



# Metro Transit Police Update



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# Metro Transit Police IA Case Review 2017-004



# Timeline

- 05/14/2017 @ 2033HRS
- (MTPD 17025414)
- Vences-Lopez on train -HHH
- Lamers on train -VA
- Officers Actions
- Officers questions
- Search
- Arrest -38<sup>th</sup> Station
- Use of force -Taser
- Medical
- Booking



## Timeline

- 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance 5-15-17 charged
- ICE Inquiry (NCIC) 5/15/17
- Henn County Court Release Date 5-16-17
- ICE Detention 5/16/17
- Facebook Video Posted 5/19/17
- Internal Affairs investigation ordered on 05/19/2017
- Lamers placed on administrative leave 5/19/17
- Draft Policy distribution 5/19/17
- Reached agreement with Lamers on separation 5/26/17
- Internal use of force review complete 6/27/17
- Concurrent Expert opinion review in progress 6/27/17

# TIMELINE

- General Counsels Review on Data Privacy in progress
- Deportation Order for 6/6/17 delayed
- Vences-Lopez remains in ICE Custody

# MTPD IMMIGRATION Old Policy

- 428.4 ENFORCEMENT
- An officer may detain an individual when there are facts supporting a reasonable suspicion that the individual entered into the United States in violation of a federal criminal law. Federal authorities shall be notified as soon as possible and the detained individual shall be immediately released if the federal authorities do not want the person held. An officer should not detain any individual, for any length of time, for a civil violation of federal immigration laws or a related civil warrant.



## MTPD Immigration Enforcement Policy (05/17)

- It is the policy of the Metro Transit Police Department that all members make personal and professional commitments to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of this department in protecting and serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their immigration status.

- The Metro Transit Police Department is concerned for the safety of the public and thus detection of criminal behavior is of primary interest in dealing with any person. The decision to arrest shall be based upon those factors which establish probable cause and not on arbitrary aspects. Race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, immigration and socioeconomic status alone are of no bearing on the decision to arrest.





- Metro Transit police officers and staff shall not undertake any law enforcement action for the sole purpose of detecting the presence of undocumented person or persons or to verify immigration status, including but not limited to questioning any person or persons about their immigration status. MTPD officers shall not question or detain any person for violations of federal civil immigration laws except when immigration status is an element of the crime or when enforcing 8 U.S.C 1324(c).

# ST.Paul City Immigration Policy

- St. Paul Sec. 44.03. - Public safety services.
- To the extent permitted by law, in providing public safety services, employees of the police and fire departments, and the city attorney's office - criminal division, (collectively, public safety officials), shall be governed by the following requirements:
- Public safety officials may not undertake any law enforcement action for the sole purpose of detecting the presence of undocumented persons, or to verify immigration status, including but not limited to questioning any person or persons about their immigration status.

# Minneapolis Police Immigration Policy

- Officers shall not independently undertake to approach, interview, interrogate, detain or arrest any suspected illegal alien or refugee when potential violation of the federal immigration law is the principal issue. Neither shall any officer independently seek to ascertain a suspected illegal alien's status aside from the following condition:

