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FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MENDOCINO COAST HOSPITALITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND STATISTICS

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Accomplishments

The Fort Bragg Police Department and the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center have accomplished the following goals since the formation of the Hospitality House Ad Hoc Committee in August of 2017.

1. Created an information sharing system for reporting which individuals are currently banned from the Hospitality House.
 - a. The Fort Bragg Police Department receives weekly updates related to individuals added to or removed from the ban list.
 - b. This new information system has reduced previous issues related to determining whether problematic individuals were allowed on the property regardless of the staff member present.
2. A member of the Police Department participated in the hiring and selection process of the current Hospitality House Manager.
3. Collaborated on the installation of security cameras at the Hospitality House.
 - a. This collaboration included Hospitality House honoring specific requests from the Police Department related to the positioning of individual cameras.
 - b. The Hospitality House and the Police Department identified procedures for allowing immediate access to the video surveillance during exigent

circumstances, while also preserving the privacy of guests and visitors of the Hospitality House.

- c. Since their activation, the surveillance cameras have been instrumental in the successful outcome of at least three separate criminal investigations.
4. The Ad Hoc Committee, Hospitality House, and Police Department have worked extensively to address the issues related to Hospitality House guests loitering at the Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) bus benches located at the corner of E. Redwood Avenue and N. McPherson Street.
 - a. This problem required addressing multiple different issues including upholding the personal rights of the individuals utilizing the benches, identifying and soliciting information from stakeholders effected by the problem, and recognizing the MTA's right to maintain the benches.
 - b. The involved parties have pursued several different approaches to this issue including:
 - i. Making a concerted effort between the Hospitality House and the Police Department to identify repeat offenders and individually counsel them regarding the issue. Approximately six different individuals received temporary bans from the Hospitality House for loitering at the benches during the timeframe surrounding the House's dinner service.
 - ii. The original benches were removed and replaced with modified benches which are designed to discourage loitering.
 - c. While documented complaints regarding this issue have greatly diminished, this issue remains open and other options continue to be explored.
5. Completely eliminated complaints related to individuals loitering in the alleyway behind the Hospitality House
 - a. Accomplished through:
 - i. The Police Department increasing patrols and enforcement measures.
 - ii. The Hospitality House restricting the use of the rear gate to their property including posting a member of the house at the rear gate during meal times to prevent its use.

6. Addressed the issue of Hospitality House guests loitering in the private parking lot located on the southwest corner of the intersection of N. McPherson Street and E. Redwood Avenue.
 - a. Accomplished through:
 - i. The Police Department increasing patrols and enforcement measures.
 - ii. The Police Department obtaining a trespassing letter from the property owner which authorizes officers to issue trespassing warnings and complete arrests for repeat violators.
 - iii. Hospitality House conducting frequent patrols of the neighborhood during mealtime hours.
7. The Hospitality House and Police Department partnered to create guidelines related to Hospitality House staff's actions during police response and visits.
 - a. These enhanced procedures have helped to streamline investigations involving incidents at the Hospitality House or investigations involving Hospitality House clients.
8. Successfully established lines of communication regarding notifying the Hospitality House and Hospitality Center of local sex offender registrants so that they can be barred from services.
 - a. This measure is intended to specifically protect the families and children serviced by the Hospitality House and Hospitality Center.
9. The Police Department has made multiple site visits to the Hospitality House in order to ensure compliance with the Hospitality House Use Permit Modification affirmed by the City Council in August of 2017. During these visits Hospitality House staff have quickly and adequately addressed any minor deficiencies. No major deficiencies were identified during these visits.

Future Recommendations

The below recommendations represent goals that the Police Department hopes to accomplish no later than 12/31/2018. These recommendations rely on cooperation from the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center organization.

