

Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Recommendations on Mental Health Crises

Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the 21st Century - Law Enforcement Officer - Temporary Detention Order/Emergency Custody Order Work Group



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Follow-up on Mental Health discussion from May 4, 2021, meeting.

- 19 Sheriffs answered VSA survey for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2021.



- How many TDO's exceeded 72 hours in duration?
- **66** TDO's exceeded 72 hours in duration
- Why?
- Bed space unavailable

- What happened?
 - At least some are street-ed
 - Some deputy sheriffs “stay in place” to provide security



- Drop off centers:
- All responses indicated “Drop off center” work well
- Several indicated more staff needed to maintain hours of operation



Take Away:

- Public Safety Concerns:
 - Patient are being street-ed, because TDO expires
- More beds/staff needed:
 - Fund private hospitals to serve needed patients. It will also relieve LE pressure
- Fund additional level of services of Alternative Transportation Providers – immediate relieve on LE.

