

**Council Budget Questions and Requests for Information  
2021-22 Manager's Recommended Budget  
Question #5**

**QUESTION:** How will the addition of a Crisis Counselor to the Crisis Unit expand current service offerings?

**RESPONDENT:** Chris Blue, Police Chief

**RESPONSE:** An additional Crisis Counselor with the Chapel Hill Police Crisis Unit will allow for the expansion of in-person operating hours. The current schedule was developed after an analysis of calls for service and adjustments were made to have maximum coverage during peak times. The police department is experiencing a steady increase in crisis calls on the weekend, when we operate in an "on-call" status. The addition of another Crisis Counselor will allow for additional on-site coverage on weekends.