

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

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Community Paramedicine – History

- 2017 awarded AFG Grant
 - Live date March 1, 2018 with KBEMS approval
- 2018 Added Lexington Police Officer
- 2018 Practicum site for College of Social Work
- 2018 BJA Grant for opioid follow-up
 - 2019 Hired Social Worker – Maria Slone
 - \$500,000/Two Years
- 2019 UKHC, Baptist Health Lexington, CHI St. Joseph
 - Covered 2020 funding
 - \$200,000/One Year
- 2020 2nd BJA Grant for Continued opioid follow-up
 - 2021 Hired 2nd Social Worker
 - \$511,000/Three Years
- KORE Grant (FY 22, FY 23, anticipated FY 24)
 - Allocated additional FF/Paramedic position \$150,000/Year



Community Paramedicine

- Referrals
 - Intranet form – Lexington Fire Department Intranet
 - Email
 - Fire Department Personnel
 - Police Department Personnel
 - Crisis Intervention Reports
 - Community Members
 - Hospitals
 - Social Service Agencies
 - Data Analysis – ESO



Community Paramedicine – Response

Response

- Teams of personnel
 - FF/Paramedic & Social Worker
 - LPD Officer & Social Worker
 - FF/Paramedic & LPD Officer
- Not Crisis Response
 - We help post Acute Crisis
 - Staffing limited
 - Support personnel on crisis response



Community Paramedicine – Response

Data

2022 Calendar Year Review:

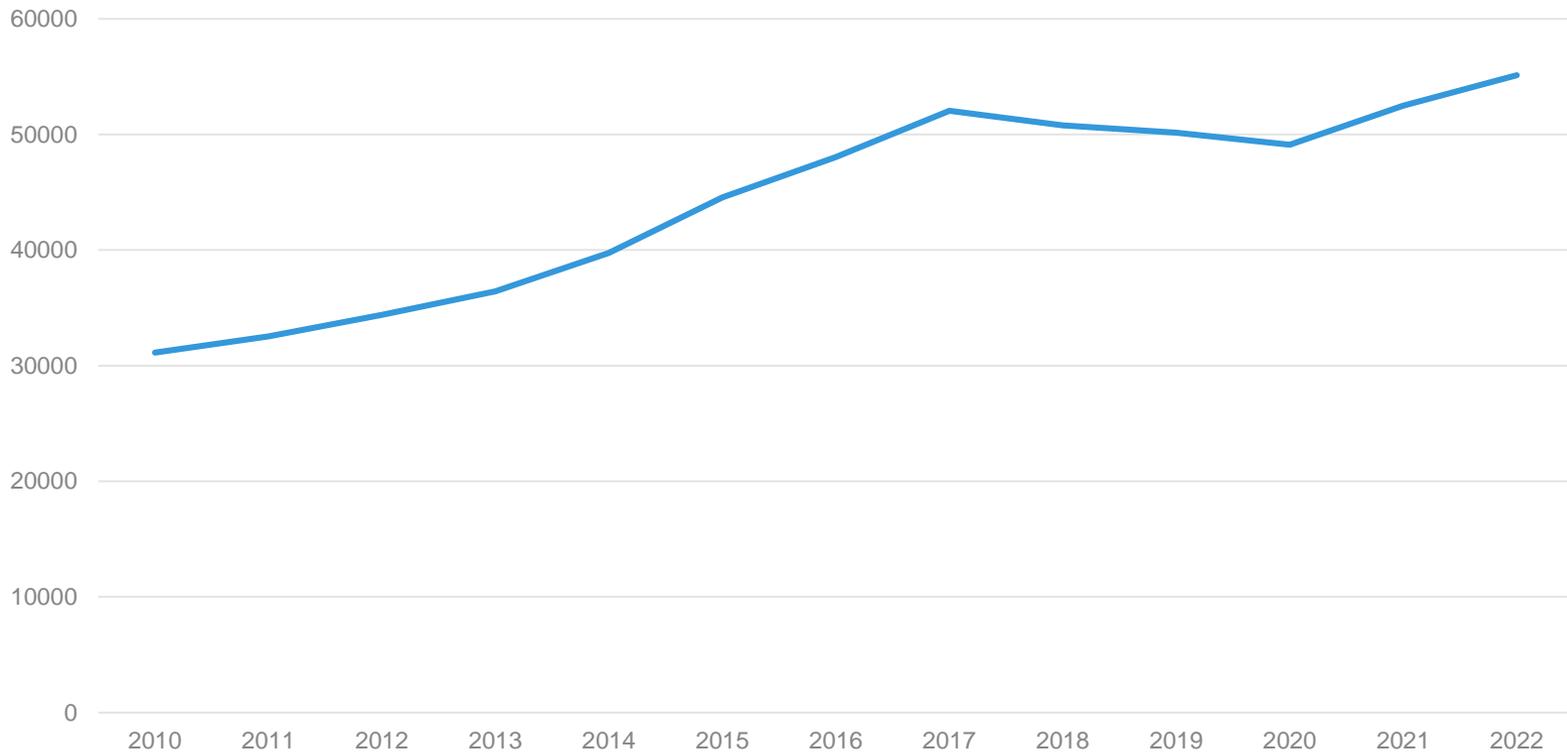
- Over 350 unique individuals
- Over 1,800 individuals who suffered a non-fatal overdose
- Over 300 referrals from LPD personnel
 - 2,638 Crisis Intervention Reports completed in 2022
 - Increase of over 1,000 since 2020



Community Paramedicine – Response

Impact

EMS CALL VOLUME BY YEAR





Community Paramedicine – Response

Impact

- Community Impact



Community Paramedicine – Response

Why it works

- Locally Defined
- Program unique
- Agility/Flexibility
- Responsive



Community Paramedicine – Future

- Social Workers
 - Permanency?

- Future Growth
 - Additional roles
 - Grant Opportunities
 - Adding more personnel

Questions?

