



Responding to Mental Health in our Community

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Presentation Outline

- Mental Illness in our Community
- Youth and Mental Illness
- Impacts to York Regional Police
- Police Response
- Training



Mental Illness

"It Affects Someone You Know"

- Depression is 3rd most common disease worldwide
- 4 of top 10 disabilities worldwide
- 450 million people worldwide
- 1 in 5 Canadians experience mental health issues



Common Forms of Mental Illness





Youth and Mental Health Illnesses

“Early Intervention is the Key”

- 20% of Ontario children has a mental health challenge
- Many with 2 or more mental health illnesses
- Younger children being diagnosed



Here In York Region

“Close To Home”

- 200,000 residents experience mental health illness
- 2% of the population living in York Region suffers from some form of ***permanent*** mental health illness



Stigmatization

“Discrimination Hurts”

- Barriers to employment
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Risk of victimization
- Conflict with the law



Trends in Mental Health

“What Can We Expect”

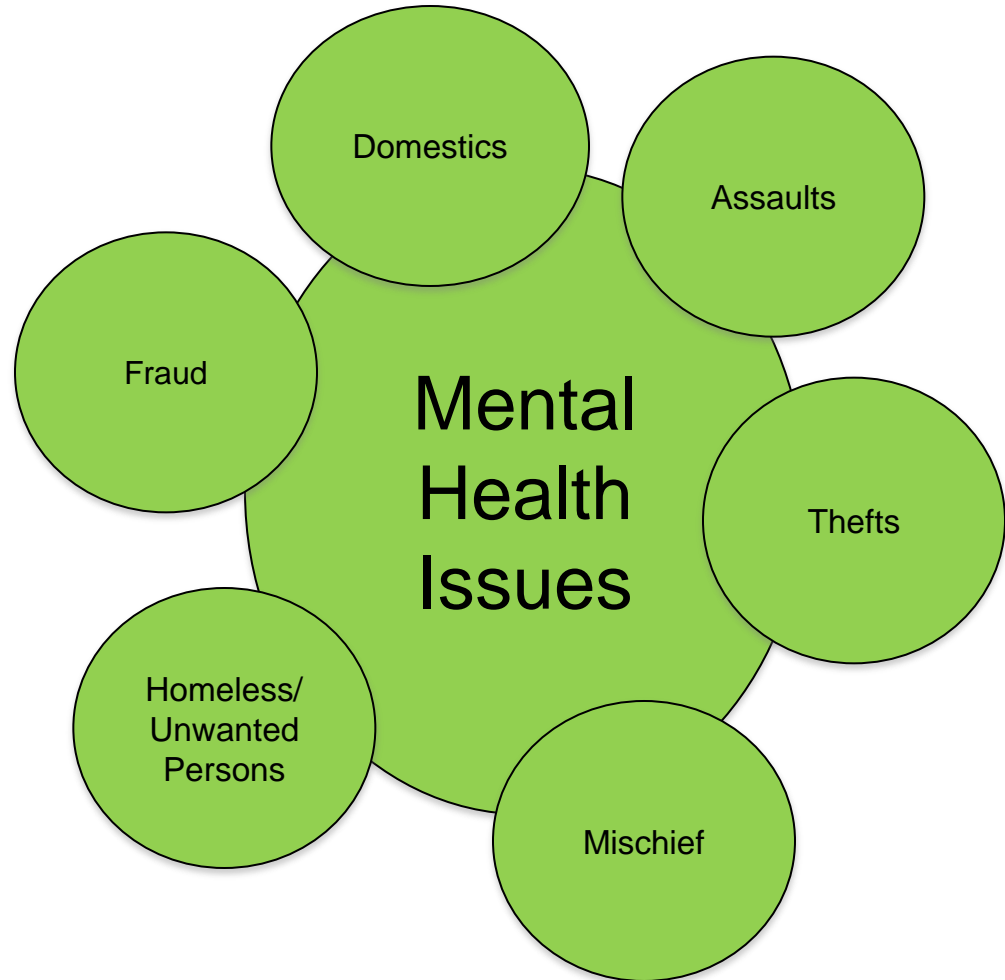
- Children’s Mental Health
- Returning Veterans
- Aging population
- Concurrent disorders
- Dual diagnosis



