



# Mental Health Unit

Office of the Sheriff/Unified Police Department

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# What is the MHU?

To reduce violent outcomes and prevent unnecessary incarceration of persons with a mental illness the MHU provides a co-response of LEO and LCSW to support officers in the field.

## During incident:

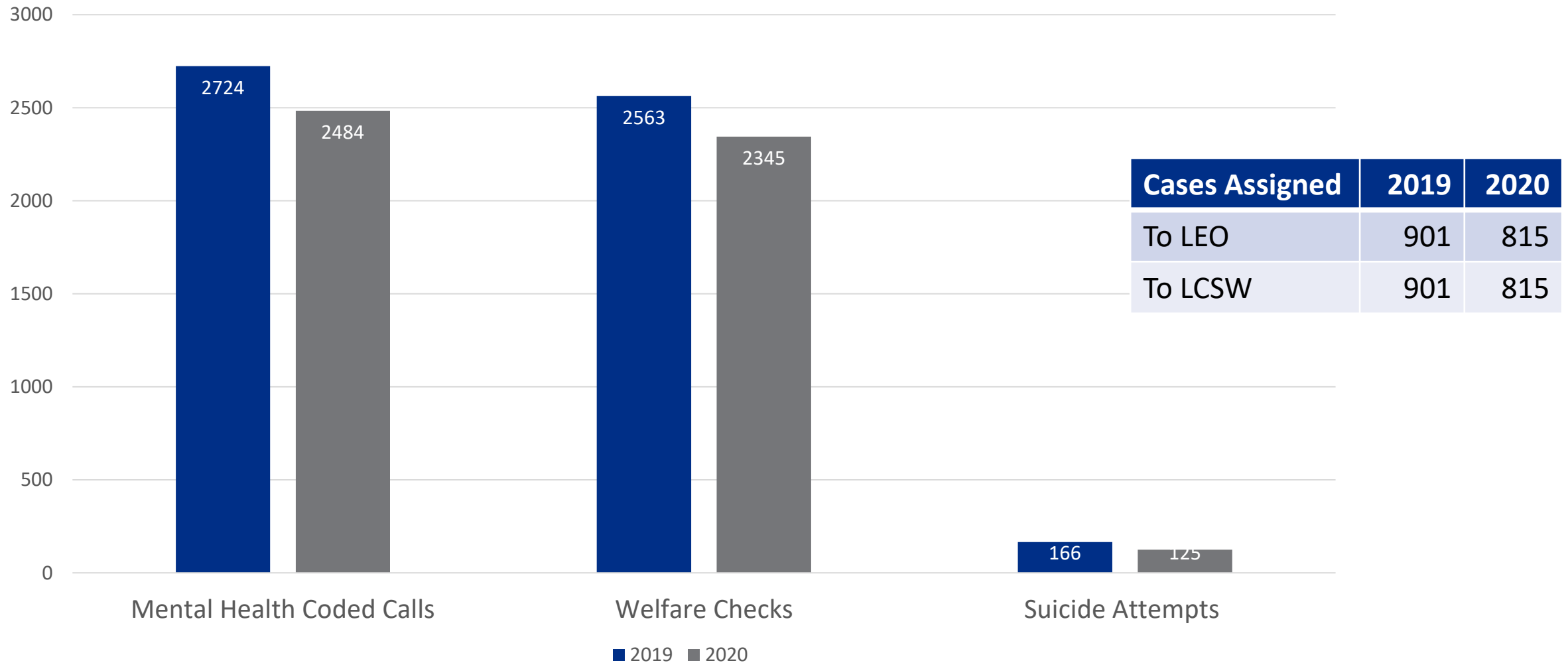
- Provide on-scene support
- Release patrol officers for availability
- Connect individuals/families to resources
- Advanced de-escalation

## After incident:

- Provide case management/data collection
- Liaise with various state agencies, courts, private facilities and hospitals



