

**Working Group for Police & Community - Group Memory**  
**Meeting November 11, 2021**

**Meeting Goal:** The primary purpose of this meeting was to gain a better understanding of mental health responses in law enforcement.

**Pre-meeting Preparation:** Prior to the meeting, committee members were asked to review information about Laramie Police Department's mental health responses—including information on the Critical Incident Team (CIT) program and Wyoming Statute Title 25—as well as information on national trends in co-responder models.

**Co-Chair Welcome & Facilitator Introduction of Topic:** The session began with welcoming remarks from the committee co-chairs who noted the shift in topic to law enforcement responses to mental health calls and encouraged committee members to familiarize themselves with the informational resources provided to the committee.

**Presentation on Mental Health Responses in Law Enforcement:** Chief Stalder presented remarks on mental health responses in law enforcement. These remarks noted the high prevalence of mental health issues in police responses, provided an overview of the Laramie Police Department's CIT program, summarized Wyoming Statute Title 25, and introduced alternative responses including national trends in co-responder models.

Committee members asked clarifying questions about Wyoming Statute Title 25 including the scope of the statute, who can initiate emergency detention procedures (e.g., police officers, emergency room doctors, and mental health practitioners), the prevalence of emergency detention in Laramie, who covers the cost of emergency detention, and funding sources. Committee members also considered alternative response options, including co-responder models such as REAL, CAHOOTS, and STAR. The discussion also centered on the Fort Collins Model and the potential for application in Laramie, as well as the importance of a data driven, community focused approach. Finally, the conversation concluded with a discussion of dispatcher training and community education on communicating with police when making mental health related calls.