

## Belmont Co-Response Jail Diversion Program

Quarterly Report: January-March 2023

### JDP Interventions

During this quarter of 2023, Belmont police officers referred a total of seventy-five (**75**) cases to the embedded Co-Response Jail Diversion clinician.

January	32
February	19
March	24
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>75</b>

### Arrest Diversions

The primary goal of the Belmont Co-Response Jail Diversion Program (CR-JDP) is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate community based behavioral health treatment. During this quarter of 2023, a total of twelve (**12**) individuals with mental health challenges were diverted from arrest by Belmont police officers. In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, this represents *estimated* cost savings of **\$35,880\*** to the criminal justice system (\$2,990\* per arrest event). Below is the breakdown of arrest diversions per month and the percentage of diversions.

January	4	100%
February	4	100%
March	4	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Emergency Department Diversions

An additional goal of the CR-JDP is to reduce the number of individuals referred to the local hospital Emergency Department (ED) by Belmont police officers. During this quarter of 2023, twenty-five (**25**) individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of the CR-JDP clinician on scene. This represents *estimated* health care cost savings of **\$67,500\*** (\$2,700\* per ED diversion).

January	8
February	7
March	10
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>25</b>

**Total estimated cost savings this quarter due to diversion activity = \$103,380\***

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\*Cost-saving formulas represented in this report are cited based on the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Jail and Arrest Diversion Grant Program FY 2021 Annual Report. The report is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/fy2021-jail-and-arrest-diversion-program-annual-report/download>