



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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March 15, 2023

**To:** Lieutenant Evelyn Vega, Acting Captain  
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD)

**From:** Tracy Jordan, Principal Staff Analyst  
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

## REQUEST FOR POLICY AND/OR INFORMATION:

In February 2018, the Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) adopted the recommendations outlined in its [report](#) to improve the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Mental Evaluation Teams (MET). MET is a co-responder team staffed by a sheriff's deputy with specialized training and a Department of Mental Health (DMH) clinician who are called to assist when a person is experiencing a mental health episode.

One of several important recommendations in the Commission's report was for the LASD MET to increase from 23 units to 60 units. The Commission is concerned that the current number of LASD MET is not sufficient to provide adequate services when the need arises. To better understand the current state of LASD MET, the Commission requests that LASD provide a written response on letterhead to the following:

1. Provide a MET annual recap for 2021 and/or 2022 (the most current available);
2. List the current number of active MET units;
3. Describe the hours MET serves the community, and include the geographic regions served;
4. Describe LASD's effort to increase the number of MET teams; and,
5. Describe any obstacles LASD has identified, and the effort taken to address those obstacles to expanding MET.

## REASON FOR REQUEST:

Fulfillment of this request will enable the Commission and the public to better understand LASD's operational efforts to provide public safety services for persons with mental health needs.

## WHEN SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED:

Please provide a response to the above request no later than **March 29, 2023**.

## CONTACT PERSON:

Feel free to contact Tracy Jordan at \_\_\_\_\_ should you have any questions regarding this request and please carbon copy (cc) Nune Petrosyan at \_\_\_\_\_

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