

Crisis Assessment Team (CAT)



Who We Are

C.A.T. began in 2003 as a program of Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) Behavioral Health Services (BHS).

The team consists of:

- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Behavioral Health Nurses
- Behavioral Health Specialists



Who we serve

Any Adult with a perceived
behavioral health crisis
in Orange County



We Serve

All Orange County cities
and unincorporated areas.

The team can respond to
private residences, police
stations, health clinics,
private doctor/therapist
offices, and in the field.



Referral Sources

- Law Enforcement
- Social Service Agencies
- Families/Significant Others
- Community Providers



What We Do

- Crisis Intervention Services
- Provide evaluation for involuntary psychiatric hospitalization (5150)

Risk Assessment for:

Danger to self (DTS)

Danger to others (DTO)

Gravely disabled (GD)



What We Do

- Provide follow-up and linkage to appropriate services
- Provide referrals, information and community support services to family members



Crisis Assessment Team

Hours Available:

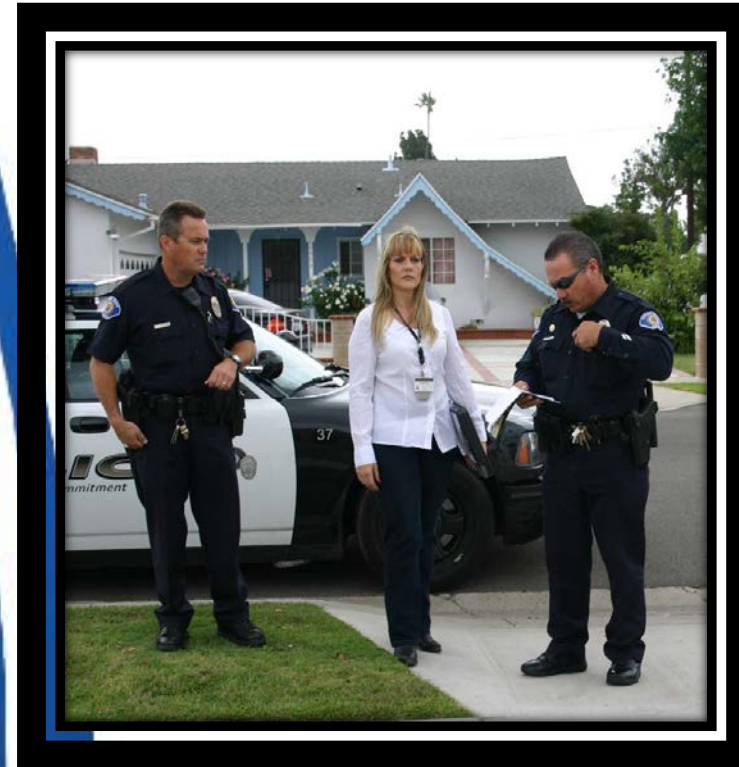
24 hours / 7 days

Phone Numbers:

1-866-830-6011

or

714-517-6353



Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)



Collaborative PERT Partnerships

Westminster- 2003

Garden Grove- 2005

Orange- 2007

OCSD- 2007

Fullerton- 2012

Costa Mesa- 2012

Newport Beach- 2013

Irvine- 2013

Anaheim- 2013

Tustin- 2015

Laguna Beach- 2015

Huntington Beach- 2016

Santa Ana- 2016

Buena Park- 2016

Fountain Valley- 2017

Seal Beach- 2018



PERT - A Collaboration

AOABH

- Provides a trained clinician who rides with patrol 1 to 5 days a week

Law Enforcement

- Provides a team of trained officers

AOABH/Law enforcement provide ongoing training and program evaluations.

AOABH/Law enforcement strive to continue to improve the program.



Program Benefits

- Increase efficiency in identifying the needs of individuals living with behavioral health issues
- Increase police officers knowledge in assisting individuals living with mental illness
- Prevent unnecessary arrest or hospitalization
- Reduce the number of repeat contacts or calls for service from law enforcement
- Shorten the amount of time that police officers spend with individuals living with mental illness
- Increase community relations



Cultural Shift

- Change in Officer perception of individuals living with mental health challenges
- Increased awareness of law enforcement concerns by collaborative members
- Better understanding of the various agencies procedures
- Increased community satisfaction due to agencies working together
- Willingness of officers to request help from outside agencies
- Better problem solving skills from the officers



CAT Contact Information

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Questions

