



# Community Assessment and Transport Team (CATT)

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## History

- Human Services Gap Analysis
- USC issued the report on April 2017. One of the key findings of the report is the need for severe mental health services.
- Data from Alameda County shows that San Leandro experiences the third highest 5150 transports (involuntary psychiatric holds) and third highest repeat holds in Alameda County.
- Alameda County has the highest 5150 transport in the State of California.

### Improvements to Mental Health Structural Landscape

- Historically, the San Leandro Police Department was the only entity in San Leandro with the ability to place a 5150 hold outside of Kaiser Hospital.
- San Leandro Hospital (SLH) was not a designated 5150 facility. The City of San Leandro worked with SLH, Alameda Health System and Alameda County to achieve the 5150 designation two years ago.
- The City has focused its Community Assistance Programs (CAP) funding on the key findings of the report including mental health.

## Community Assessment and Transport Team (CATT)

The past few years RHS and SLPD have worked together to advocate for the implementation of a Community Assessment and Transport Team. The CATT will serve those with crisis mental health and substance abuse issues

The CATT is an innovative pilot program created by:

- Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services
- Alameda Care Connect (Whole Person Care)
- Alameda County EMS Agency
- Bonita House
- The County 911 ambulance provider, Falck

### CATT'S Mission

To better serve those coping with behavioral health and substance abuse issues through on scene assessment and triaging of resource needs rather than the traditional transport of every client to either an emergency room or John George.

### CATT is a Mobile Unit

CATT will be a mobile unit, working out of a modified vehicle and staffed with an EMT (Falck employee), and a Licensed Behavioral Health Clinician.

The ultimate goal is to have a total of 12 teams staffed 7 days a week. Coverage will begin in San Leandro, Hayward, Oakland and Fremont the hours of coverage will be from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. The CATT will work collaboratively with the cities in which they are deployed.

### The City of San Leandro's Leadership Role

- Testified at Board of Supervisor meetings to advocate for funding of the CATT;
- Testified before the California State Mental Health Services Act for funding the CATT (Chief Tudor, Captain Torres and I were the only city present)
- Conducted numerous leadership meetings with Alameda County to offer office space, equipment and supplies to the County;
- Collaborated on the planning for the training of SLPD and CATT;
- Attended numerous meetings to prepare for CATT implementation, and
- Held an all-day retreat with a philanthropic foundation, Alameda County leadership, City leadership and elected officials to discuss the importance of CATT.

### Implementation Update

- COVID-19 outbreak delayed the hiring of staff, vehicle conversions, and training.
- The vehicles were also delayed due to a strike at GMC in 2019.
- San Leandro has been recognized as one of the cities that will receive a team during the soft launch by the end of the third quarter