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## OPEN AIR SUBSTANCE USE STRATEGY

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# Introduction

## Open Air Substance Use Strategy:

- Launch: April 2025

## Community Foot Patrol Section (CFPS):

- Staffing: 27 Constables, 2 Sergeants, 1 Staff Sergeant
- Deployment: Daily high visibility presence, highest during business hours
- Zones: Downtown, Midtown, and Old East Village



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# Calls for Service and Interactions

**April 8 to August 25, 2025:**

- **2,911** calls for service → **1,350** police reports
- **Top call types:**
  - Trespassing: 51%
  - Drug-related (in progress): 47%
- **Call origins:**
  - LPS member-generated: 73%
  - Foot patrol line: 18%
  - 911/other: 9%

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# Calls for Service and Interactions Cont.

- **Interaction outcomes:**
  - Compliant: 63%
  - Referred: 26%
  - Non-compliant: 4%
  - No further action/cancelled/pending: 7%
- **Engagements:**
  - 800+ individuals
  - 54% contacted more than once
  - 5 individuals = 170 total encounters

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# Referral Outcomes and Enforcement

## April 8 to August 25, 2025

- Approximately 760 referrals made, 12+ community agencies
  - 63% declined by individuals
  - 18% accepted
  - 9% offered - unknown outcome
  - 9% old coding - unknown outcome
  - 1% declined by agencies
- 1% of calls led to criminal charges
  - 23 total charges laid
  - 56% (13 charges): Most common, Possession of Schedule I substance(Section 4(1), *CDSA*)



# Seizures

## Since Strategy Implementation

- 1,297 interactions involved a seizure  
*(may include multiple items per incident)*
- Paraphernalia: 2,600+ items
  - 1,500+ pipes
  - 800+ tin foil
- Drugs: 1,450+ individual seizures of items
  - 80% involved only trace residue
  - 90% suspected to be fentanyl



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## Phase Two: Open Air Substance Use Strategy

### Coordinated Service Delivery for High-Acuity Individuals

- Data-driven identification of high-acuity individuals.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between partners supports secure information sharing.
- Integrated wraparound services: health, housing, and social support.

### Targeted Enforcement with Consideration for Individual Circumstances

- Applied when individuals refuse services and continue public drug use.
- Grounded in an understanding of substance use complexities.
- Balancing accountability with compassion.

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# On-the-Ground Insights from the Community Foot Patrol Section



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**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**



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