Public Intoxication Transport (PIT)

Who we are
The Public Intoxication Transport (PIT) team is staffed by a dedicated Emergency Medical Technician and a Recovery Support Specialist employed by Houston Recovery Center.

What we do
The PIT team patrols and responds to calls regarding publicly intoxicated individuals in the areas of
- Downtown
- Midtown
The PIT team will intervene and transport publically intoxicated individuals to the Houston Sobering Center

Our goals are
- To decrease the numbers of public intoxicated individuals on the streets of Houston
- To reduce the strain on HPD and HFD and other law enforcement personnel
- To connect the publicly intoxicated population to needed resources

Who do we transport?
Publically Intoxicated individuals who are:
- Ambulatory: be able to walk with minimum assistance
- Non-violent: clients must agree to be transported to Sobering Center
- 18 years of age and older
- Clients who are cleared from warrants: Law enforcement officer must identify client and potential warrants
- Clients who are medically stable: no unconscious, severe open wounds, severe bleeding, or chest pain

Houston Recovery Center
Available Services:
- Specializes in addiction with recovery focus
- Short term intervention for substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health issues
- Safe environment with basic EMT level screening and monitoring while client is sobering up
- Peer Recovery Support Specialists offering individual recovery guidance
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors for clients interested in substance use treatment services
- Community resource specialist works with clients to obtain housing assessments, medical and mental health service referrals
- Showers and change of clothes
- 18-month connection with a peers recovery support specialist for those requesting assistance with addiction