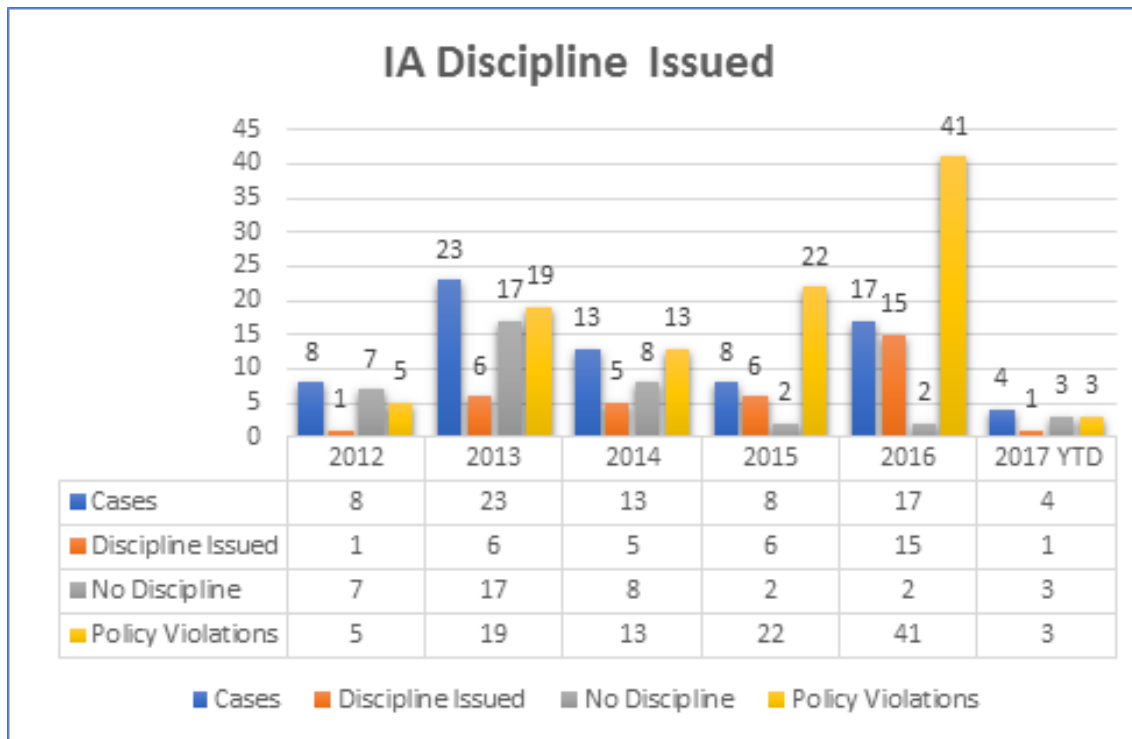
# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- The continued employment or appointment of every member of the Metro Transit Police Department shall be based on conduct that reasonably conforms to the guidelines set forth herein. Failure to meet the guidelines set forth in this policy, whether on- or off-duty, may be cause for disciplinary action (see generally Minn. R. 6700.2000 to Minn. R. 6700.2600).

## Discipline by contract includes:

- Disciplinary Option:
  - Oral reprimand
  - Written reprimand
  - Suspension
  - Demotion
  - Termination
- Considerations:
  - Tenure of Employee
  - Past violations
  - Same or Similar
  - Past Precedents

# IAU STATS



# Requests

- Separation of Lamers from MTPD
- Publish Immigration policy on line
- Drop charges against Vences-Lopez
- Medical reports on Vences-Lopez
- Ban DHS from transit
- Release video and reports
- Data Practices request
- Independent Review

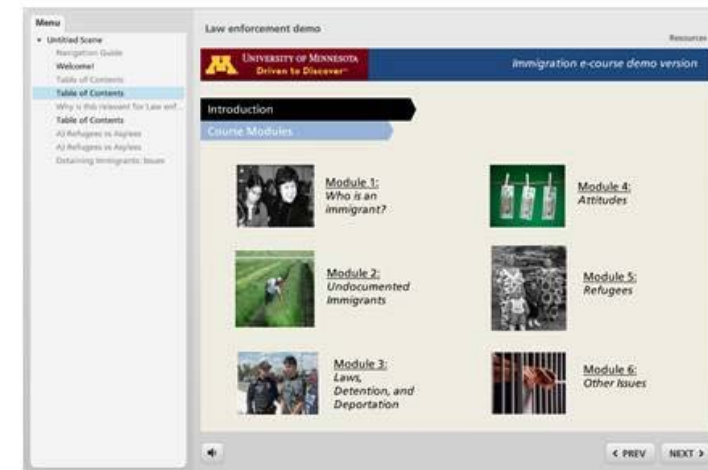


# Questions

- Did Lamers racially profile ?
- How did Lamers find out there was false info ?
- What name was given ? Saul Lopez
- What DOB was given ? 1-9-92
- Did Lamers have prior contact with Vences-Lopez ?
- Did Lamers have other complaints ?
- How often do we find fare evaders ?
- Do we have a Agreement with ICE, TSA, FAM ?

