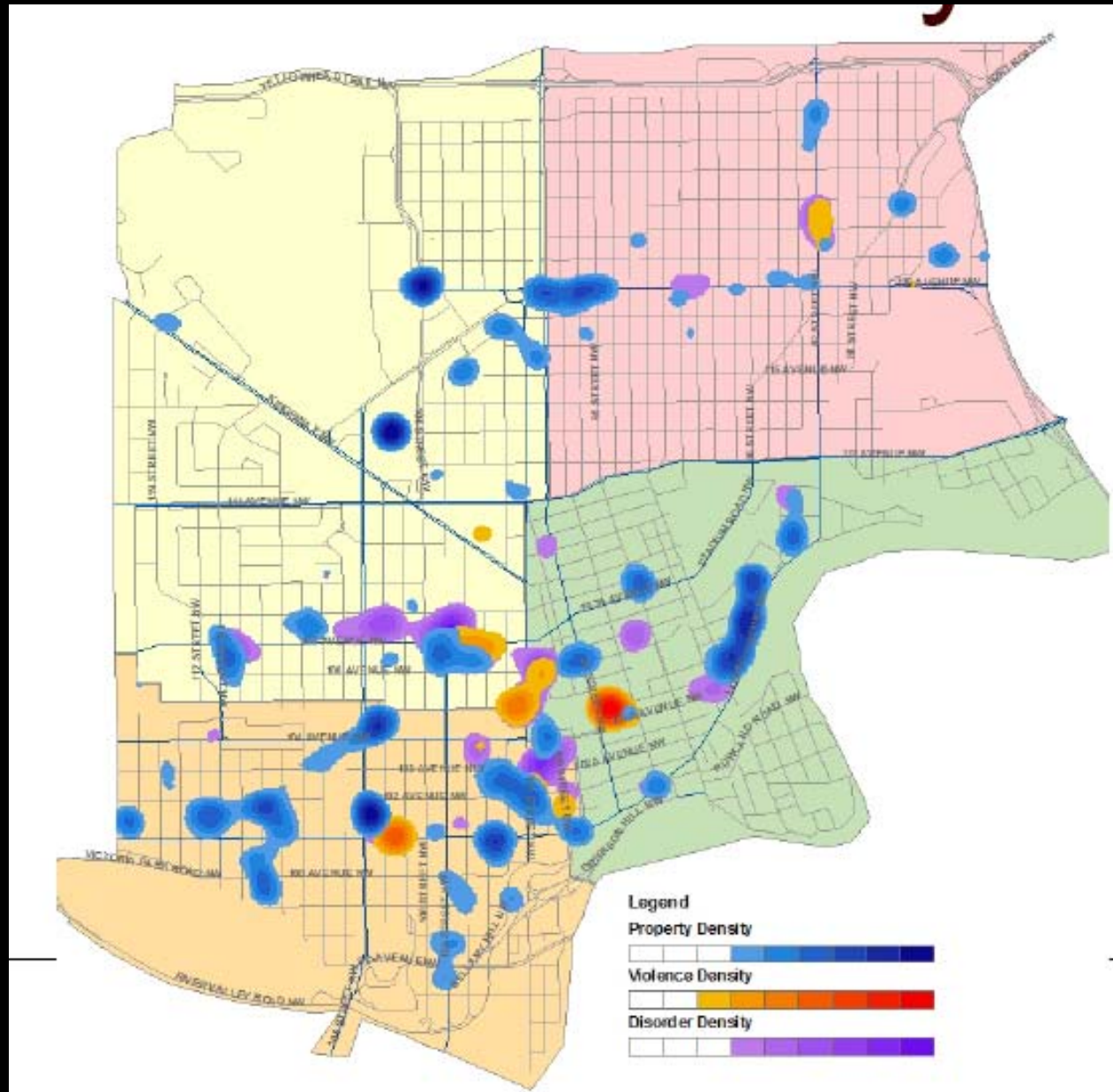


# Assisting Vulnerable People



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# Opportunities for Reduction



# Managing Public Intoxication

## Best Practices CALGARY

### Calgary Police Service

- Vulnerable Persons Unit This specialized unit is made up of their five Police and Crisis Teams (PACT) and a resource constable.
- Homeless Working Group.
- Developed a vulnerable person management strategy for the CPS that stresses dignity and respect.