1. Coordinate with the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center in an attempt to identify an achievable partnership-based approach to actively and aggressively addressing homeless encampments located on both private and public property.
 - a. Homeless encampments represent a variety of health and safety issues to the surrounding environment and community.
 - b. The issue of homeless encampments was addressed in multiple sections of Dr. Marbut's recent report related to homelessness in Mendocino County. The same report declares that all agencies across the county should adopt a "zero tolerance" approach to homeless encampments.
 - c. Homeless encampment cleanups around the City continue to represent an unacceptable drain of resources from multiple City Departments.
2. Continue to coordinate with MCHC to create guidelines for temporarily/permanently banning clients who are identified as a public nuisance to the surrounding community.
 - a. Individuals representing public nuisances would be loosely defined as those individuals who:
 - i. Have multiple negative police contacts during a short time period.
 - ii. Receive three or more citations for municipal code violations in a thirty day period.
 - iii. Display a wanton disregard for the surrounding community (i.e. causing disturbances in the downtown area, displaying predatory behavior towards citizens and other transients).
 - iv. Individuals who are arrested at least twice for 647(f) PC (Drunk in Public) during a thirty day time period.
 - b. The Police Department is open to discussing the above definitions and making adjustments.
 - c. The Police Department would request that MCHC clients who fall into the category of "Out-of-Town Individuals Experiencing Street-Level Homelessness" as defined on Page 22 of Dr. Marbut's report would be more closely scrutinized for violations of the above definitions.

- d. Both the Police Department and MCHC have been actively working on this agreement, however the matter has been complicated by Federal/State statutes related to who MCHC can decline service to based on the funding they receive and the medical services they offer. The Police Department has encountered similar issues related to trespassing at other medical facilities throughout the City.

Statistics Related to the Hospitality House

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) call logs and BCS Code statistics were generated for the last three years over the same timelines of August 1st to June 3rd the following year in an attempt to identify the time frame represented by the formation of the MCHC Ad Hoc Committee.

These reports are detailed below:

CAD Call Logs

2015-2016: 110 reported visits to the Hospitality House including 61 calls for service.

2016-2017: 158 reported visits to the Hospitality House including 58 calls for service.

2017-2018: 146 reported visits to the Hospitality House including 64 calls for service.

Reported visits include the total number of times that the address “237 N. McPherson Street” was utilized in CAD for the given time frame.

Calls for service are defined as those visits to the Hospitality House which originated based on the report of an incident to dispatch or those incidents which were proactively addressed by officers (i.e. viewing a violation in passing).

Notes Related to CAD Logs

While it does not appear that calls for service related to the Hospitality House have declined since the introduction of the Hospitality House Ad Hoc Committee, it is important to consider the effects the Hospitality House Use Permit Modification had on both Hospitality House’s and the Police Department’s reporting practices. Prior to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee, many incidents which occurred at the Hospitality House went either unreported by Hospitality House staff/guests, or they were not properly documented as being associated with the Hospitality House by responding police officers. As a result of the commission of the Ad Hoc Committee, a renewed partnership between the Police Department and the Hospitality House caused our officers to more accurately report incidents as being related to the Hospitality House, while also increasing the likelihood that Hospitality House staff would report incidents to law enforcement. This created a dramatic increase in calls for service following the implementation of the Hospitality House Use Permit Modification.

The sharp increase in calls for service at the Hospitality House has been followed by a continuous decline over the last four months. As a reference, statistics for the last three summers which are commonly the busiest months at the Hospitality House (June 1st through August 15th) are shown here:

Summer of 2016: 31 reported visits with 9 crimes reported.

Summer of 2017: 36 reported visits with 8 crimes reported.

Summer of 2018: 11 reported visits with 1 crime reported.

The Police Department expects this decline in calls for service to level off in the coming months as a new status quo is reached.

BCS Code Statistics

BCS codes are assigned by the Police Department's reporting software and involve how criminal statistics are reported to the state. For example, when an officer documents an assault which takes place at the Hospitality House, the reporting software assigns a BCS code in the "4" series to the officer's report. These codes are then reported to the State on a monthly basis.

BCS code statistics will not always be comparable to CAD logs due to some incidents not actually being documented. Using the previous example, if an officer investigates allegations of assault where both parties are uncooperative and there are no notable injuries, that officer may decide not to document the incident. This would cause a discrepancy between the number of calls for service and the reported BCS Code Statistics.

The BCS code tables presented below are generated based on the same time frames as the CAD log statistics previously cited.