## What are we doing now?

- Update department policy manual on Web
- Community response and engagement:
  - Mexican Consulate visits
  - Church Visits
  - Latino and Somali community visits
  - Univision video
  - Community Flyers
- Officer training and education



# Questions?



# Metro Transit Police Mission and Core Values

## INNOVATION

We achieve a continuing standard of excellence through problem solving.

## PARTNERSHIPS

We work in partnerships with transit and the community to prevent crime and disorder.

## ETHICS

We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards and treat all we encounter with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

## DIVERSITY

We embrace diversity within our community and promote it within our organization.

## EDUCATION

We support continuous learning and the development of our staff, department and the community.

“Protecting our community through innovation and problem solving.”





## 2011

- **130 Sworn police officers**
  - 68 Full-time
  - 62 Part-time
  - 12 CSO
  - 5 Admin support

## 2017

- **181 Sworn police officers**
  - 71/100 Part-time
  - 110/117 Full-time
  - 10/12 CSO
  - 17/17 Admin support

## Demographics

<i>Rate +</i>	<i>Demographic</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2017</i>
5 x	Women	7	36
2 x	Latino	6	13
9 x	Asian-American	2	19
5 x	African-American	5	27
2 x	Native American	0	2
		20	95



# 2017 & Calls for Service 1/1-5/31/17

- **Calls for service were up 6% compared to 2016**

**Quality of Life incidents + 2%**  
**Sleepers + 18%**  
**DK -21%**  
**DOC + 3%**

	Quality of Life		
	2016	2017	% Change
Disorderly Conduct	1662	1719	3%
DK	1391	1145	-21%
Narcotics	301	330	9%
Fight	332	362	8%
Sleepers	945	1147	18%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4631</b>	<b>4703</b>	<b>2%</b>



## Investigations 1/1-5/31

Driver assaults were down -1%

Passenger victims +12%

Clearance Rate

Felony 100%

GM 51%

Misdem 48%

Part 1 rose +58%

Part 2 dropped -7%

CSC +55%

Robbery +61%

Agg Assault +43%

Theft -58%

MisTheft +29%

	Investigation		
	2016	2017	% Change
Operator Assault (Felony)	2	0	-100
OP (Gross Misdemeanor)	7	7	0%
OP (GM Spit)	13	20	-53%
OP DOC/Threats)	44	37	-16%
TOTAL	66	64	-3%
Passenger victims	243	272	+12%

	Investigation		
	2016	2017	% Change
Murder	0	0	0
Sex crimes	4	9	+55%
Robbery	44	91	+61%
Agg Assault	14	20	+43%
Fel Theft	54	47	-13%
Mis theft	17	22	+29%



