

BHCON (Behavioral Health Connect) is a crisis response team comprised of a Crisis Intervention Team trained Deputy and a UCHealth Behavioral Health Clinician.

 **62**
9-1-1 CALLS
FOR SERVICE

BHCON contacted the client 69% of the time when responding to 9-1-1 calls, and 36% of the time at initial referral. Referrals can come from internal or external agencies.

 **22**
REFERRALS

 **38**
FOLLOW-UPS

The team successfully reached out to clients 45% of the time after initial contact to provide continual support. BHCON also follows up with mental health providers to ensure clients receive the care they need.

 **35**
ADMINISTRATIVE
CALLS

»»» The Sheriff's Office received **348** Mental Health Calls Total «««

97%
CALLS
DIVERTED
FROM JAIL

87%
CALLS
DIVERTED
FROM ER

Monthly Spotlight

The BHCON team has been onboarding new staff throughout January and only one unit was running. We are welcoming two new clinicians and a new Deputy to the team. Call response will increase when both units are up and running.

Call Types

71% Check the Welfare & Suicide Related Calls

Additionally, BHCON responded to calls such as Disturbance, Criminal Trespass, Domestic Violence, and Suspicious Incident.

Call & Referral Dispositions

40% Treated in Place

Treating in Place eliminates the need to remove individuals from their home/ school by providing immediate intervention/ resources.

12% Mental Health Hold

When an individual is in immediate danger to self or others or is gravely disabled, a licensed clinician or a law enforcement officer may place the person on a 72-hour mental health hold.

41 Cover Cars Released

When multiple Deputies respond to the scene of a 9-1-1 call, BHCON may release the responding Deputies back into service while BHCON remains on-scene.

Important Announcement!

The BHCON team is growing! Fountain Police Department is partnering with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office BHCON team to **create a third BHCON unit funded by the City of Fountain.**

The future Fountain BHCON unit will consist of a Crisis Intervention Team trained Fountain Police Officer and a licensed Behavioral Health Clinician from UCHealth. This unit will work collaboratively with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office BHCON units to respond to more mental health crisis calls for service in the southern part of the county.

Stay tuned for more updates as the BHCON team works with Fountain PD and UCHealth to establish the new unit.



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