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## Boulder County Co-Responder NEWSLETTER

### NEW TEAM MEMBERS

#### 2022 SUCCESSES

##### **Nesting CoResponders in Communities.**

Some areas saw an increase of up to 80% (Lafayette, Superior, Lyons) in the use of corespondence service as a result of the Coresponder being located in that community.

##### **Training provided to Law Enforcement and Community Members.**

CoResponders provided over 50 hours of training to law enforcement and community members on behavioral health topics.

##### **Hosted First Annual CoResponder**

**Inservice Day.** Our team hosted all the CoResponder teams in Boulder County for a day of learning and lunch.

This was a great opportunity to meet and collaborate.

**Served an additional  
331 community  
members in 2022 than  
in 2021.**



**Peak** is the Boulder County CoResponder Team's new Animal Assisted Therapy Dog. She graduated from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs at the top of her class. She provides therapeutic services to the Law Enforcement Officers stationed at the Erie Police Department. Peak loves long walks, butt scratches, rare steak and green beans, bouncing balls, and her nick name "Peak-a-poo."

##### **Brian Wagoner** is the new

CoResponder at the Lafayette Police Department. He grew up in New Hampshire, plays bass in a band. Brian has his clinical background in outpatient therapy where he provided services to individuals struggling with addiction and aggressive behaviors.



**Ryan Polka** will be a CoResponder joining the Erie Police Department. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor who previously was employed as a Mobile Crisis Counselor in Ft. Collins for two years. Prior to that he worked with homeless youth and adults with developmental delays. He is a transplant from Reno, Nevada and loves Grass Roots Ultimate Frisbee.

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**Number of Calls to scene and clinical case management referrals by Law Enforcement in 2022**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Boulder (Unincorp.)	28	31	32	17	33	8	25	26	25	26	22	24	297
Erie	16	11	23	26	20	12	7	15	28	25	7	18	208
Lafayette	22	19	25	19	24	35	33	37	24	43	22	33	335
Lyons	4	0	1	0	1	5	5	4	3	11	15	10	59
Nederland	3	2	3	4	3	0	2	3	1	0	4	2	27
Superior	8	6	4	15	11	8	10	8	6	9	9	10	104
Ward	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5
Total	81	70	88	81	92	68	82	94	87	115	80	97	1035

There was an increase in active calls and clinical case management referrals across almost all regions covered by the Boulder County Co-Responder Program. The biggest increases were in Lyons, Superior, and Lafayette.

**T**his month each CoResponder was given a handful of small elephants to give out to law enforcement when they observe them doing something extraordinary. These small elephants have their trunks pointing downward which represents life and the ability to conquer obstacles.

If you received an elephant from a CoResponder over the past couple of months, know you were observed doing something extraordinary!

**Meditation by ART: Zentangle****Steps:**

1. Get comfortable, take a deep breath.
2. Place your pen above your piece of paper and imagine a string is on the end and as your pen gets closer to the paper imagine the string laying on the paper and draw how the string fell onto the paper with the pen. This is your "string."
3. From the string you begin to draw a pattern or tangles. Don't worry what it is going to look like, just focus on the strokes of the pen. There is not up or down, just draw and design.

**Supplies:**

**Piece of Paper 3.5"**

**Pen: Black**