

# A cross-department approach to public safety.

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## SAFE ANCHORAGE

### THE PROBLEM

Public safety is Mayor LaFrance's top priority. Since the first day in office, we've consistently heard from residents sharing real concerns about safety in public spaces and neighborhoods. Mayor LaFrance is committed to making the Municipality a safe place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

### WHAT WE WILL DO

The first step to protect public safety is to recruit, hire and retain capable, committed safety professionals including police, fire, and prosecutors. People who break the law should expect clear and prompt consequences. We will reduce the backlog of cases and ensure speedy trials without delays or dismissals.

To reduce crime and enforce local laws we are stepping up efforts to intercept large shipments of illegal drugs, working with state and federal partners. We will increase positive public safety presence and work with communities to pilot proven ways to reduce violence.

To address the overlapping challenges of substance misuse, mental health, and homelessness, will improve crisis response to ensure residents are met with the right resources at the right time. We will work with community partners to increase connections to treatment and supports.

We are investing in clean, safe public spaces for all, including activating parks and trails, improving road safety, and bolstering our emergency response to natural disasters.

### OUR COMMITMENT

Whether buying a house, starting a family, running a business, or going on a hike, we are committed to working every day to ensure you can depend on basic public safety.

Our community is a safe place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

1. A robust public safety workforce.
2. Less crime and more accountability.
3. More people can access crisis care.
4. Roads, parks, and trails are safe for all — every day, and in emergencies.



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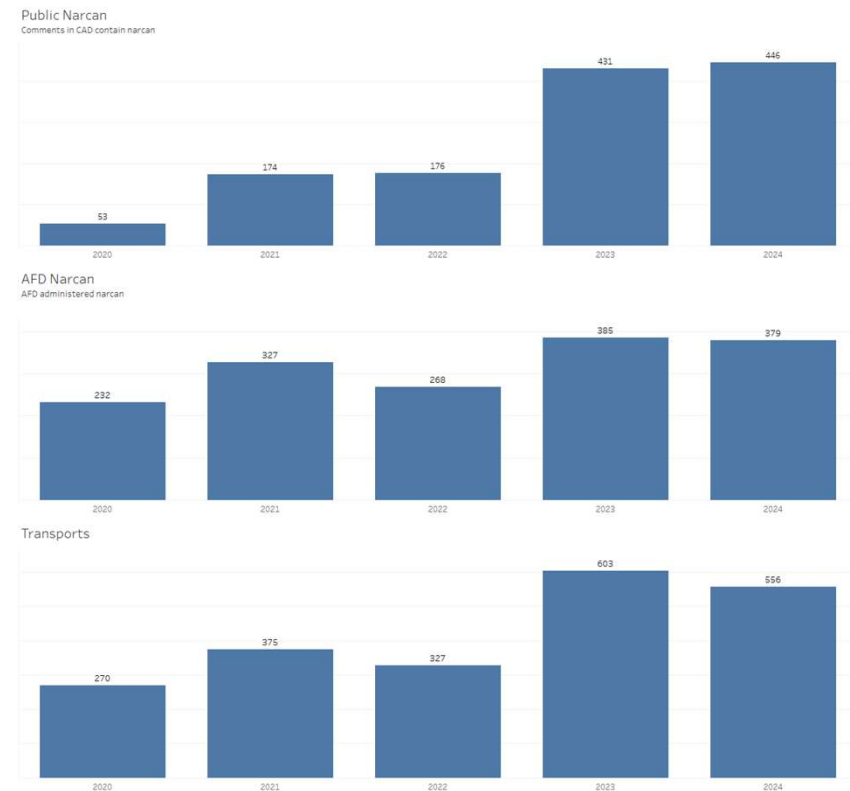
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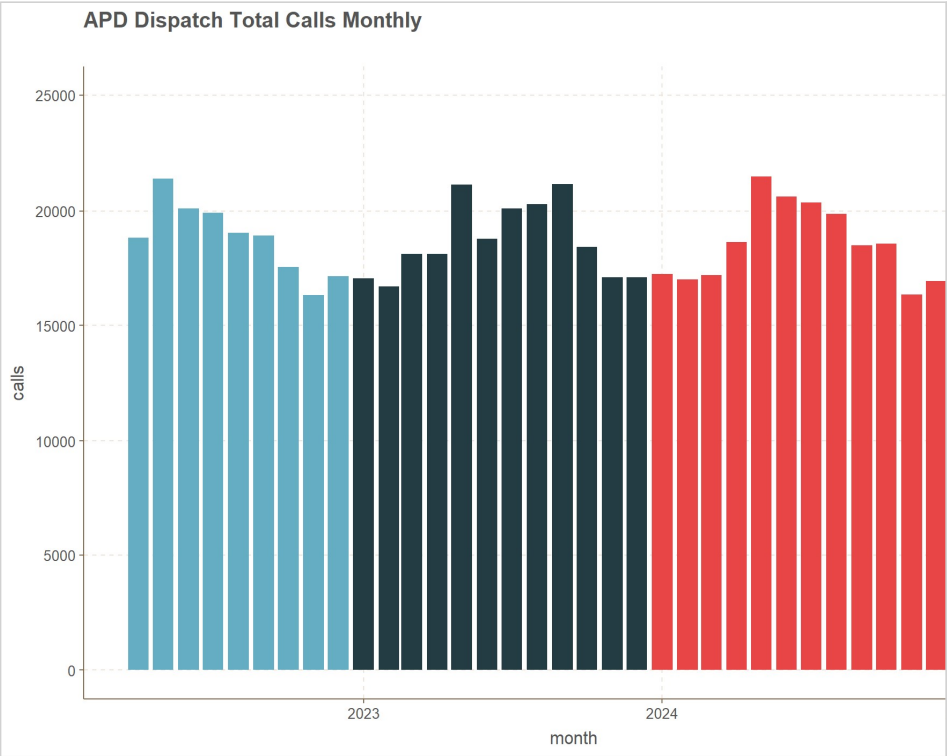
# Increase in Opioid-related Incidents

