THE MOBILE SUPPORT TEAM (MST)
STAFF PRESENTER: JOHN D. NOLAND, LIEUTENANT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
AGENDA ACTION: STAFF BRIEFING

No action required.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Mobile Support Team (MST) is to respond with law enforcement to situations involving individuals with behavioral problems stemming from drugs, alcohol, mental illness, or other factors. MST will assist individuals having behavioral incidents and help them receive the aid they need. MST is made up of licensed mental health clinicians (i.e., MFT, LCSW) and certified substance use disorders counselors. Members of MST are authorized to place individuals on a psychiatric 72-hour hold under California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150. MST can provide assessment, case management, referrals, and follow-up to individuals presenting mental health or substance use issues.

MST will be available to assist police officers and deputy sheriffs when requested through dispatch. The MST is new to Sonoma County. Initially, in order to remain within MST capabilities, the operational area will be limited to the Highway 101 corridor from Todd Road in Santa Rosa North to Windsor, East to Mission Blvd., and West to Stony Point Road. Parameters of the operational area will be evaluated at a later date. Follow-up support services will be provided to people identified by MST. These follow-up services will be provided to consumers and family members of people experiencing a mental health incident.

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