

Homeless Shelter Embedded Community Paramedics:

Reducing 911 utilization and Enhancing Access to Primary Care

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	The Harbor Light	Overall
CY 2009	522	55214
CY 2014	1205	70234



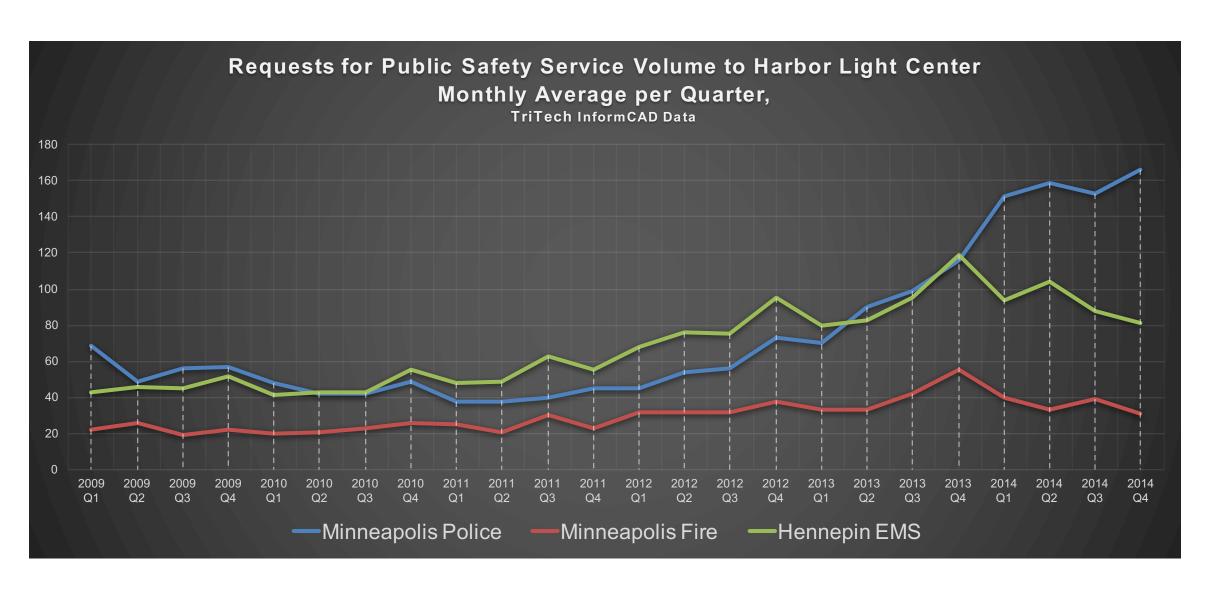








Steadily Increasing Volume







Precedence

- Central Arizona Shelter System (Phoenix, Arizona, USA)
 - Primary Care Paramedics placed in large (~1000 resident facility) 24/7/365
 - 30% reductions of EMS utilization













- Reinvestment Initiative
 - Personnel Additions (Social Workers, Community Health Workers, Physicians, Nurse Care Coordinators, ChemDep Counselors)
 - Unique Programs (Housing Support, Clinic Remodels, etc.)