Between 2020 and 2024, AFD transports doubled.

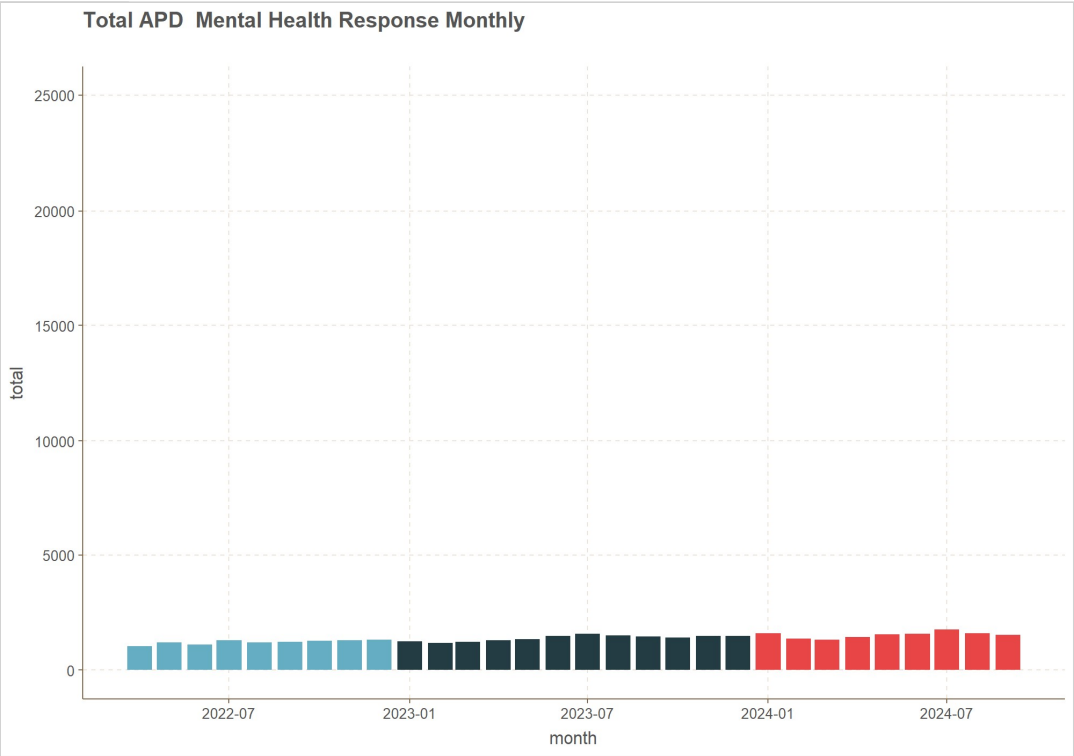
Narcan, to reverse an overdose, was administered by the public almost 450 times in 2024, compared to 50 in 2020.



