

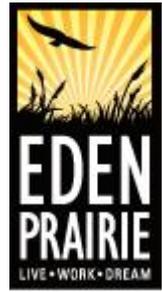
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EDEN PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Eden Prairie, Minn. — The Eden Prairie Police Department is seeking public participation in a new mental health crisis intervention program. Led by a newly formed Crisis Intervention Team, consisting of a sergeant and four officers with specialized training in crisis intervention techniques, this initiative aims to provide resources and assistance to patrol officers who come into contact with a person in mental crisis.

The Crisis Intervention Team is seeking participation from Eden Prairie residents who would like to voluntarily submit mental health disorder information about themselves, or on behalf of a family member, to assist patrol officers with addressing specific needs in the event of a crisis.

“Armed with specific mental health information about an individual, officers are better able to provide customized care,” said Police Chief Rob Reynolds. “And this provides greater safety for the individual, as well as the responding officers.”

Along with specialized care, this new crisis intervention initiative will also provide follow up contact with individuals suffering from a mental health disorder who are involved in a call for service, in an effort to provide them with additional resources and information.

Examples of mental health disorders include: Alzheimer’s, dementia, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive personality disorder, borderline personality disorder, anxiety disorders and phobias and other mental and/or medical illness which may cause disturbances in thinking, feeling and relating with others or the environment.

For more information, or to schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, members of the public are encouraged to call 952-949-6277. There is no deadline for participation in this program.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 residents located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Since 2006, Eden Prairie has been listed among MONEY Magazine’s 100 “Best Places to Live” in America, and in 2010 topped MONEY’s list as the Best Place to Live in America.

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