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MINUTES OF NEIGHBORS IN NEED May 6, 2026 MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the Neighbors in Need Task Force was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the 210 Administration Training Room at City Hall, 903 W Main Street, Blue Springs, Missouri with Chair Chris Lievsay presiding.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Chris Lievsay
Councilmember Jerry Kaylor
Councilmember Katie Tholen
Councilmember Jeremy Rowan
Lori Byl - ABSENT
Alex Duvall - ABSENT
Danica Fuimaono
Mickey Hill
Bobby Hines
Bridgette Shaffer
Kristy Whitney - ABSENT
Tom Worstell

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Also present were Community Services Bureau Sargeant Traci Benson, Community Services Bureau Officer Jordan Litz, and Director of Strategic Initiatives George Schmitz.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Lievsay called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and a quorum was confirmed.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mickey Hill moved to approve the April 1, 2026 Neighbors in Need Task Force Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bobby Hines and carried unanimously.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM REPORTS

Sargeant Traci Benson and Officer Jordan Litz presented Crisis Intervention Team Annual Fact Sheets for the Blue Springs Police Department from years 2024 and 2025. Task Force members discussed the fact sheet findings. Copies of these Fact Sheets are attached to these minutes and incorporated herein for reference.

DISCUSSION AND INVENTORY OF PARTNERS, GROUPS, AND RESOURCES

Members of the Task Force discussed the creation of a survey to help inventory groups and resources available to the Blue Springs Community. There was discussion on what categories and information that will be collected through the survey.

NEXT STEPS

City Administration will create a draft document to build questions. From there, a Microsoft Form Survey will be drafted for review and approval by the Task Force.

ADJOURN

At 2:38 PM., there was no further business to come before the Task Force, Mickey Hill moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Rowan and carried unanimously.

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SIGNATURES:

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Mayor Chris Lievsay, Chair

ATTEST

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George Schmitz, Task Force Secretary

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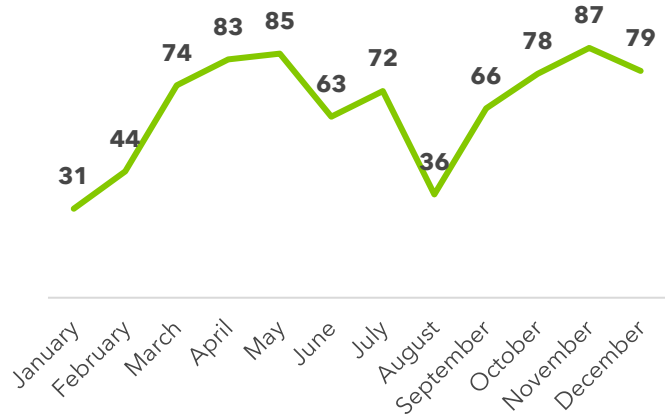
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CIT Fact Sheet | 2024

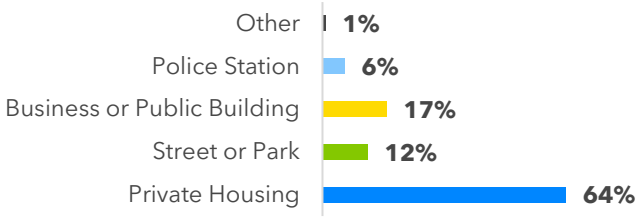
Data Collection

798 CIT Incident Reports were submitted by the Blue Springs law enforcement officers in 2024.

CIT Reports By Month

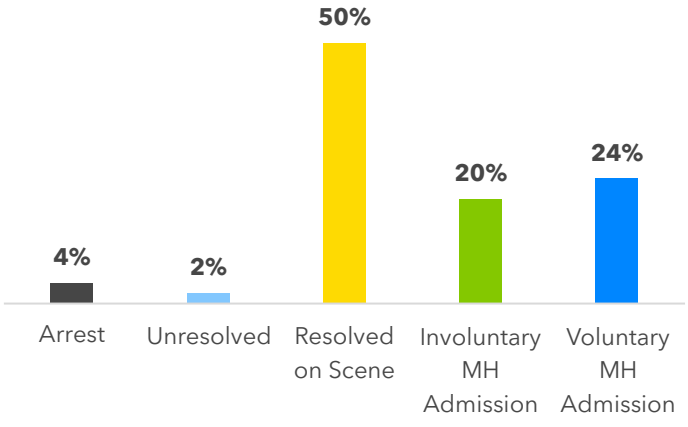


Call Location Type



Call Outcomes

44% of calls ended in Mental Health Admissions.



Consumer Demographics

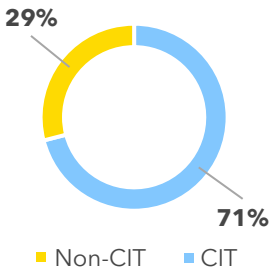
Reports indicated the average consumer was a **white (82%) male (52%) around 36 years of age (range: 8-87)**. **Juveniles** represented **17%** of all reported consumers.

