



# MPD's Mental Health Unit Updates

*Community Justice Council-  
Behavioral Health Subcommittee*



# Values of MPD's Mental Health Unit

- **Problem solving:** We believe in identifying the underlying issues creating police calls and reducing them.
- **Collaboration:** We engage with partners from across the government, civil society, families and consumers to improve systems, relationships, and outcomes.
- **Diversion:** We aim to reduce the involvement of criminal justice in mental health issues and the criminalization of mental illness.
- **Professional development:** We seek increased knowledge and expertise within the unit and to share our knowledge and experience with the department at large.





# History of MPD's Mental Health Unit



2004

2010

2015

2016



# Composition of MPD's Mental Health Unit (MHU)

**320 Patrol Officers**

**48 MHLOs**

**6 MHOs**

A vast majority of mental health crises are serviced by MPD's **Patrol Officers**.

MPD's Mental Health Unit (MHU) provides added support to community members and to first-responding officers before, during, and after a mental health crisis occurs.

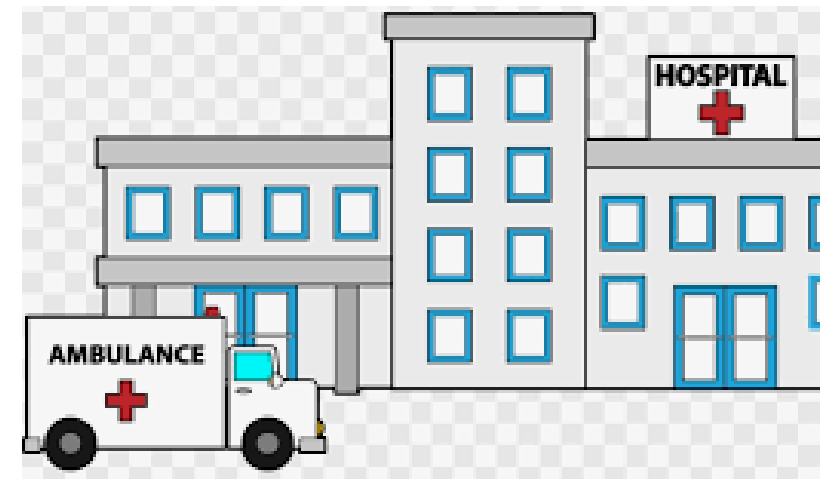
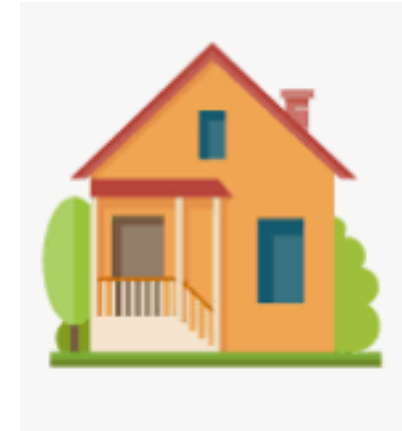
- Our **Mental Health Liaison Officers (MHLOs)** are officers and Sergeants assigned to Patrol who voluntarily participate in additional training and take on additional tasks to promote the Mental Health Unit's values.
- Our **Mental Health Officers (MHOs)** serve in a specialized role and are assigned to MPD district stations.
- Our **Law Enforcement Crisis Workers (LECWs)** are mental health clinicians employed by Journey Mental Health