"Part II" BCS codes include those offenses which are not reportable to the State and typically involve:

Animal Control Offenses

Civil Disputes

Municipal Code Violations

Controlled Substance Crimes

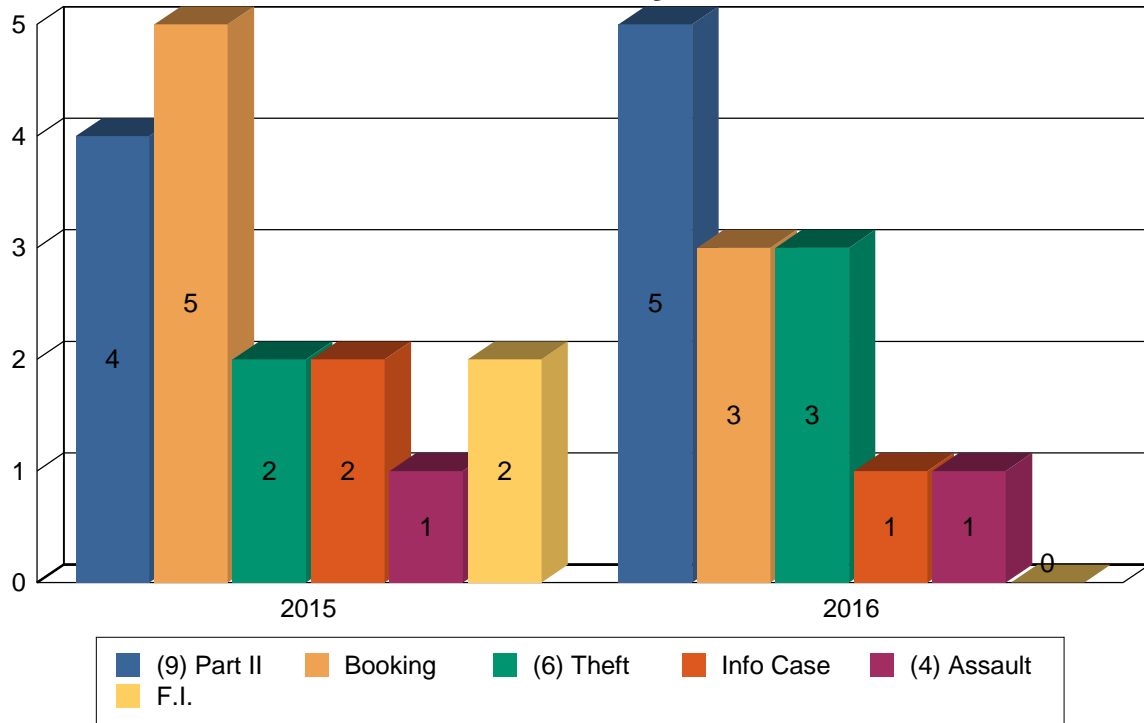
Juvenile Issues

Trespassing

Missing Persons Reports

2015-2016

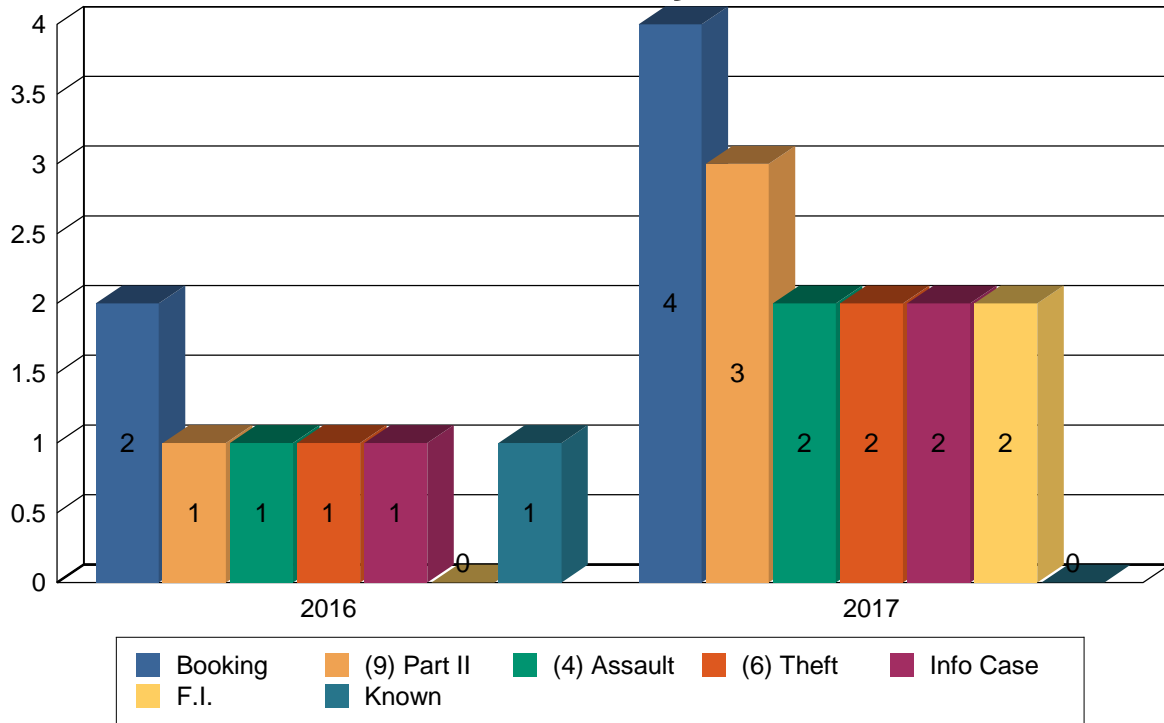
BCS Code by Year



	2015	2016	Total
(9) Part II	4	5	9
Booking	5	3	8
(6) Theft	2	3	5
Info Case	2	1	3