Impact on York Regional Police

In 2012 York Regional Police responded to:

- 2157 calls for emotionally disturbed persons
- 1243 suicide attempt calls



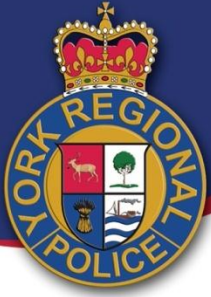


Police Response

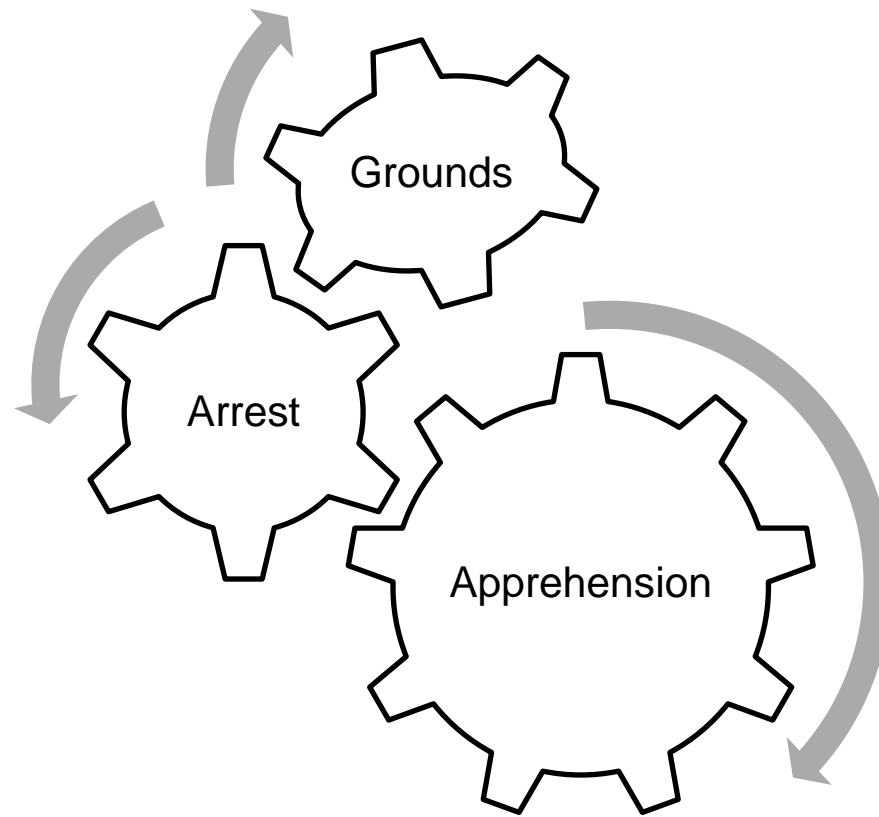
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Policing Standards Manual

Local Protocols



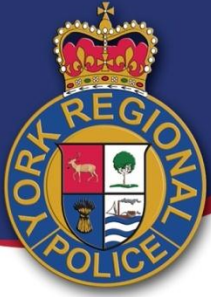
Provisions under the MHA





Training Opportunities

- Mental Health Awareness
- Station Duty Operators
- Recruit officer training
- Officer Annual Requalification
- Scenario practical exercises
- On the job training



The Goals of Crisis Intervention Training

Communication
Intervention
Partnerships



Mental Health Support Team

"We are better together"

- Partnership between Police and YSSN – Crisis Response Program
- Team consists of an officer and a crisis worker





Mental Health Support Team

“Providing Support to the Community”

- Response for persons 16 years of age and up
- M.H.S.T. provides:
 - support
 - resource information
 - assessments
 - advocates for subject
 - education





MHST

- Team consists of 2 full time plain clothes officers and 18 alternate officers as well as 3 full time crisis workers and 5 alternates to fill in for vacation and training requirements
- In 2012 the team responded to 2954 calls for service





Community Treatment Court

“Decriminalization”

- Initial Recognition
- Notification to Crown’s Office
- Dedicated Court
- Safety
- Treatment



We Are Working Together

"We and the community are one"

- Partnerships
- Threats in Schools Protocol
- Community Referral Program
- Children's Mental Health Support Team





Thank you!