# More on Diversion

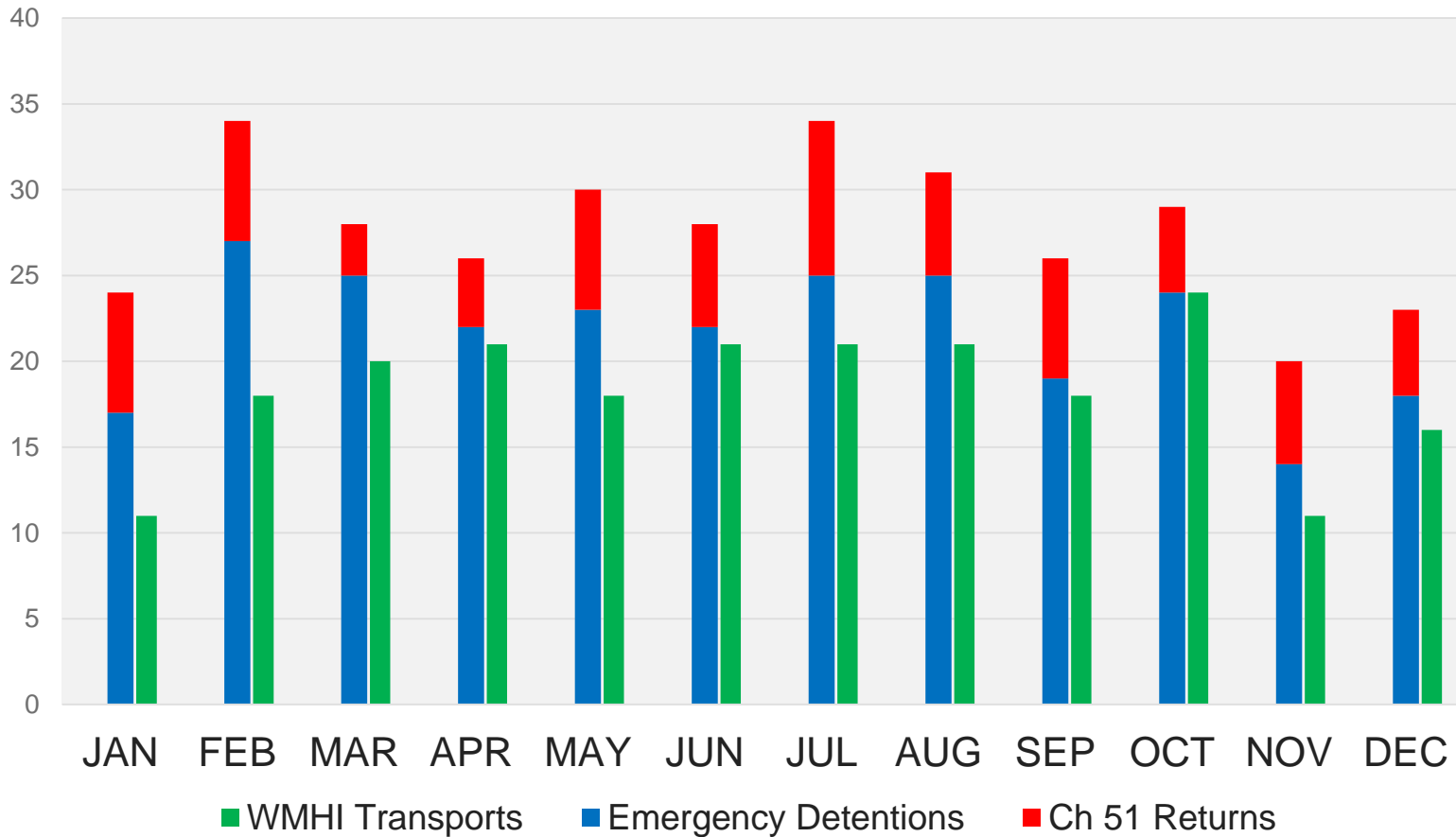
- Wisconsin's Chapter 51 provides that law enforcement may perform an Emergency Detention on a person under certain circumstances.
- When an individual has behaved in a **dangerous but non-criminal** manner, officers are trained to make observations of accompanying signs and symptoms and consult with Journey Mental Health to arrive at an appropriate disposition.
- When a consumer has behaved in a **dangerous and criminal** manner, and if an Emergency Detention is appropriate, officers are trained to pursue hospitalization (stabilization/treatment) first.





