

# Mental Health Officer Program



## Program Overview:

Mental Health Police Officers act as a community liaison between law enforcement and Gulf Bend Center providers, advocates, and customers. They assist the Center's Mobile Crisis Team and/or law enforcement with individuals with mental illness and respond to mental health crisis calls in the community.

Mental Health Officers also assist and/or respond to any patrol request involving a call concerning individuals who may have mental health issues.

## Services Include:

- Responds to mental health calls in the community.
- Conducts wellness checks to ensure individual's safety.
- Assists Crisis staff on calls in the community
- Serves Orders of Protective Custody or request emergency detention for individuals requiring inpatient care.
- Provide transportation for individuals with mental illness to the appropriate location to receive necessary services (ER, Gulf Bend, Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital).

## Program Goals:

- Complete Wellness/Prevention checks on at risk individuals in the community.
- To divert individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system as well as inpatient psychiatric facilities.
- Connect these individuals with the mental health services needed.

## Eligible Candidates:

The Mental Health Officer Program serves individuals and agencies within Victoria County.

## Gulf Bend Center Mental Health Officer Program

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