



City to launch alternative response to selected 911 calls

-Pilot program is a recommendation of Dayton's police reform effort-

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The City of Dayton will launch a pilot program of alternative response to selected 911 calls in early 2022, a mediation-based approach designed for non-emergent, non-violent situations.

The Mediation Response Program is a transformative approach that will provide needed services to residents while allowing police officers to be more available where they are needed. Professionals from the Dayton Mediation Center will take the lead in responding to selected 911 service calls, completing some cases in person and others by phone.

An alternative police response was recommended by the community engagement working group of the Dayton police reform initiative and was approved by the City Commission. It is one of the steps the City of Dayton is taking to deepen community engagement and strengthen relationships between police and the community while recognizing the systemic racism that exists in government and societal structures.

Working with the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, a national non-profit group with expertise on police and community relations, the City of Dayton received a plan for implementation of alternative police response. In order to ensure success, the City has also consulted with Dignity Best Practice, a non-profit organization that works with cities to create intelligent pilot programs at the intersection of public health and public safety.

To see an updated program overview, go to www.daytonohio.gov/alternativeresponse.

The City of Dayton is seeking passionate, experienced, and motivated individuals to be a part of the team that will have the potential to change how Dayton and cities across the nation look at 911 response. The Mediation Response Program team will consist of five newly created positions: Mediation Response Coordinator (one position); Mediation Response Specialist 1 (two positions); and Mediation Response Specialist 2 (two positions). Interested persons may apply at www.daytonohio.gov/jobs.

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