

How Did We Get Here?

The Las Cruces Fire Department responds to thousands of calls to provide assistance to those experiencing a crisis surrounding mental health or substance use disorders. The LIGHT Program (Lessening the Incidence of Grief, Harm, and Trauma) is a response unit within the Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) dispatched through the 911 system.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm

Community partner relationships are an integral part of ensuring continuity of care and provide a valuable method for evaluating outcomes. LCFD thanks our partners for their continued support.

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LIGHT Program

Las Cruces Fire Department





AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH

The LIGHT program's specialized team of mental health providers and paramedics are able to provide a holistic co-response for those experiencing crisis, delivering appropriate trauma-informed care in their time of need.

A NEW VISION

Through the implementation of this program, we seek to expand emergency response options for mental health services by offering in-field interventions, connections to community partners, and linkages to other resources.

Our Services

911 RESPONSE

- Behavioral Problems
- Overdose
- Suicidal Subject
- Suicide Attempt
- CPR in Progress
- Death

FOLLOW-UP

Case Management follow-up takes place with all patients who receive in-field interventions and those we navigate towards community providers.

CORE VALUES

- Trauma-Informed
- Empathy/Compassion
- Integrity/Transparency
- Safety
- Trust

Our Training

Our teams have received extensive training on mental health disorders, crisis intervention, multiple evidence-based interventions, suicide prevention, and responding to individuals with special needs.

The LIGHT team pairs a Licensed Masters Social Worker with a Firefighter/Paramedic to provide a more appropriate and specialized response to these types of emergencies.