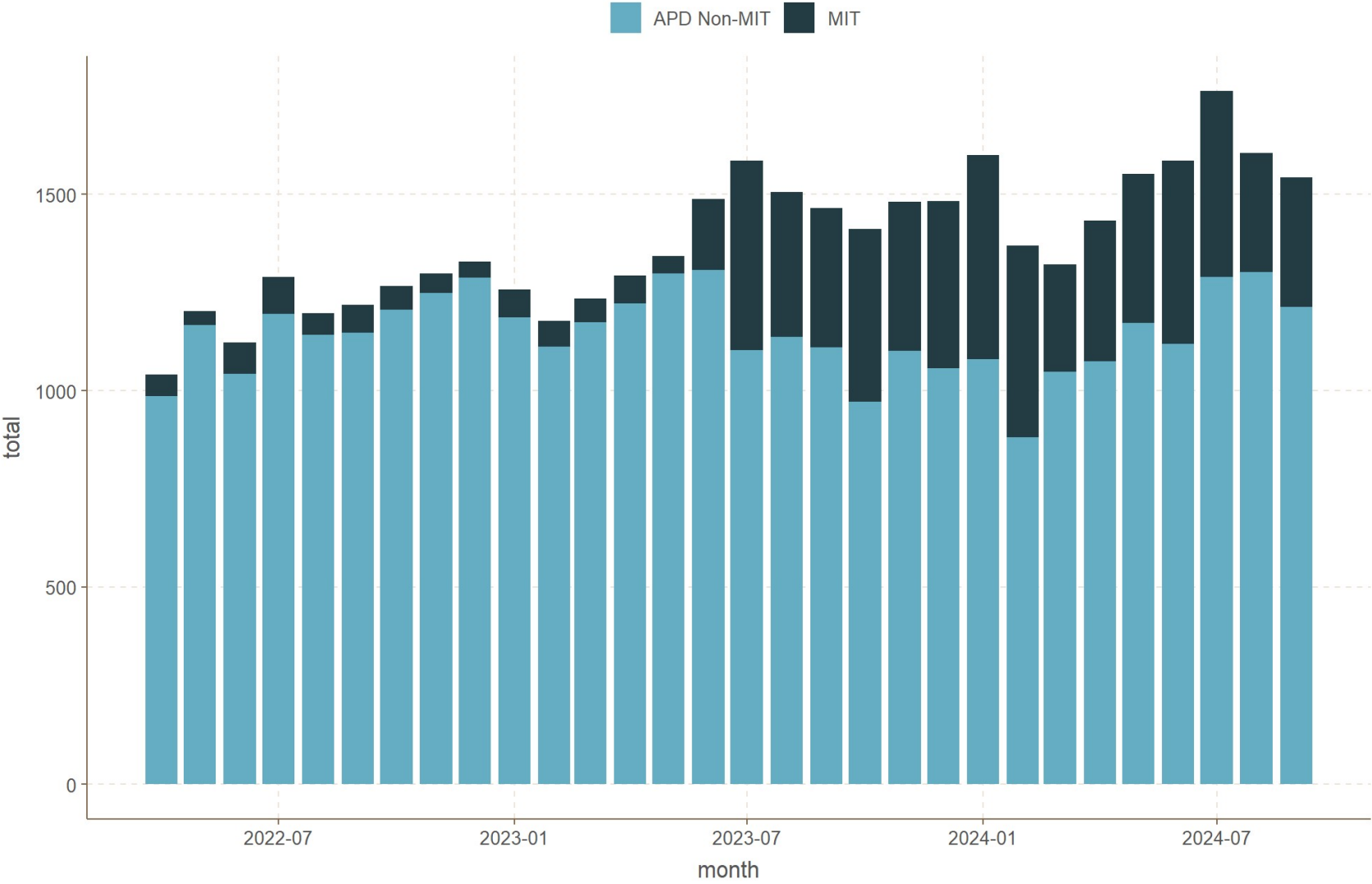
# Total Calls – All APD Dispatch



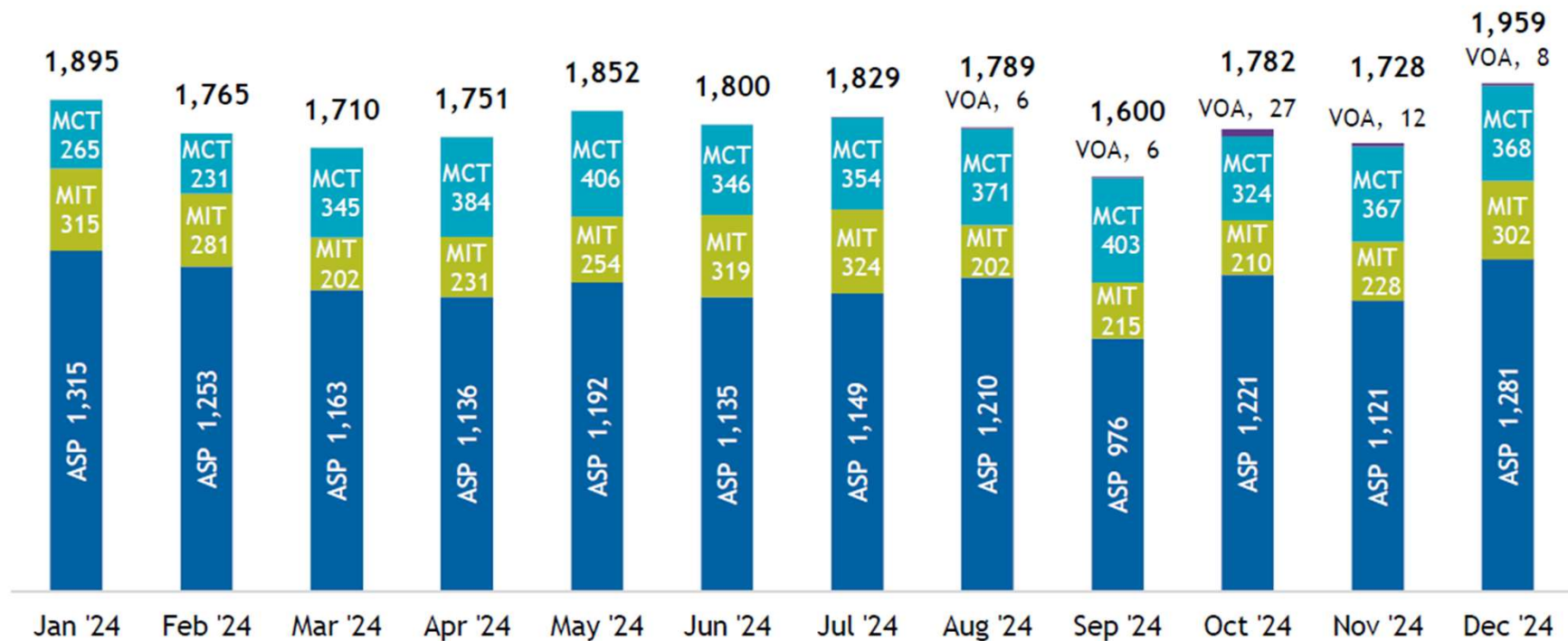
# APD 'Mental Health' Calls



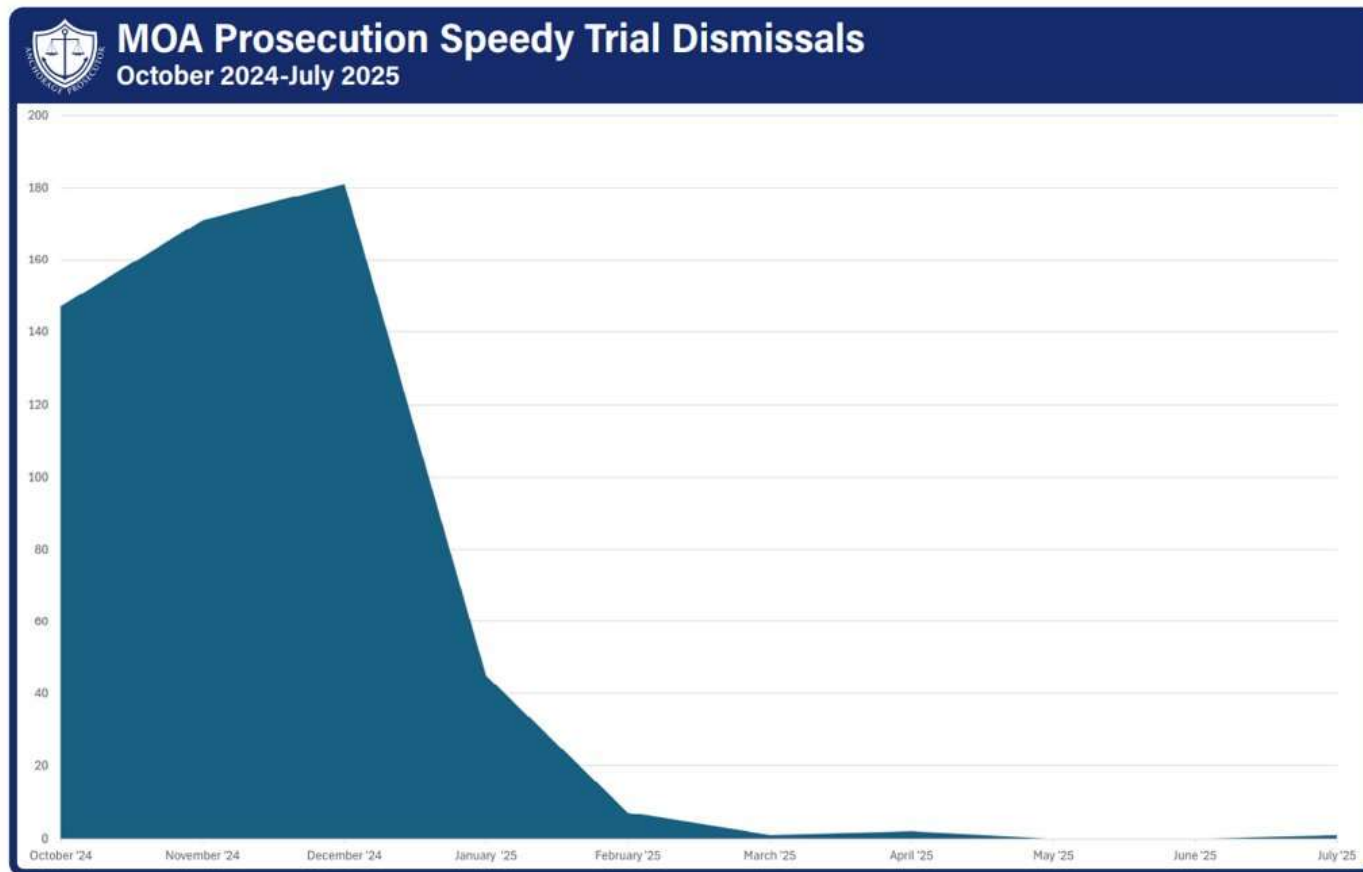
Total APD Only Mental Health Calls Monthly MIT/Non-MIT



# Mobile Crisis Response, 2024



# Prosecution is back



# Treatment capacity and access growing

- Newer providers adding beds
- Long-time providers working to fill beds
- New providers coming to Anchorage
- MOA coordinated outreach and crisis response connecting people to treatment
- MOA creating opportunities for increased treatment: Golden Lion, Microunits for Recovery Residences

# Update: Mobile Outreach Pilot Project

**Strategy goal:** Support development of a full behavioral health crisis continuum and connection to community services

- HOPE team continuing outreach with behavioral health, medical, and community providers
- MCT2 doing assertive outreach in high-traffic areas, high number of contacts
- SALA piloting a mobile clinic van at shelter sites, high number of contacts
- Anchorage Safety Patrol and Center: assertive outreach, extended stays at center, connections to care
- i-Team Data dashboard, coming soon

**LaFrance administration looks to amp crisis care this summer**



According to LaFrance, the administration is focusing on five areas to increase public safety in its safety strategy plan.





