Mental Health Support Team Functions and Services

MHST is the TPD investigative resource for incidents involving a mental health nexus

MHST is the primary unit responsible for investigating missing adults with a mental health nexus, to include Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Service of Mental Health Court Orders

Transport to Mental Health Facilities

MHST is the primary provider of specialized mental health training to both civilian, and Public Safety Personnel

MHST provides a centralized point of contact for the public, the behavioral health community, and Law Enforcement Agencies

MHST provides an entry point into Mental Health Services through the Title 36 Petition Process

Where Can You Go For Help?

Tucson Police MHST Public Email

MHSTTPD@tucsonaz.gov

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

(800) 273-8255

Crisis Response Center
2802 E District St, Tucson, AZ

St. Mary's Hospital
1601 W St Mary's Rd, Tucson, AZ

Banner South Campus
2800 E Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ

Palo Verde Hospital
2695 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson, AZ

Sonora Behavioral Health
6050 N Corona Rd, Tucson, AZ

Carondelet St. Joseph's
350 N Wilmot Rd, Tucson, AZ

Need a Referral to a Mental Health Agency? Contact Cenpatico:

(866) 495-6738

If you are in crisis right now please call 9-1-1

or the 24 hour crisis line

1-866-495-6735

(TDD/TTY: 1-877-613-2076)

270 S. Stone Ave.
Tucson, Az 85701
(520)791-4444

Contact Us
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Our Mission is to improve public safety and service through the utilization of mental health services. The MHST Unit strives to decrease the number of incarcerated mentally ill individuals by acting as an entry point into mental health treatment, and prevent incidents through early intervention with speedy and through case follow-up.

The **Tucson Police Mental Health Support Team** was established in January 2014, and represents a philosophical shift in law enforcement response to behavioral health incidents. After several high profile incidents throughout the country, law enforcement agencies recognized that such incidents may be prevented through early intervention of mental health services. MHST serves as an entry point into the mental health system for those in crisis and provides transport for hundreds of individuals per year.

Reporting Missing Persons

When to Report and How You Can Help

Discovering that a loved one is missing is one of the most stressful experiences a person can have. But it is critically important that you try to remain calm when filing your report.

It is important to have clear and specific information for the police that explain the reasons you believe the person is missing. Check with the missing person's workplace, family members, friends, and usual hang-outs. Once you have checked thoroughly with these people and locations, please have one person contact the police.

Information that will help the police when you report someone missing:

- What out of the ordinary event or situation leads you to believe this person is in danger/missing?

- What was their mental state? Are they a potential danger to themselves or others? Are they known to carry weapons on their person?

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- Please have a detailed physical description prepared. Include gender, ethnicity, height, weight, age, hair color and any distinguishing marks, and clothing the individual was wearing when they were last seen. Provide one or two clear and recent photographs.

Important information for you to know:

- There is no waiting period for filing a missing persons report.

- Reporting someone missing does not necessarily mean you will be informed when they are found. The missing person has the right to request confidentiality, particularly if he/she is an adult.

- If the person returns on their own, please inform police immediately.