



Tracking Hospital Guard Time

Edmonton Police Commission

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Agenda

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- Goals & Approach
- Process Overview
- Results & Analysis
- Outcomes
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Issue

- Police agencies in Canada and the USA are experiencing significant resources impacts due to time spent guarding arrested detainees that require medical attention in hospital
- A single detainee requiring medical attention = hours of down time for sworn members = time taken away from patrol
- *“We know that this down time is a significant cost for us.*

When the Chief goes before Council for budget deliberations, it’s vital that he go armed with stats to back up requests for money to put more police officers on the street.

Accurate statistics will strengthen our case as we strive to increase the number of boots on the street.” DC Simpson

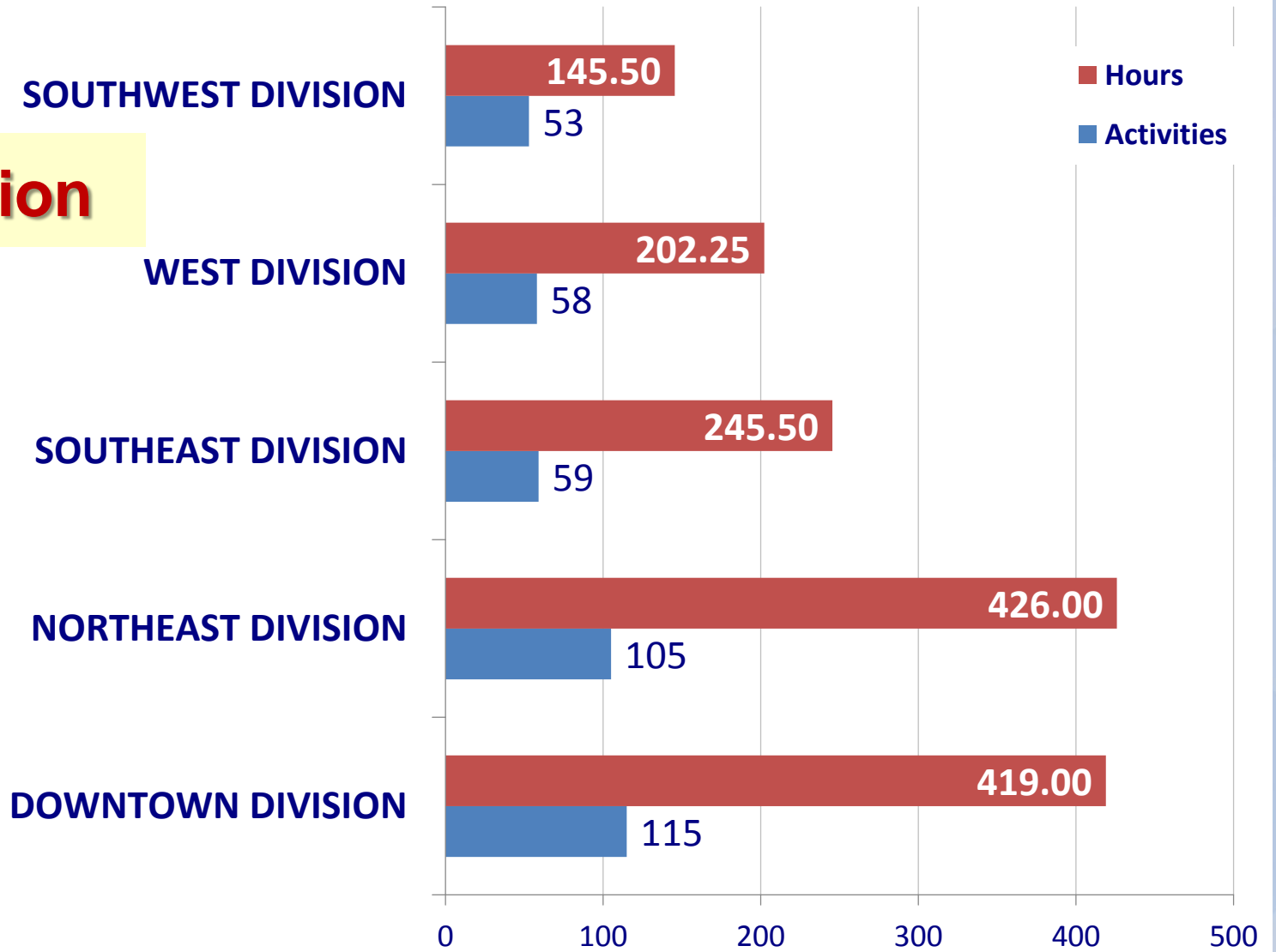
Issues & Impacts

1. Ineffective use of police resources and training
2. Takes police off the street
3. Officer safety / public safety
4. Quantifiable fiscal impact

