

# Douglas County, CO Mental Health Initiative

## MISSION

In response to several tragic mental health related incidents, the Douglas County Mental Health Initiative unites 40 community partners to address unmet mental health needs, connect people to mental health services, and prevent those in need from falling through the cracks of the mental health system.

## SOLUTION

The Community Response Teams are unique co-responder partnerships supported by the Board of Douglas County Commissioners, Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, and Mental Health Providers.

## 2018 & BEYOND

CRT co-responder teams will be available in all of Douglas County through the addition of law enforcement partners. An integrated mental health system with a no-fail, case management network is also being developed. Case management software to provide care coordination has also been added.

Douglas County  
& the Douglas  
County  
Sheriff's  
Office



South Metro  
Fire Rescue  
Authority



## COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAMS (CRT)

MAY 8, 2017 – APRIL 30, 2018

Of the **1,001**  
encounters:

**410** = active 911 calls for service

**591** = follow-ups and referrals

**72** = field medical clearance by Fire/EMS

**60%** of 911 calls  
treated in place;  
**16%** direct mental  
health placement

**163** people were  
referred for case  
management with **75%**  
successful engagement

**142** Emergency  
Department  
& **53** Jail  
Diversions

**599** Patrol Officers  
released back  
into service

**127** Fire Employees  
**66** Fire Vehicles released  
back into service

Estimated Cost Avoidance for  
Fire/EMS, ED's, and Detention:

**\$1,703,605**



Castle Rock  
Police and Fire  
& Rescue Departments



Mental  
Health Clinicians  
& Case Managers