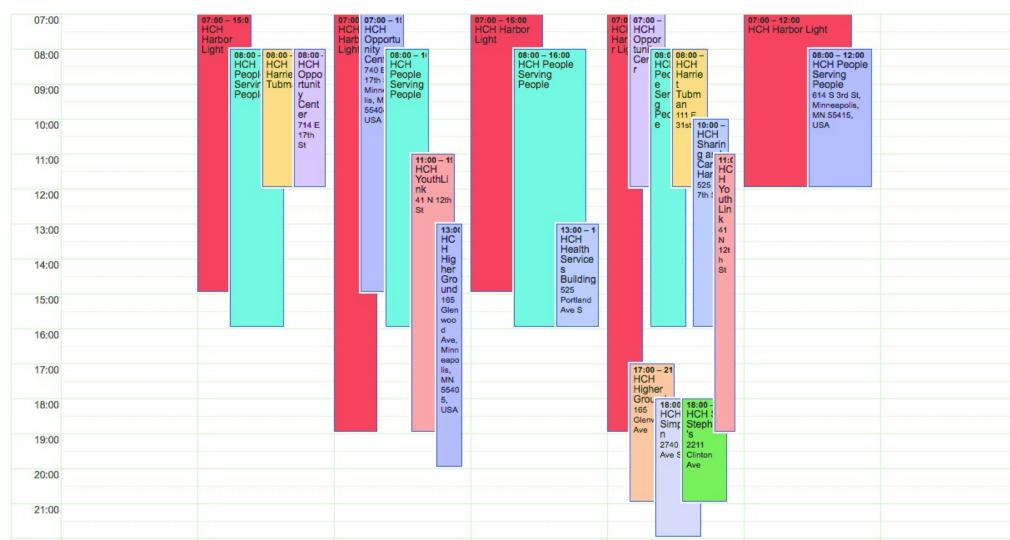
Another layer of coverage

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

07h00

12h00

17h00

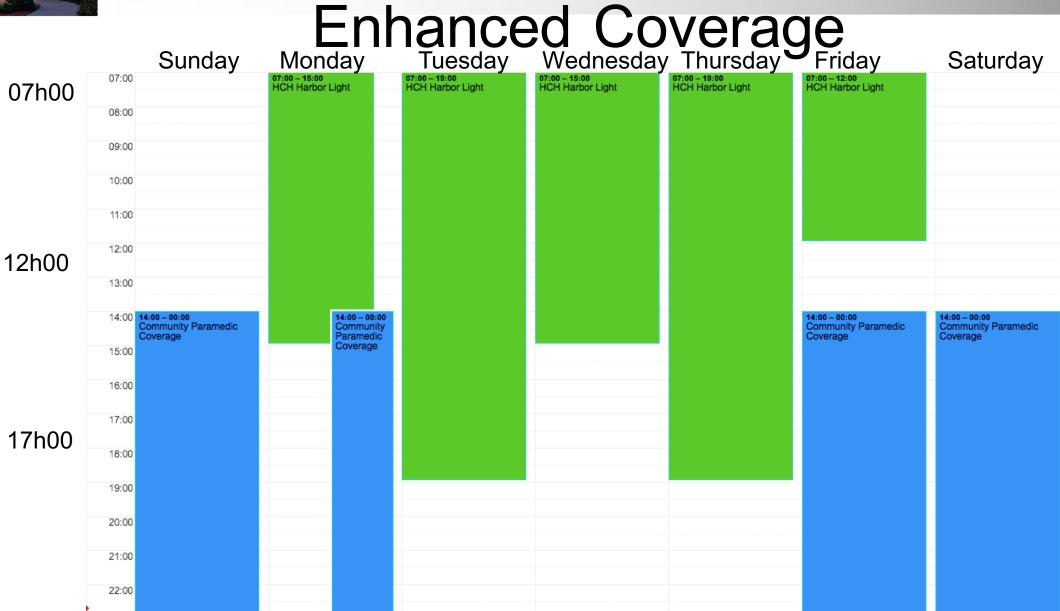




Healthcare for the Homeless Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



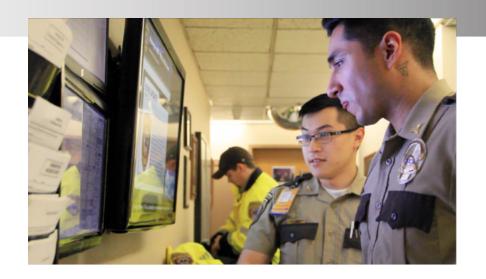








- Two Community Paramedics dedicated to Harbor Light
 - 0.5 FTE as CP
 - 0.5 FTE on Paramedic Service
- Enhanced Standing Orders
 - Structured as addendum to Paramedic Service standing orders
- Unique Medical Control Approach
 - On Call Internist, Not EM MD









- Point of Care Testing
 - Basic Chemistry
 - International Normalized Ratio
- Expanded Medication Resources
 - Albeit mostly OTC medications
 - Acetaminophen, ibuprofen, phenol lozenge, diphenhydramine, ondansetron

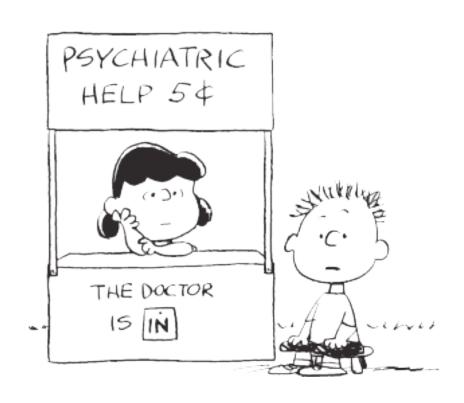






What are we seeing?

