

Ticket In #4

Chapter 25: Police and Mental Illness

- *Deinstitutionalization has played a major part in the mental illness “revolving door”.*
- *The police are the only source that many can turn to, due to them being on the clock 24/7, required to answer calls for service, and responsible to protect the public.*
- *Treatment facilities have to release most patients at a certain time, and can’t keep them forever.*
- *Once Patients are released, they are back into the community, with not many resources, they end up on the streets, and most start causing trouble which puts them into police custody, and then the cycle begins.*
- *Most encounters involve the police near the home of the mentally ill person, most are calls of service to help wrangle a family member, because they have gotten too out of hand.*
- *Police have some options when it comes to handling the situations:*
 - 1.) *Transport to hospital*
 - 2.) *Make an arrest*
 - 3.) *Resolve the problem*
- *CIT training is hard for many departments, with few employees, and low funding.*
- *50% of police brutality victims have some type of mental illness.*

Chapter 31: Body Worn Cameras

- *BWC increases the security for not only the officer that wears it, but the citizens that they encounter.*
- *They also may reduce the number of uses of force.*
- *There has been some backlash for the intrusion of privacy.*
- *They also reduce the number of citizen complaints.*
- *The BWC holds both the officers and the citizens accountable.*
- *A downfall to this is that police can just turn them off.*
- *They are also really expensive.*

Police Suicides

- *10 NYPD officers killed themselves in 2019.*
- *Few agencies dig into why officers commit suicide.*
- *Departments rarely know what to say to the community or their family.*
- *Factors that play a part in this are:*
 - 1.) *PTSD*
 - 2.) *Depression*
 - 3.) *Firearm access*
 - 4.) *Mask Wearing*
- *Most suicides include the use of the officer’s firearm.*

Notes

- *Actions can be taken to reduce, prevent, and control crime, increase respect, and assist victims.*
- *Under-enforcement affects public safety.*
- *Lack of respect affects public safety.*

Chesterfield County Police

- *Four main functions:*
 - 1.) *Preserve human life*
 - 2.) *Protect the vulnerable*
 - 3.) *Establish problem solving partnerships*
 - 4.) *Top-tier talent*
- *Focused on protecting children from predators.*
- *The department fired an officer named Hyde, due to an inappropriate encounter with a juvenile.*
- *He was hired by the National Guard, and he was upfront about his past.*

Questions

- *What prevents officers from turning off their cameras more in situations?*
- *Even with camera footage, how do officers get away with the things that they do?*
- *With known previous offenses, how do officers get rehired at either other departments, or other agencies?*