# MPD's Chapter 51 Statistics

## 2022 MPD CHAPTER 51 ACTIVITY



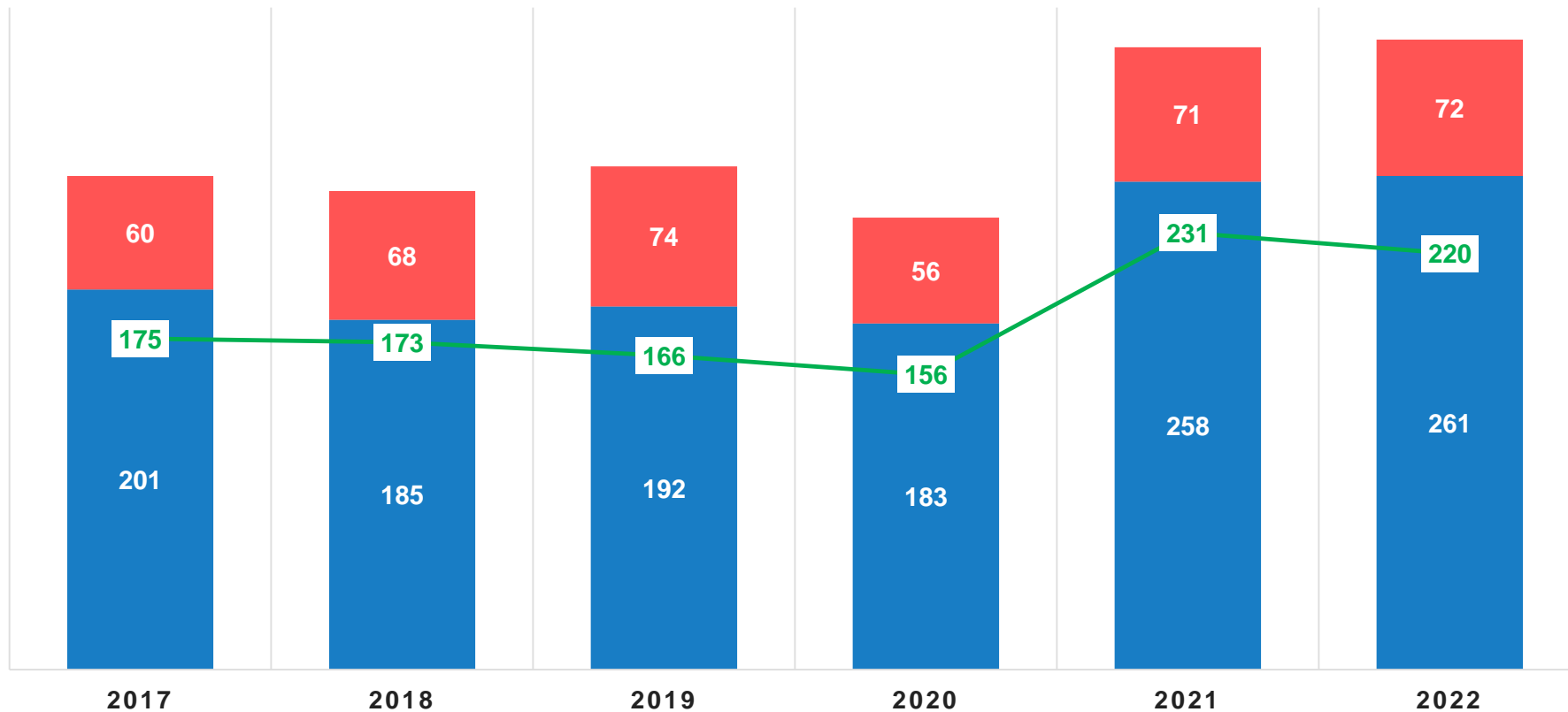
	EDs	Ch 51 Returns	WMHI Transports
<b>2022 TOTALS</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>220</b>
	<b>337</b>		<b>66%</b>



# MPD's Chapter 51 Statistics

## MPD CHAPTER 51 ACTIVITY, 2017-2022

Emergency Detentions Ch 51 Returns WMHI Transports



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