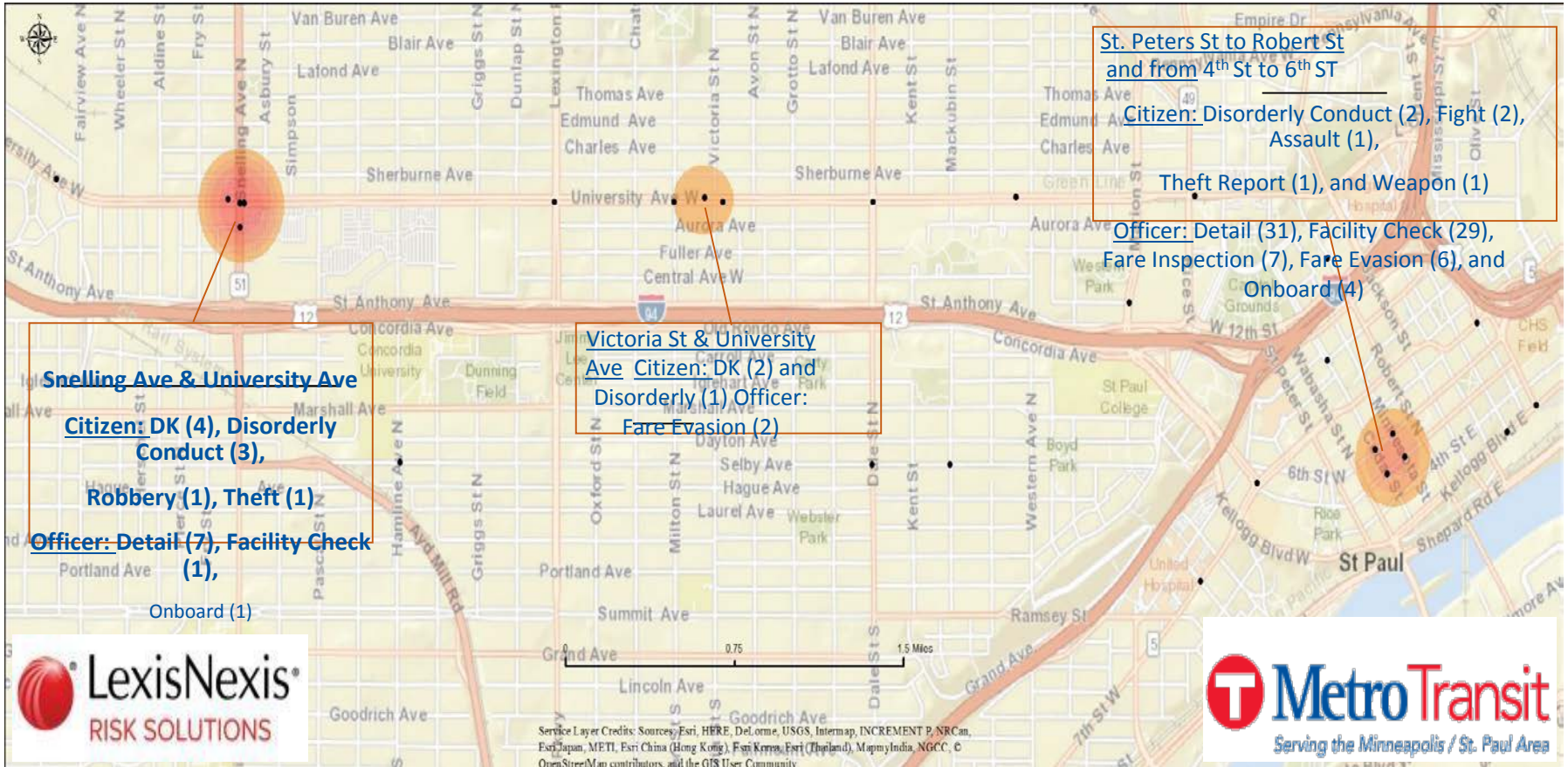


# 700,000 Fare Checks and 6300 Violations

Service	Checks	Violations	On-Boards
Blue Line	294,925	1893	7,656
Green Line	211,237	4175	14,433
Northstar	166,949	273	
Buses			8,519