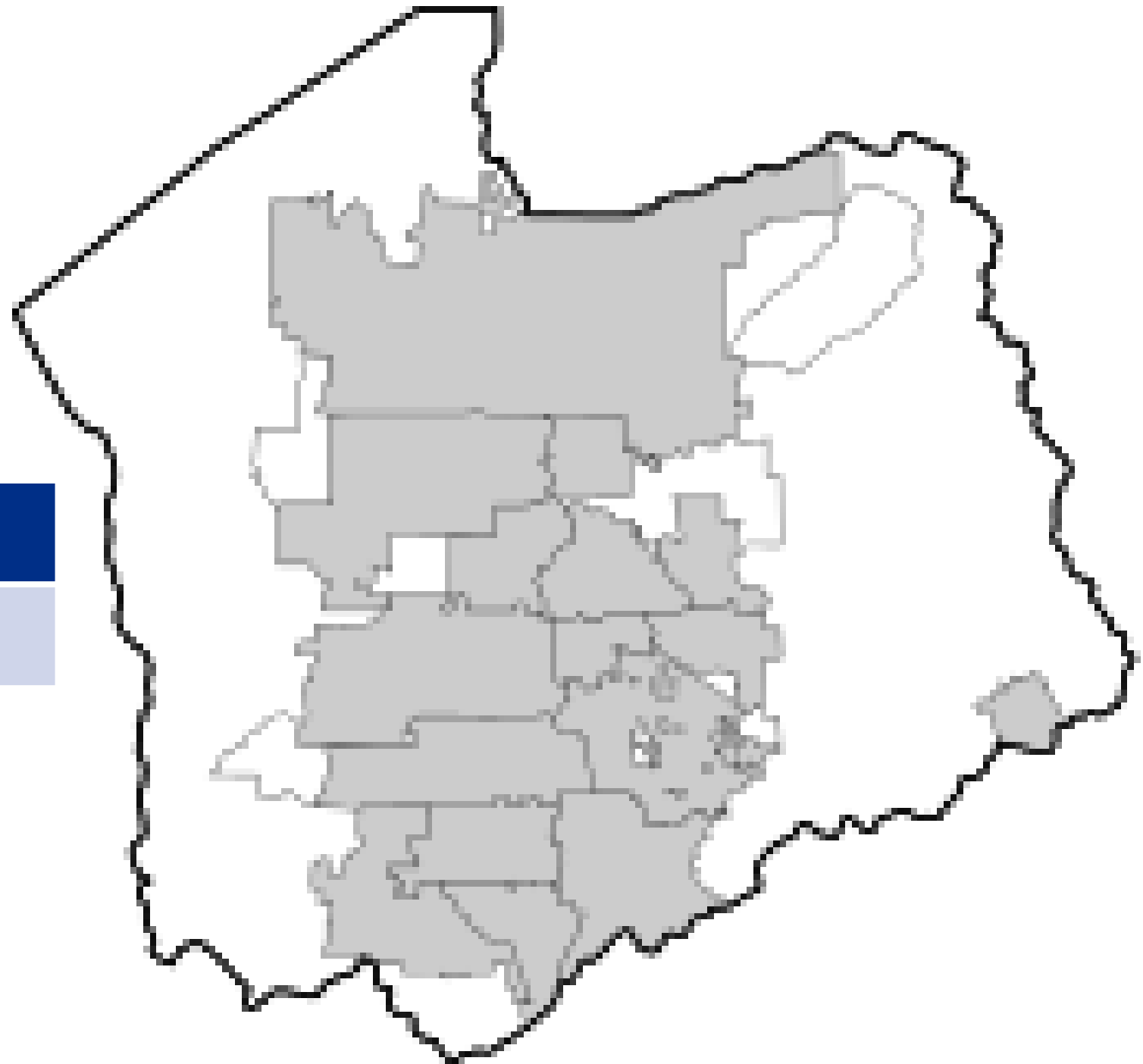
# Mental Health Related Calls



# Current Cases

**182 Cases**

**16 Municipalities**



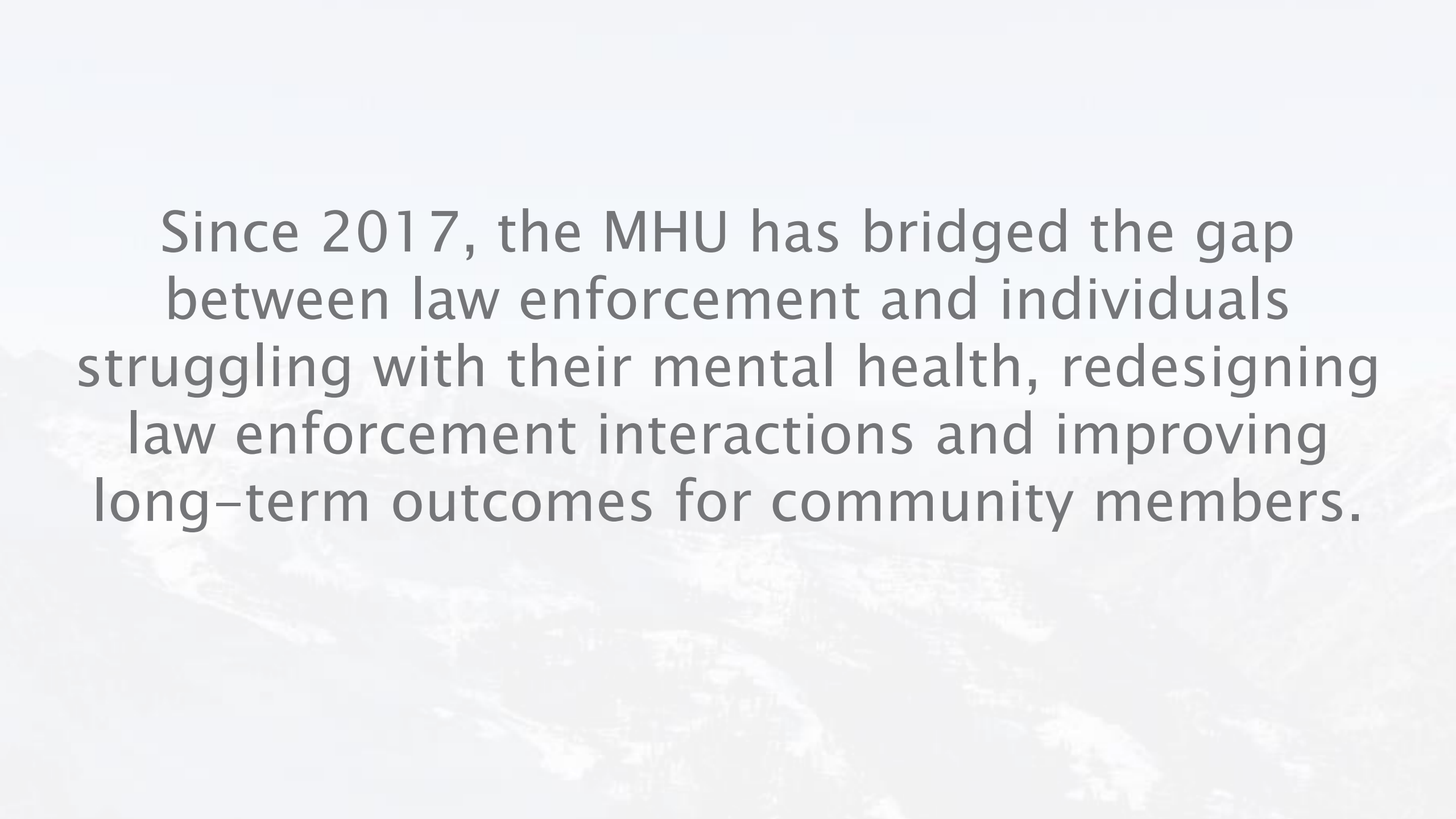
# Mental Health Unit Budget

FY 2020–2021

	Cost
1 FTE Sergeant	\$156,130
1 FTE Officer	\$127,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284,057</b>

Costs include equipment.

Co-Responding FTE LCSW funded through Salt Lake County Behavioral Health with existing JRI funds.

An aerial photograph of a valley with a winding river, serving as a background for the text.

Since 2017, the MHU has bridged the gap between law enforcement and individuals struggling with their mental health, redesigning law enforcement interactions and improving long-term outcomes for community members.





Questions