- Hypertension
- Wound Care
- Dermatology
- Diabetes "The Sugar"
- Chemical Dependence
- Mental Illness
- Lack of Primary Care
 - Lack of Mental Health Care







We've got a car...

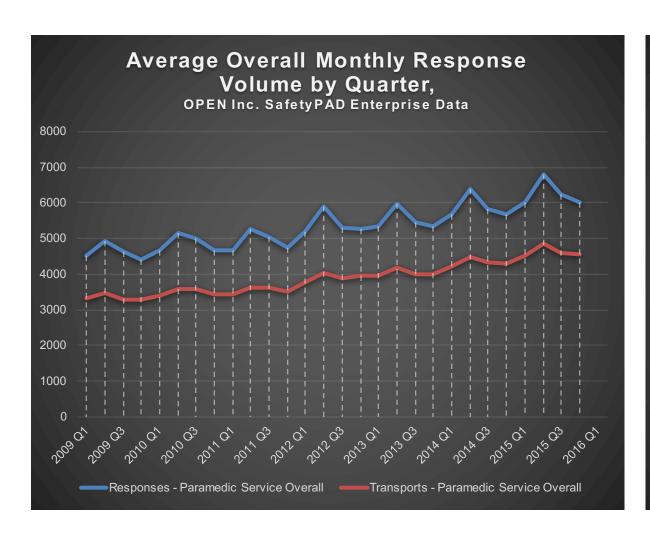
- As appropriate, Community
 Paramedics can drive the client places as needed.
 - Pharmacy
 - Where they actually should be
 - Emergency Department / Urgent
 Care
 - Psychiatric Emergency Department
- We can also bring services in.
 - COPE (Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies)

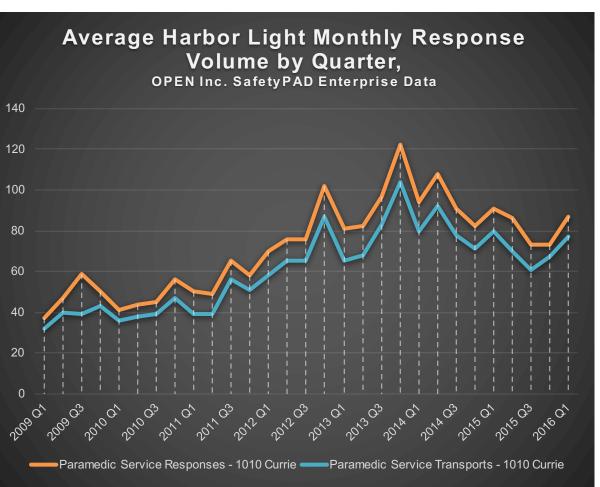






Who likes graphs?