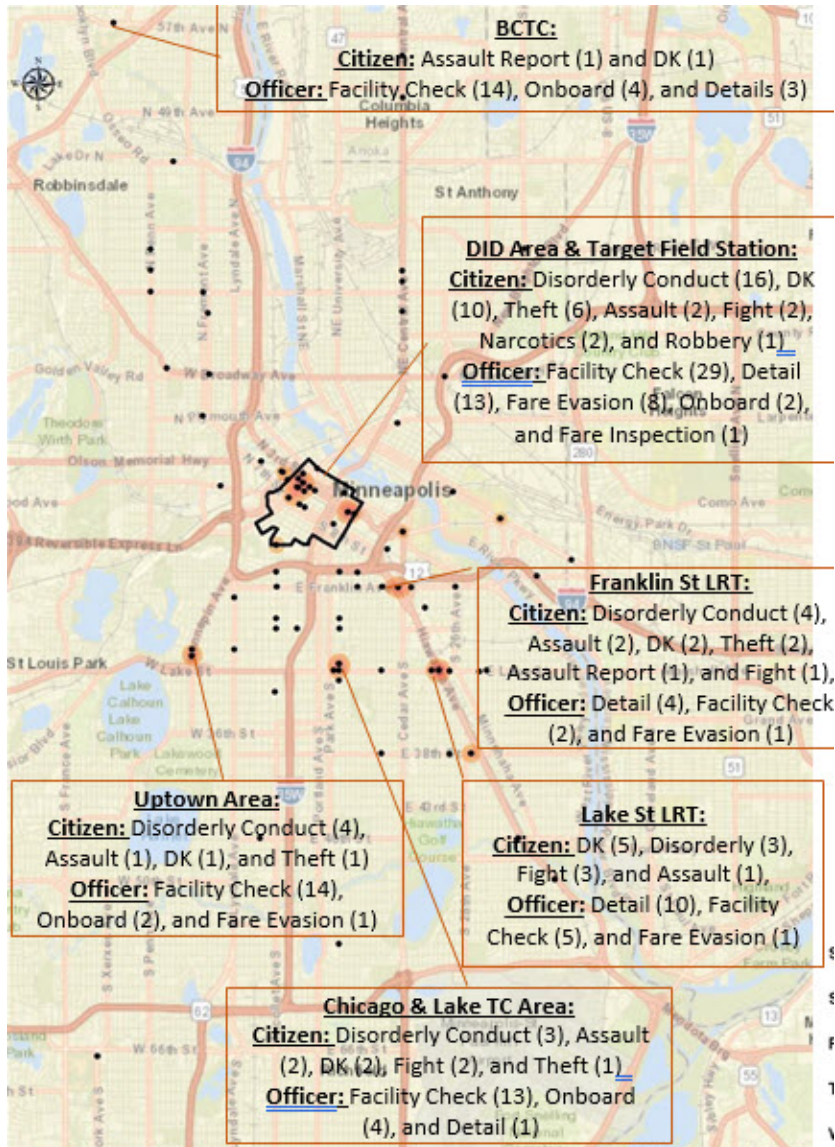


# East Hotspots- VCB, Capital –Lexington, Midway





# West Hot spots



- BCTC
- DID-Warehouse
- Franklin
- Lake ST
- Uptown
- Chicago Lake
- MOA



# WAREHOUSE PLATFORM

- Community Outreach
- Focused high visibility uniformed patrol.
- Assigned Downtown beat Cops.
- Bike patrol.
- Safe zone initiative- Extra patrol in the downtown focus zone.
- CSO's walking the beat.
- Plain Clothes details conducted randomly throughout the month.
- Hennepin Ave 5-10 initiative.
- Coordinated joint saturation patrol details with MPD.
- CPTED enhancements ( Upgrade cameras in TVM's, "No Smoking" cling wrap on ramp, upgraded lighting is forth coming, SB 5<sup>th</sup>/Henn bus shelter improvements in progress.

