

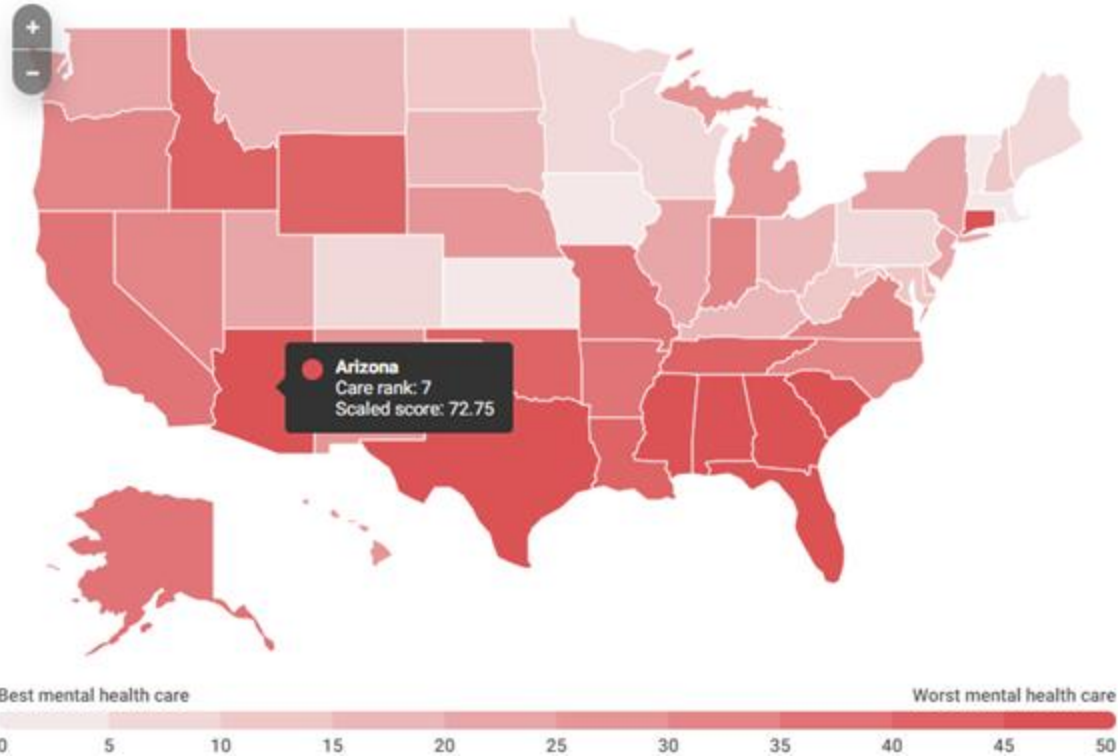
Behavioral Health Crisis Calls

What do police officers do in Mesa?



Arizona Ranks 43rd with a high prevalence of
mental illness

The best and worst US states for mental healthcare

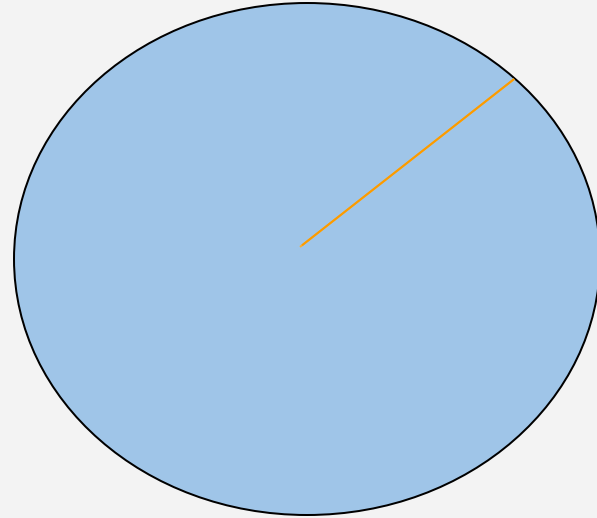


Source: [Forbes](#)

The availability of Psychiatrists for Arizona's Citizens

KEY:

- Arizona Citizens (blue)
- Psychiatrists (orange)



Source: Center for the Future of Arizona, American Medical News

Police officers receive an influx of behavioral health crisis calls

Behavioral Crisis Calls

Calls made when a mentally ill or troubled individual poses a threat to themselves or others.

Emergency Assistance

Emergency calls, often disturbances, complaints, & suspicion.

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How is Mesa dealing
with this crisis?

Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT)

- 2 years after employment
- Recommend but not required
- For police officers

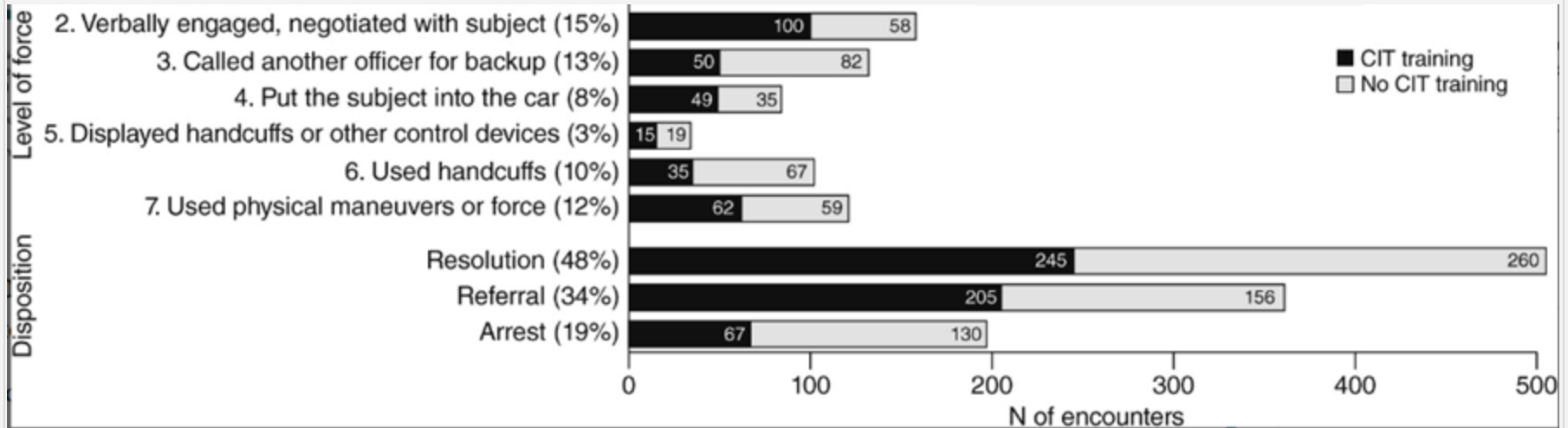
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Source: Mesa Police Communications; Mental Health Calls

Benefits of CIT Training



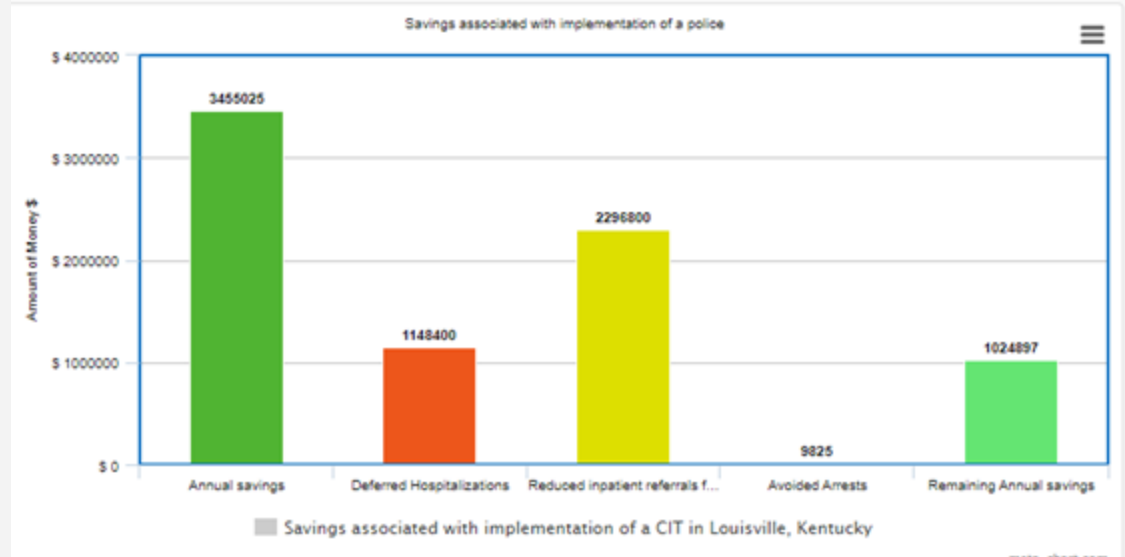
Source: Psychiatric Services

Recommendation:

Patrol police officers must take CIT training after 2 years of employment and one training of continuing officer education per year to better address behavioral health crisis calls and community perceptions.

Limitations

- Costs of training
- Cost of treatment



Source: Southern Medical Journal

Limitations

Police Perspective

- It should be left optional
- Puts more responsibilities on officers



Source: Officer Raine

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Appendix



The U.S. is
experiencing a
police hiring
crisis.

Source: NBC

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