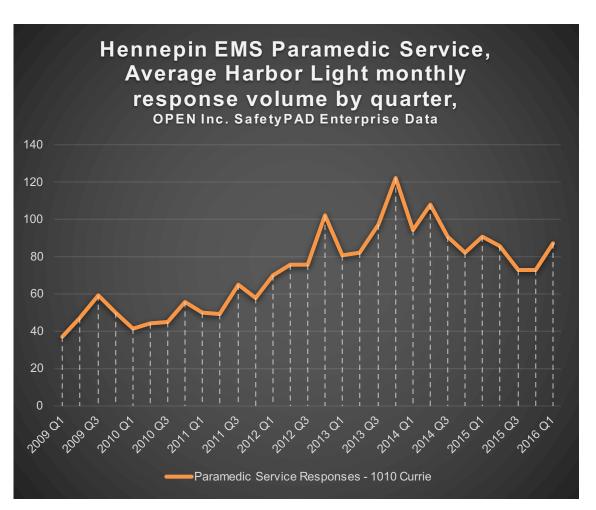




Primary Goal – Reduce EMS Utilization

 Overall 16% Decrease in EMS Responses in year one

	2014 vs. 2015	2014 vs. 2016
Q1	↓ 3%	↓ 8%
Q2	1 26%	
Q3	1 25%	
Q4	1 12%	

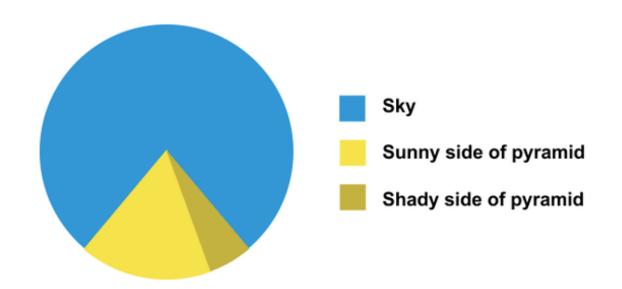






Primary Goal – Enhance Access to Primary Care

- Not restricted to HCMC
- Data Lives in EHR
- Anecdotal



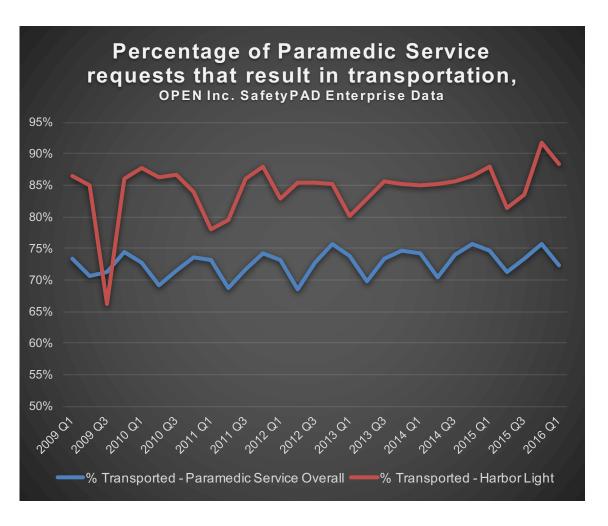




Secondary Goal – Improve Paramedic Service Efficiency

 Closer ratio of Requests for service to completed transports by ACP ambulances = improved Paramedic Service efficiency





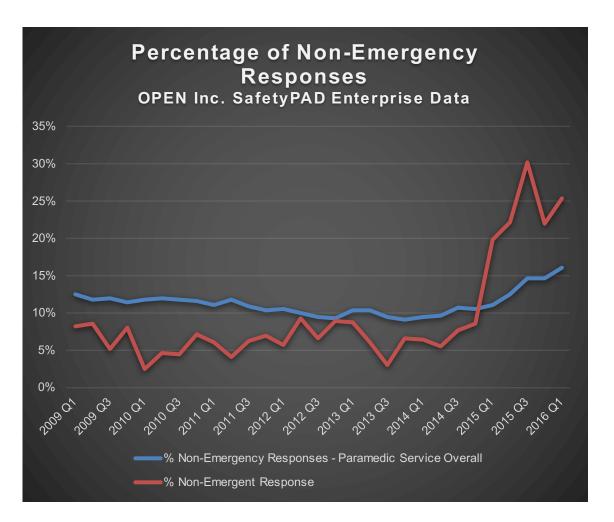




Secondary Goal – Reduce Emergent Responses

 Fewer 6400kg legal liabilities driving emergently = Reduced legal risk to organization

	2014 vs. 2015	2014 vs. 2016
Q1	1 68%	1 75%
Q2	1 75%	
Q3	1 74%	
Q4	1 61%	



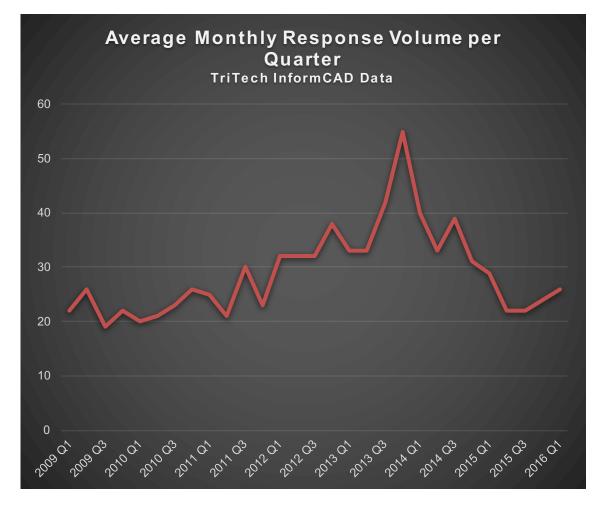




Secondary Goal — Reduce Minneapolis Fire Response

	2014 vs. 2015	2014 vs. 2016
Q1	↓ 38%	↓ 54%
Q2	↓ 50%	
Q3	↓ 77%	
Q4	1 29%	









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