

Community Assistance: Respond, Engage & Support (CARES) Program

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Background

2020

Safe Charlotte recommendation to establish Civilian 911 Response Team



2023

City launches CARES Program in partnership with CriSyS

\$1.2 million Dept of Justice Grant awarded to City of Charlotte to establish CARES Program

2022

City initiates partnership with County to operate and expand **CARES Program**





Background

Durham, NC Community Response Team Site Visit: 7/12/24

MCPH and CSS Visited City of Durham CRT Program

Activities: Program overview, meetings with staff at all levels/roles, view vehicles, supplies, and technology, sample policies, procedures, etc.

Durham Community Safety Department Vehicle Supply Kits



Top Supply Box

Item	Quantity
Small Gloves	1 box*
Medium Gloves	1 box*
Large Gloves	1 box*
XL Gloves	1 box*
Small Flashlights	4
Emesis Bags	5
KN95 Masks	1 pack
Disposable Masks	1 pack
Disinfectant Spray	1

^{*1} box = 1 small orange container

Middle Supply Box - Harm Reduction

Item	Quantity
Safe Sex Kit	6
Narcan Responder Kit	4
Puncture Resistant Gloves	1
Grabber Tool	1
Clipboard	1

Bottom Supply Box - Scene Safety

Item	Quantity
Traffic Cone	3
Road Flares (pack of X)	2
Reflective Vest (M/L)	3
Reflective Vest (XL/2XL)	1
Sharps Container	1



Fruit snacks

Snack Caddy

	Item	Quantity
	Tuna Salad	4
	Chicken Salad	4
	Applesauce	10
	Granola Bar	10
	Fruit Snacks	10
10	Pretzels	4

Clear Neighbor Bag

Item	Quantity
Winter Warmth Set	4
Socks	4

Back of Carseat

Item	Quantity
Hygiene Kit	5

Water Cooler

Item	Quantity
Water	15

Glovebox

Item	Quantity
Glass Break/Seatbelt Cutter Tool	1

Driver door compartment

Item	Quantity
Large Rechargeable Flashlight	1



Proposed Timeline

- ✓ **September 9, 2024:** City Council approved request to negotiate contract with Mecklenburg County to operate and expand CARES Program
- October 17, 2024: County Manager requesting BOCC approval to establish new term-limited positions; funded as DOJ grant sub-awardee
- November—December 2024: Hire, on-board and complete foundational trainings for Phase I staff
- January 1, 2025: Go LIVE to avoid service interruption!
- July 1, 2025: Begin Phase II (expand service coverage)



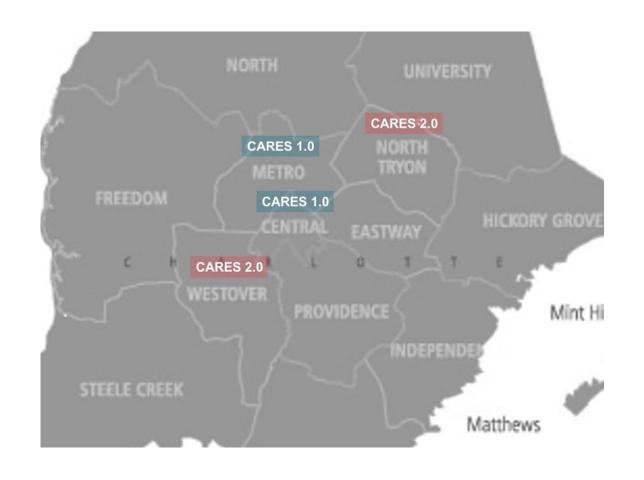
Proposed Service Area

Current Service Level

1 CARES team serving Central and Metro Divisions

Proposed Phase 2

2 CARES teams serving Central, Metro, Westover, and North Tryon Divisions





Proposed Operating Hours

Time/Day of Homeless or Loitering Service Calls across CMPD Jurisdiction

Day/Hour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total
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CARES 1.0

CARES 2.0

CARES 2.0: Saturday Service Hours: 10AM – 5PM (rotating schedule)



Proposed Organization