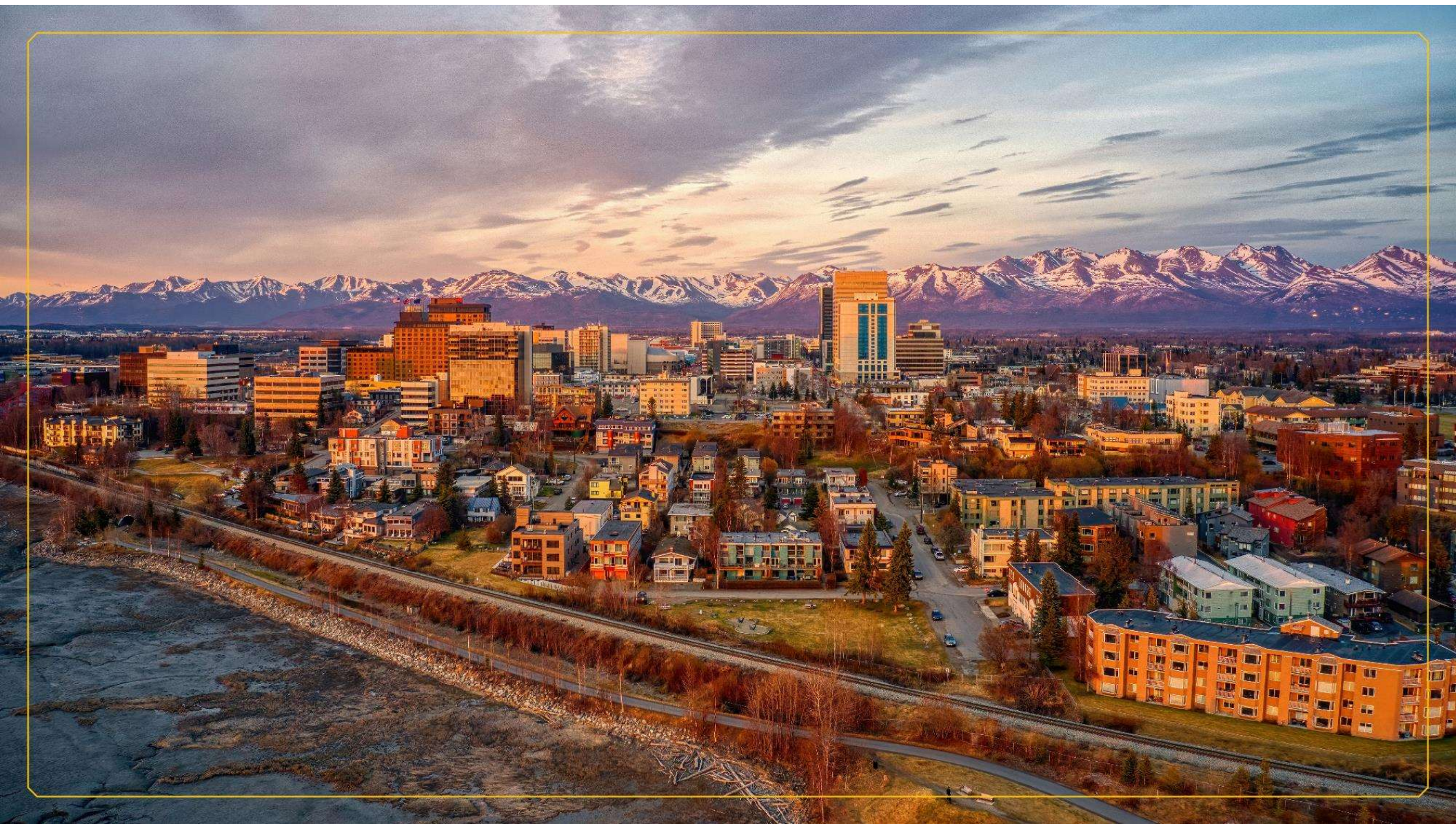
# Coming Soon: Increase access to treatment

**Strategy goal:** Maintain relationship with Anchorage therapeutic courts to increase referrals for treatment.

- **Pre-arrest Diversion to Treatment**
  - APD to present program concept today
- **Increase immediate access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)** for people experiencing substance-related crisis
  - Mayor's office and AFD working on a concept and will present at an upcoming Public Health and Safety Committee meeting











**THANK YOU**