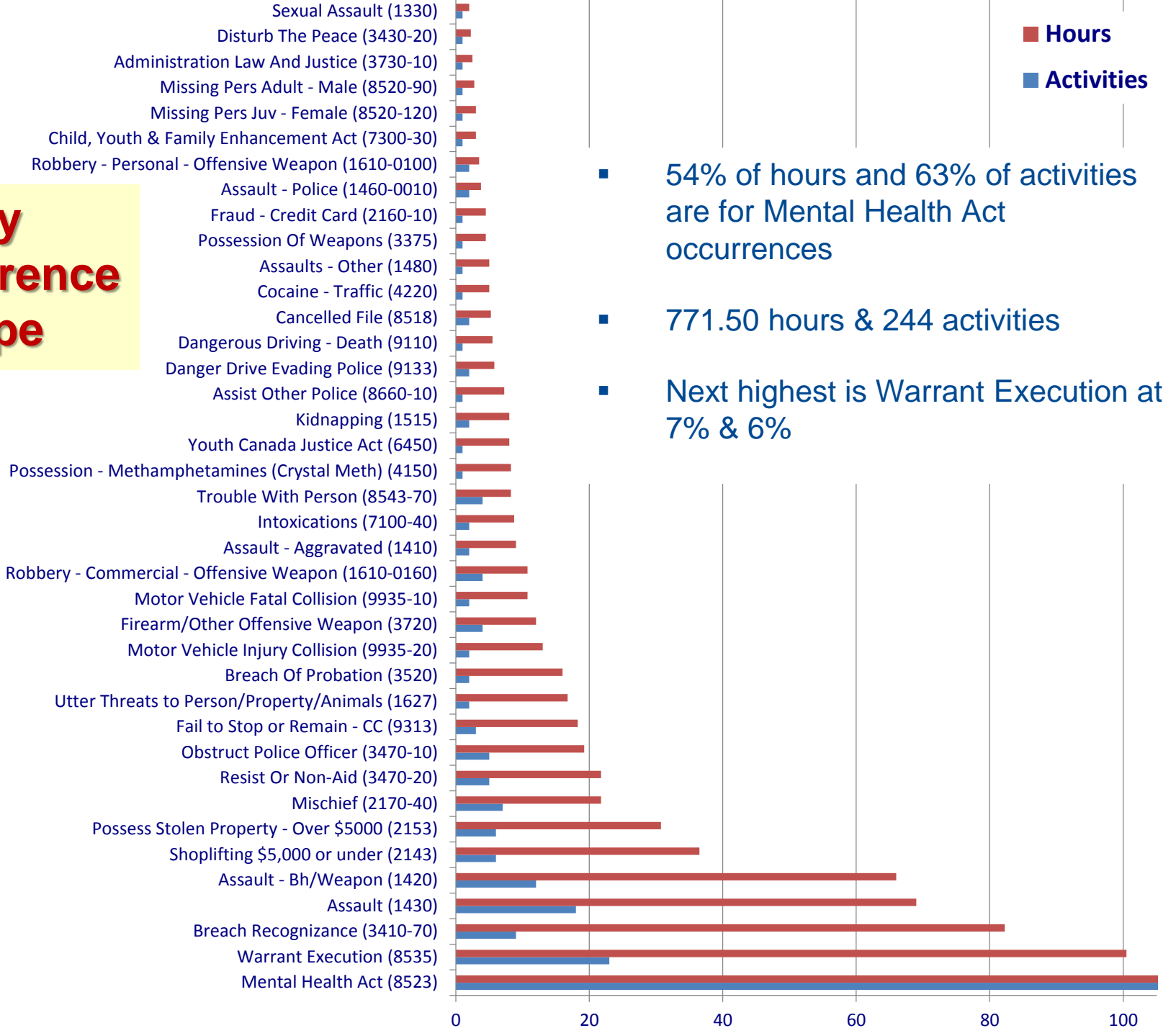
Goals & Approach

- EPS needed to determine the extent of this problem & the financial impact – how much is it costing us?
- From August 2 – November 2, 2013 any member who guarded a detainee in hospital tracked that time
- Project was a collaborative effort among bureaus
 - tracked electronically in the police records system
 - analyzed using business intelligence tools

