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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York to require the police department to issue a quarterly report on the department's response to calls involving people in mental crisis to measure the efficacy of the department's Crisis Intervention Team training program.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-175 to read as follows:

§ 14-175 Online reporting of the department's response to calls involving emotionally disturbed persons.

a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings: Crisis intervention team. The term "crisis intervention team" means the department's training program designed to help officers assist individuals who are in crisis due to mental health problems, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse.

Emotionally disturbed person. The term "emotionally disturbed person" means a person who appears to be mentally ill or temporarily deranged and is conducting themselves in a manner which a police officer reasonably believes is likely to result in serious injury to themselves or others.

b. Crisis intervention team training report. No later than 30 days after the quarter ending March 31, 2018 and 30 days after every quarter thereafter, the department shall publish on the department's website a report which shall include:

1. the total number of calls received in which the dispatcher was aware of the involvement of an

emotionally disturbed person;

2. the total number of calls in which the dispatcher was aware of the involvement of an emotionally disturbed person and a crisis intervention team trained officer was dispatched;

3. the total numbers of use of force incidents that involved an emotionally disturbed person;

4. the total number of calls in which the dispatcher was aware of the involvement of an emotionally disturbed person and the emergency service unit was dispatched;

5. the total number of arrests involving an emotionally disturbed person, disaggregated by age, race, and gender; and

6. the total number of incidents in which the department transported an emotionally disturbed person to a hospital or mental health facility in lieu of an arrest.

c. Such data shall be stored permanently, and shall be accessible from the department's website in a format that permits automated processing.

d. Community Survey. No later than January 1, 2019, and every January 1 thereafter, the department shall develop and distribute a community survey to the public assessing the public's confidence in the department's ability to assist individuals with mental illnesses, disaggregated by precinct. The department shall post the results of such survey on the department's website on or before March 31, 2019 and every March 31 thereafter.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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