Reports indicated that **18%** of calls involved consumers identified as **experiencing homelessness**.

Reports indicated that **9%** of calls involved consumers identified as **veterans**.

CIT Certification

CIT trained officers responded to **71%** of the calls, while non-CIT trained officers responded to **29%** of the calls.



Additional Information

13% of calls were dispatched because of a consumer experiencing suicidal ideations compared to **27%** of consumers reporting to have suicidal ideations upon arrival at the scene.

Police use of force was documented on **3%** of calls.

Consumers were resistant to law enforcement in **19%** of calls, with **4%** of calls involving physical noncompliance.

37% of consumers were reported to experience substance use disorder. Consumers were deemed intoxicated on **13%** of calls.

71% of reports indicated the consumer received or was offered access to behavioral health services.

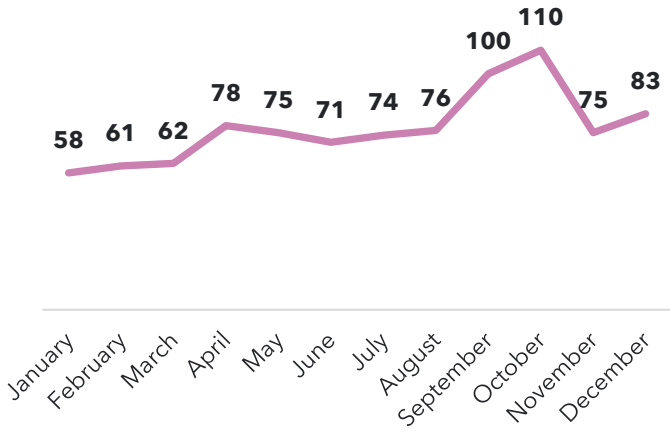
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Crisis Intervention Team Annual Fact Sheet | January-December 2025

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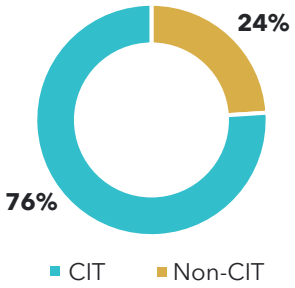
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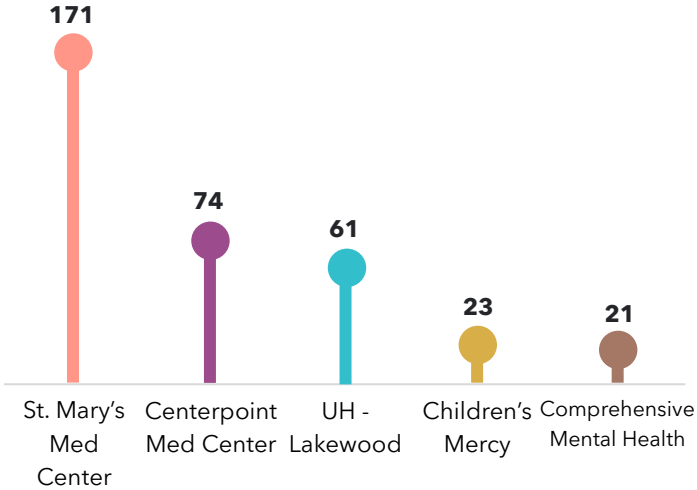


CIT Training

CIT-trained officers responded to **76%** of the calls, while non-CIT trained officers responded to **24%** of the calls.



Transport Outcomes: Top 5



Consumer Demographics

Blue Springs law enforcement interacted with individuals ranging in age from **8-93**, with the average consumer being **37 years old**.

Male **55%** | Female **45%** | Unknown/Other **0%**

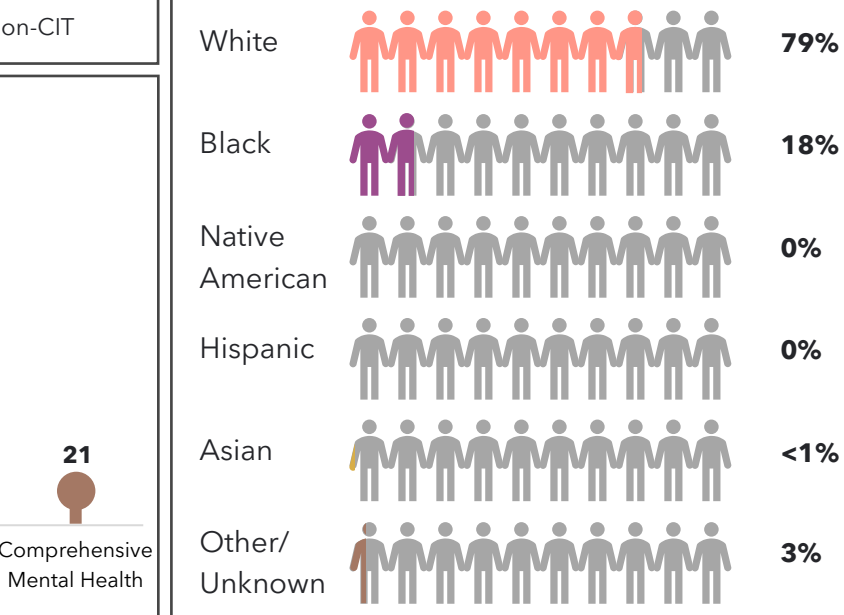
Juveniles represented **20%** of all reported consumers.