By Division



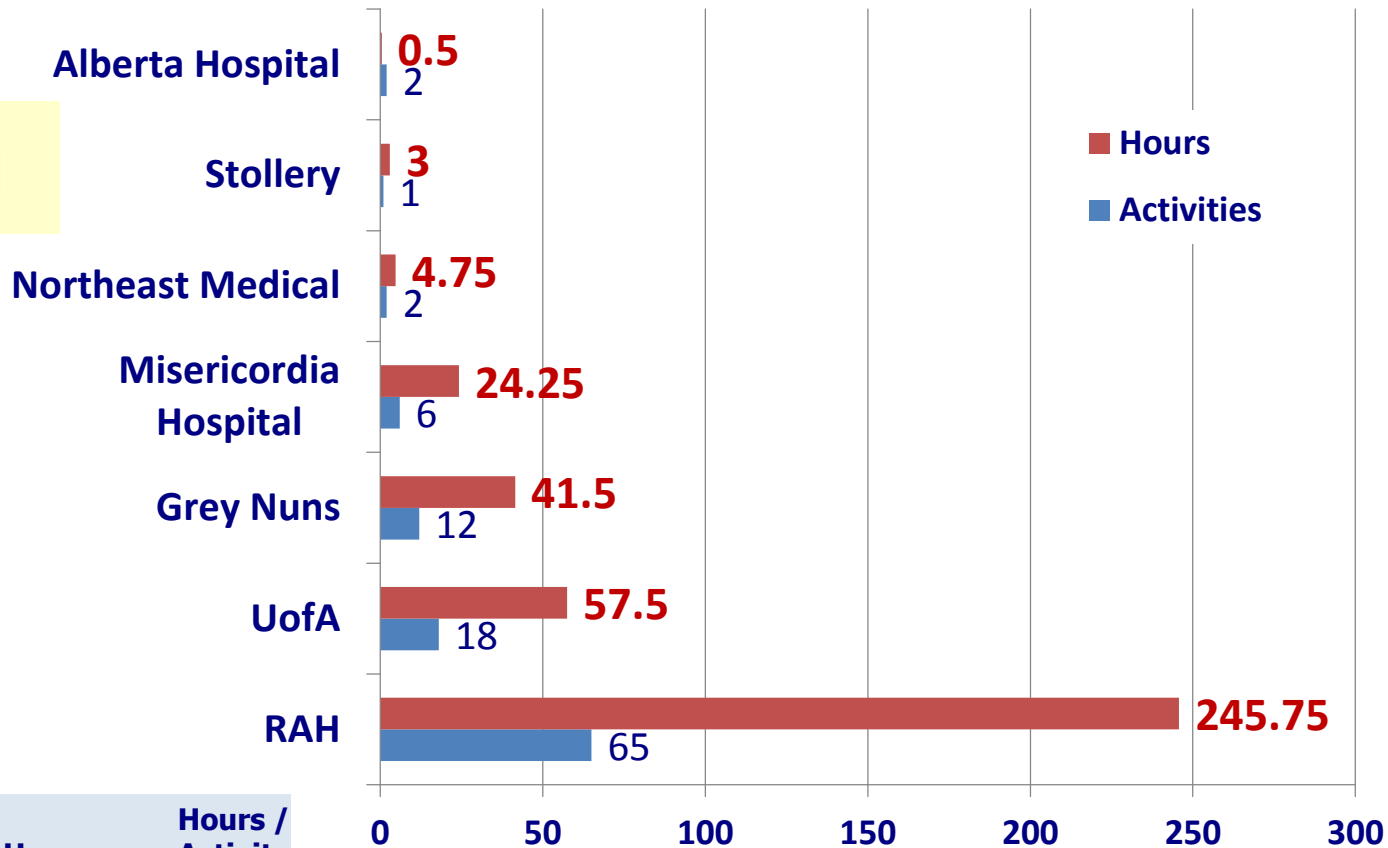
By Occurrence Type



- 54% of hours and 63% of activities are for Mental Health Act occurrences
- 771.50 hours & 244 activities
- Next highest is Warrant Execution at 7% & 6%

■ Hours
■ Activities

By Hospital



	% Hours	Hours / Activity
RAH	65%	3.8
U of A	15%	3.2
Grey Nuns	11%	3.5
Northeast Medical	1%	2.4
Stollery	1%	3.0
Misericordia	6%	4.0
Alberta Hospital	0.1%	0.3
Total		3.6

Outcomes

- Time spent by members guarding detainees in hospital from August 2 to November 2, 2013

1,438.25 hours = 130.75 shifts

- Cost to EPS for hospital guard duty

\$1,095 (per day)

\$100,678 (Aug 2 – Nov 2)

\$ 401,500 (minimum projected 12 month)



Questions?