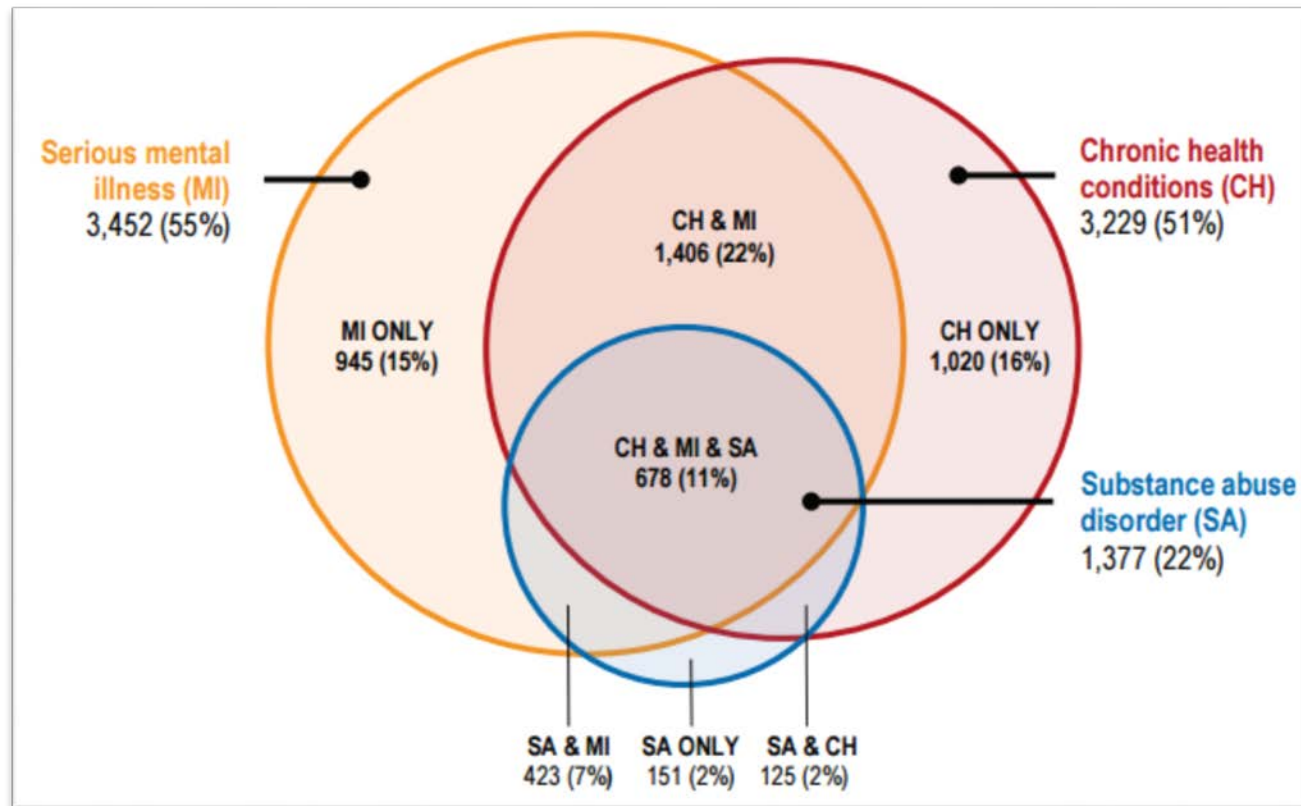


# Homelessness



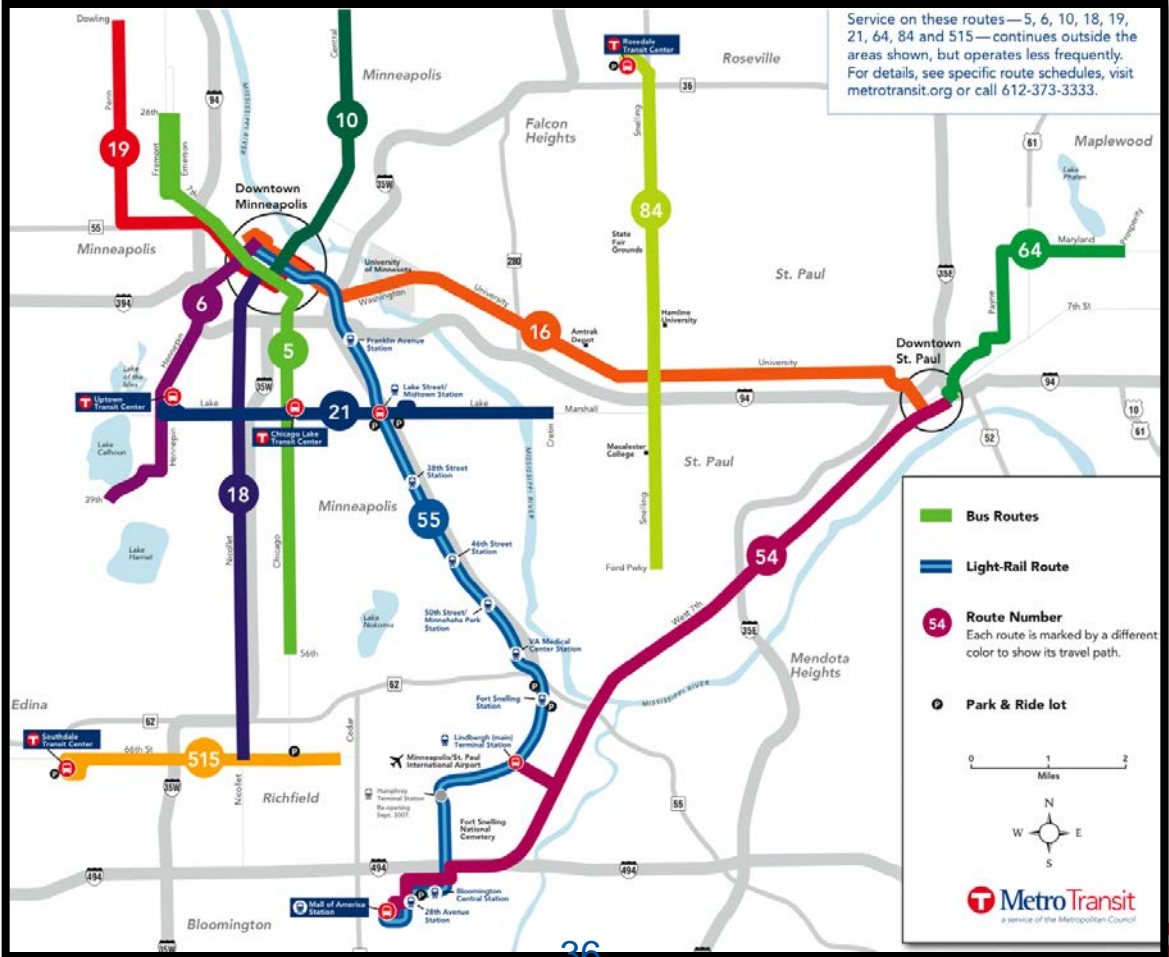


# It's complicated: health conditions among homeless in Minnesota



Source: Wilder Research: Homelessness in Minnesota; Findings from the 2012 Statewide Study. September 2013.

# “Bermuda Triangle” Twin Cities’ Largest Homeless Camp



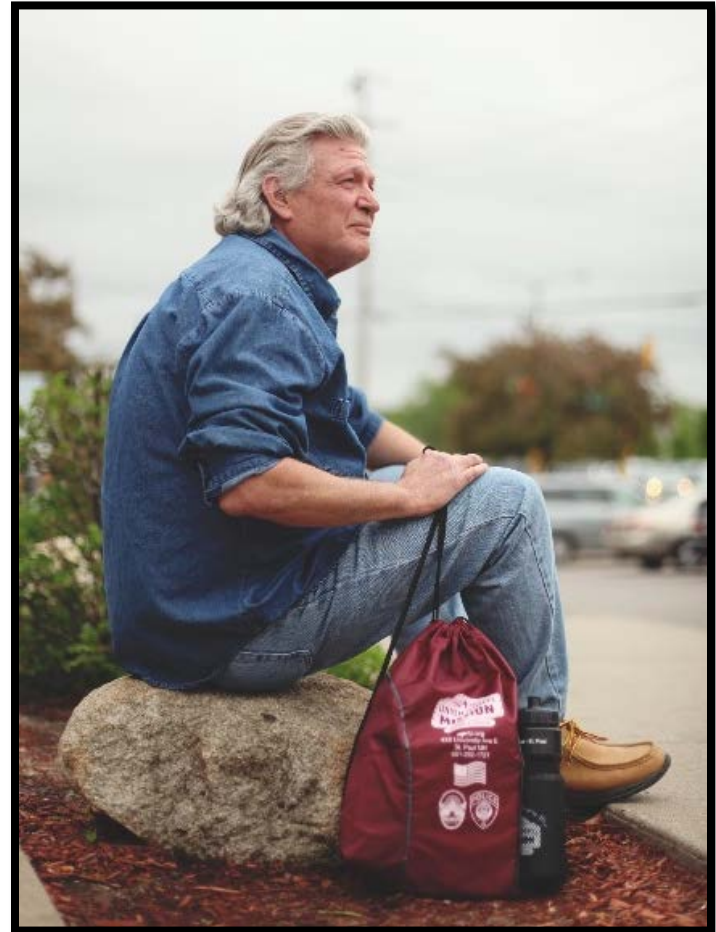


## Problem Oriented Policing Homelessness Partnerships

- St. Stephen's Street Outreach
- Catholic Charities
- Union Gospel Mission
- People Incorporated



# Bags of Hope



# Ongoing Challenge





# Community OUTREACH



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## 2017 Initiatives

- Homelessness Response
- Rail On-boards
- Fair and Impartial Policing
- CSO North Star Operations
- Downtown Enhanced Response
- Super Bowl LII planning
- Police Activities League
- Native and Elder Outreach
- Police Facility
- COC Outreach