

To: **Mayor and City Council**
 Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
 From: **Brian Sturgeon, Interim Chief of Police**
 Date: **July 22, 2019**

City Council Presentation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the beginning of this year, the Police Department entered into a pilot program with Dakota County Social Services and South St Paul Police Department to provide a coordinated response to address the needs of our community in response to the growing demand from first responders to address mental health emergencies.

The ultimate goal is to provide those individuals with serious mental health needs, the resources and support to battle their disease, thus reducing the times these individuals enter into an emergency crisis requiring first responder (Police and EMS) response.

Officer Jesse Mettner who is our Community Engagement Officer, is assigned to this pilot program along with Officer Derek Kruse of the South St Paul Police Department. Kalyn Bassett, who is a licensed clinical social worker with Dakota County Social Services, is the social worker assigned to this pilot project. Her only responsibilities are community members from our two cities. Emily Schug is the Deputy Director of Dakota County Social Services, Adult Services. Tonight, the four of them will be making a short presentation to Council and the community about this pilot program to provide more details of the program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

		Amount
Fund:		None
Department:		
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Listen to the presentation, ask questions and provide feedback.