(4) Assault	1	1	2
F.I.	2	0	2
Grand Total	16	13	29

2016-2017

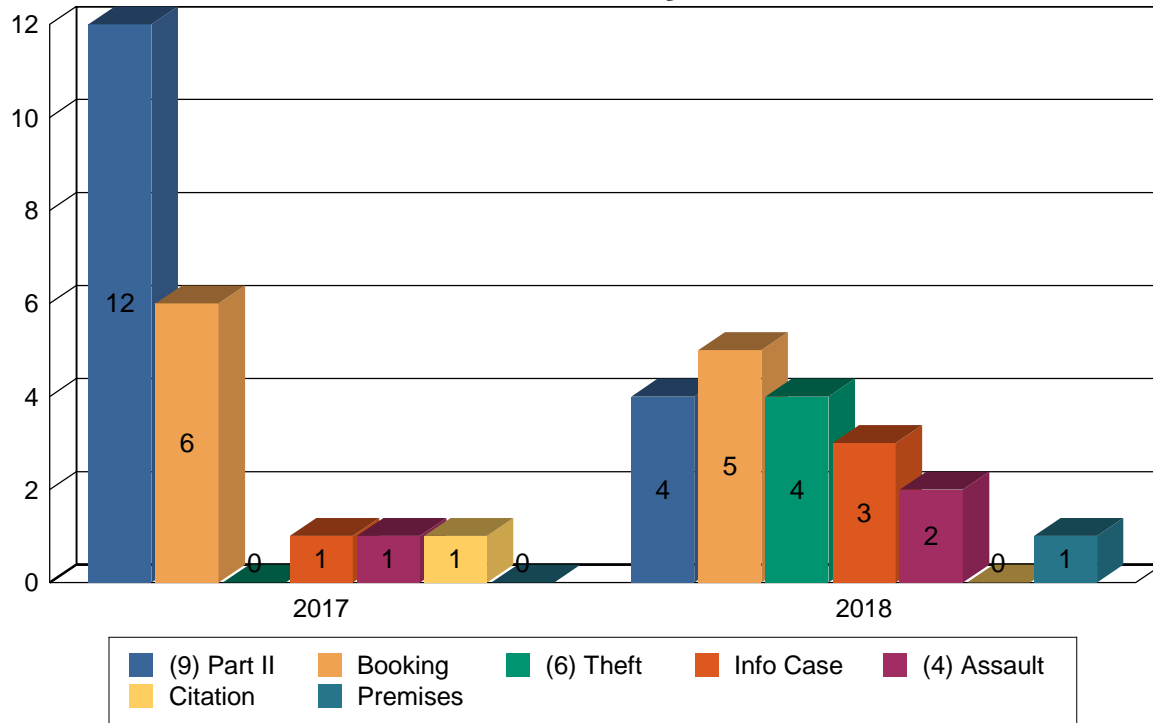
BCS Code by Year



	2016	2017	Total
Booking	2	4	6
(9) Part II	1	3	4
(4) Assault	1	2	3
(6) Theft	1	2	3
Info Case	1	2	3
F.I.	0	2	2
Known	1	0	1
Grand Total	7	15	22

2017-2018

BCS Code by Year



	2017	2018	Total
(9) Part II	12	4	16
Booking	6	5	11
(6) Theft	0	4	4
Info Case	1	3	4
(4) Assault	1	2	3
Citation	1	0	1
Premises	0	1	1
Grand Total	21	19	40