Seniors made up **7%** of all reported consumers.

Interactions with consumers **experiencing homelessness** accounted for **21%** of all calls.

Consumers **currently serving or formerly in the U.S. military** were involved in **10%** of all calls.

Consumer Race



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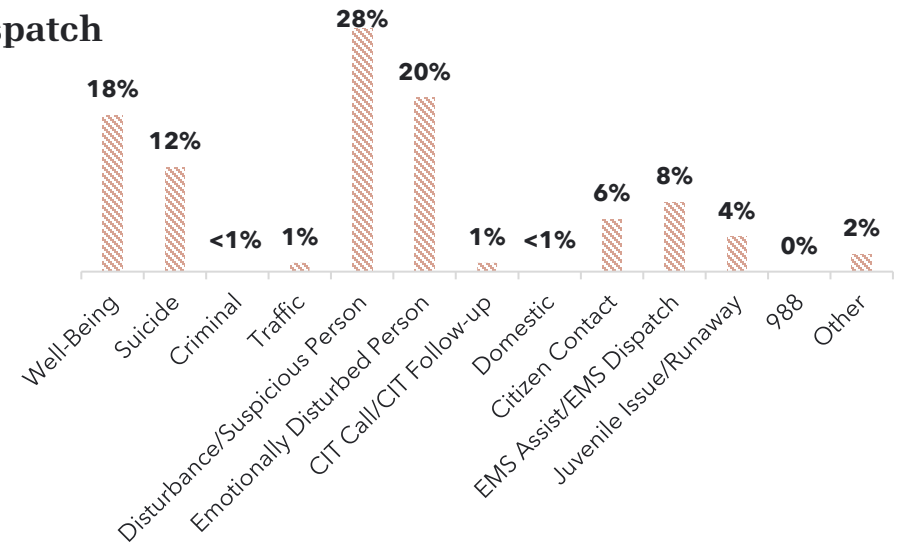
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CIT Call Characteristics: Dispatch

Top 5 Dispatch Reasons

1. Disturbance/Suspicious Person
2. Emotionally Disturbed Person
3. Well-Being
4. Suicide
5. EMS Assist/EMS Dispatch

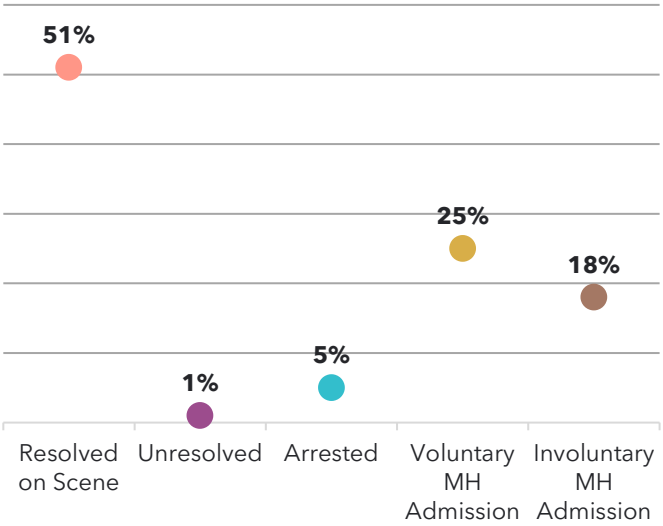


CIT Call Characteristics: Location

- Private Housing Unit **63%**
- Street or Park **12%**
- Business or Public Building **18%**
- Police Station **5%**
- Telephone/ Phone Call **<1%**
- Hospital/ MH Provider **1%**
- School **<1%**
- Jail **<1%**
- Other **<1%**

CIT Call Characteristics: Outcome

43% of calls handled by Blue Springs Police Department resulted in mental health admissions.



Additional Information

Calls were **dispatched** due to **suicide concern** in **12%** of cases, while **32%** of encounters involved consumers reporting **suicidal ideation upon arrival at the scene**.

Consumers were **resistant to law enforcement** in **19%** of calls, with **2%** of encounters involving **physical noncompliance**.

Police use of force was documented on **2%** of calls, with **zero incidents** resulting in **consumer injury**.

Consumers reported having a **mental health diagnosis** in **47%** of calls, with **bipolar disorder** and **developmental disorder** being the most frequently reported diagnoses, each accounting for **5%** of calls.

Consumers were identified as experiencing **substance misuse** in **30%** of calls, while **signs of intoxication** were observed in **12%**.

Consumers received or were offered **access to behavioral health services** in **73%** of calls, including **referrals** to the **988 Lifeline** in **3%**.

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