# Managing Public Intoxication

## Best Practices CALGARY

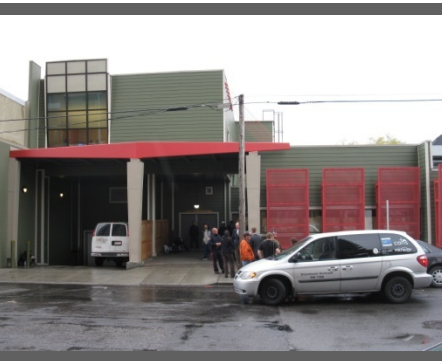
### Calgary Drop In and Rehab Center

- Both a shelter, transition housing and daytime drop in program.
- Shower and laundry facilities



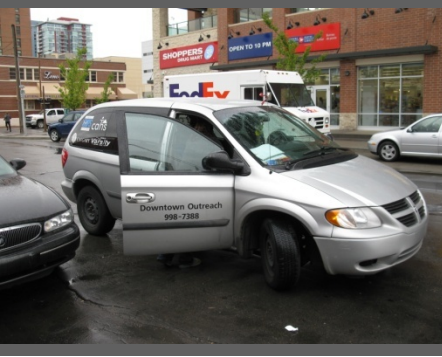
# Managing Public Intoxication

## Best Practices CALGARY



### Alpha house

- Is a homeless shelter that will accommodate grossly intoxicated people 24 hours a day.



### DOAP ( Downtown Outreach Addictions Partnership)

- Transport service for intoxicated marginalized persons. The service operates 0830 - 0030 hours nightly.
- They proactively pick up intoxicated persons as well as respond to calls from police, ambulance and the public.



# Managing Public Intoxication

## Best Practices Winnipeg

### Main Street Project

- Non-profit society that operates a shelter for vulnerable people.
- They operate a 20 cell facility specifically designed for the management of intoxicated persons which is open 24 hours a day. They will accept violent, non-voluntary intoxicated persons arrested for public intoxication hold them until they recovered or turned over to a responsible adult.
- For their authority they rely on [The Intoxicated Persons Detention Act \(IPDA\)](#). The act defines the powers of a person in charge of an “detoxification” center. In 1983 they received designation by the Attorney General as a designated detoxification center.
- They accepted 11,000 admissions last year from Police and Special Constable Outreach workers.



# Managing Public Intoxication

## Best Practices Vancouver



### Vancouver Detox Center

- This is a Vancouver Coastal Health Authority medical facility staffed exclusively by nurses and health care workers.
- Within the facility is a five room detoxification ward that will accept non-voluntary persons from the police who have been arrested for State of Intoxication in a Public Place.
- The detoxification ward can hold a maximum of 20 persons at a time. The stay is 4-6 hours.
- The facility at minimum has a registered nurse on site.

# Managing Public Intoxication

## Learning and Gap Analysis

- Public intoxication involving marginalized persons make them particularly vulnerable to being victimized or engaging in crimes of violence.
- Any discussion on improving management practices aimed at addressing the highly visible problem of public intoxication invariably return to core issues of addictions, mental health, homelessness.
- Intoxication related to vulnerable people is best managed as a public health/societal challenge rather than a criminal one. Pure enforcement strategies have short lived effects.
- Most of the vulnerable population that become intoxicated in public are not in a position to find beneficial activities during the daytime hours.



# Managing Public Intoxication

## Learning and Gap Analysis

- Public intoxication involving marginalized persons managed by traditional forms such as enforcement, arrest/incarceration, EMS and hospital emergency wards are resource intensive.
- The management and housing of intoxicated persons is inherently risk filled.
- There was little expertise within Downtown Division in dealing with these core issues.
- Dignity and respect are required building blocks for a successful strategy in dealing with the core issues affecting public intoxication.



# Current Efforts



1. Inner City Police and Crisis Team (ICPACT).
  - Partnership with Alberta Health Services.
  - Two outreach teams made up of two ad hoc uniformed members partnered with the a mental health nurse or social worker.
  - The teams works with inner city persons who are struggling with addictions and mental health issues by:
    - stabilizing them in the community and
    - through follow up assisting them in obtaining social supports.
2. Building specific skill sets within Downtown Division patrol squads.
3. Forming partnership with other service providers.
4. Assigning the 97 Street Safety Initiatives to a Community Liaison Constable.

# Managing Public Intoxication

## Opportunities



1. Edmonton Police service to become a strategic partner in the inner city outreach network.
2. Reduced crime, disorder and victimization within the inner city.
3. A more attractive city center.