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Decriminalization

Criminal Investigations Division

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Strategic Goal



- Providing this correspondence aims to meet the objectives of the 2022 SPS Business Plan.
- Strategy 7.1 – Coordinated Communication & Awareness

Discussion

- **Decriminalization**

Aims to provide a historical context with respect to the evolution of decriminalization strategies in Canada, with a specific focus for Saskatoon. Additional focus on the evolution of Drug Treatment Courts, local prosecution efforts, and the *need for a health led solution*.

- **Roles - Board of Police Commissioners/ Saskatoon Police Service**

Provides feedback on the anticipated roles of the Saskatoon Police Service and Board of Police Commissioners.

- **Statistical Picture – Controlled Drugs & Substances Act**

Attempts to determine whether there are correlations between toxicity deaths and involvement with law enforcement.



Decriminalization



- Continually expanding/ evolving literature.
- Public Prosecution Service of Canada.
- Drug Treatment Courts.
- Health Led Request.
- Bill C-22.
- Saskatchewan Drug Task Force.



Roles- Board & SPS



- Role of the Board of Police Commissioners
- Role of the Saskatoon Police Service
 - SPS is responsible for keeping Saskatoon safe. Enforcement of the law. This can be broken down into three main areas: crime prevention, investigations and emergency response.
 - Work with academic institutions, public, and private agencies to explore possible. Concerns:
 - Threshold Quantities
 - Crime Derivatives
 - Availability & Sustainability - Diversionary Options



Academic Assistance

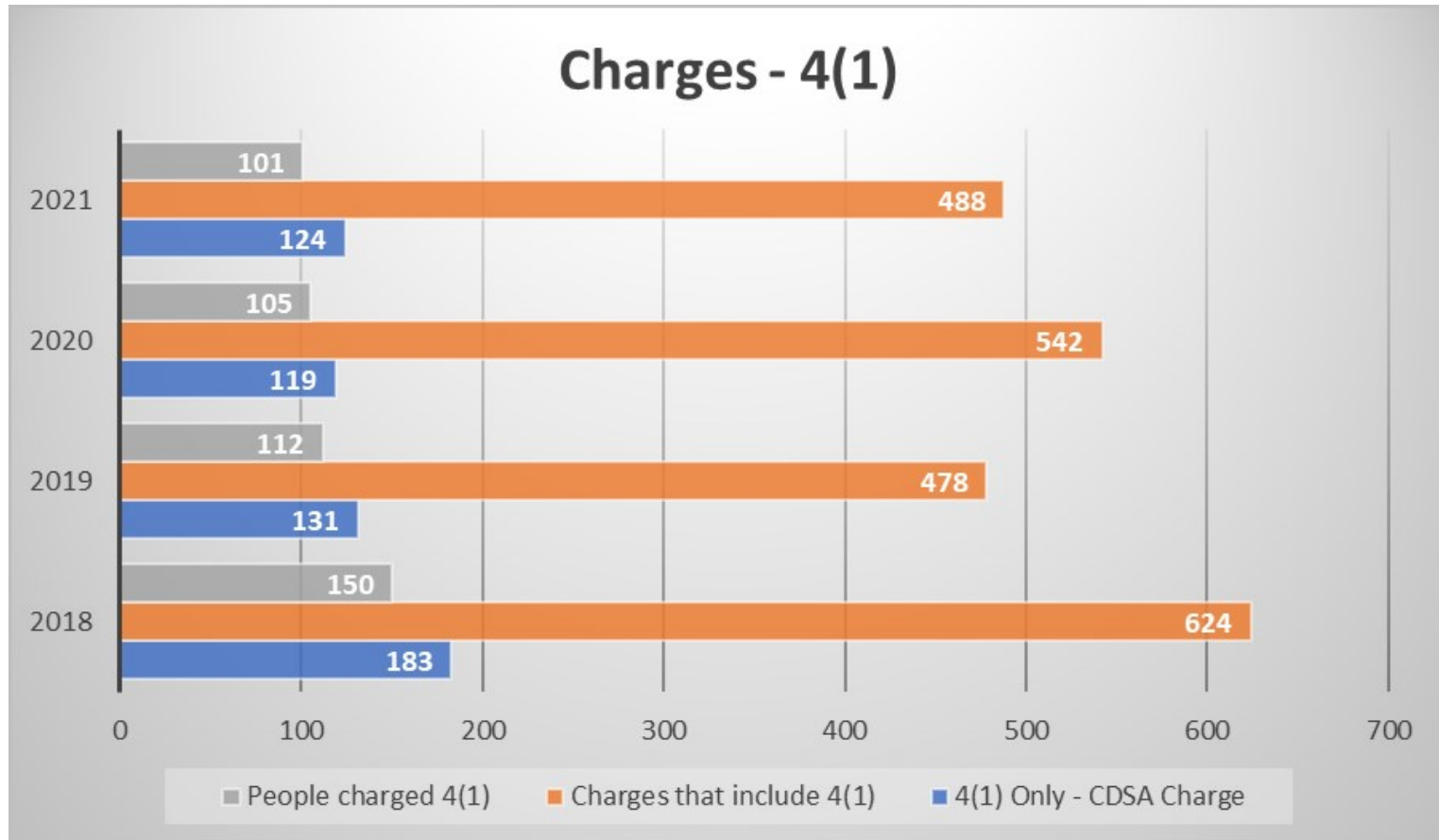
- School of Public Health and Department of Community Health & Epidemiology.
 - Dr. Lori Hanson
 - Dr. Barb Fornssler
- Decriminalization in the City of Saskatoon: Moving forward from evidence and lessons learned.
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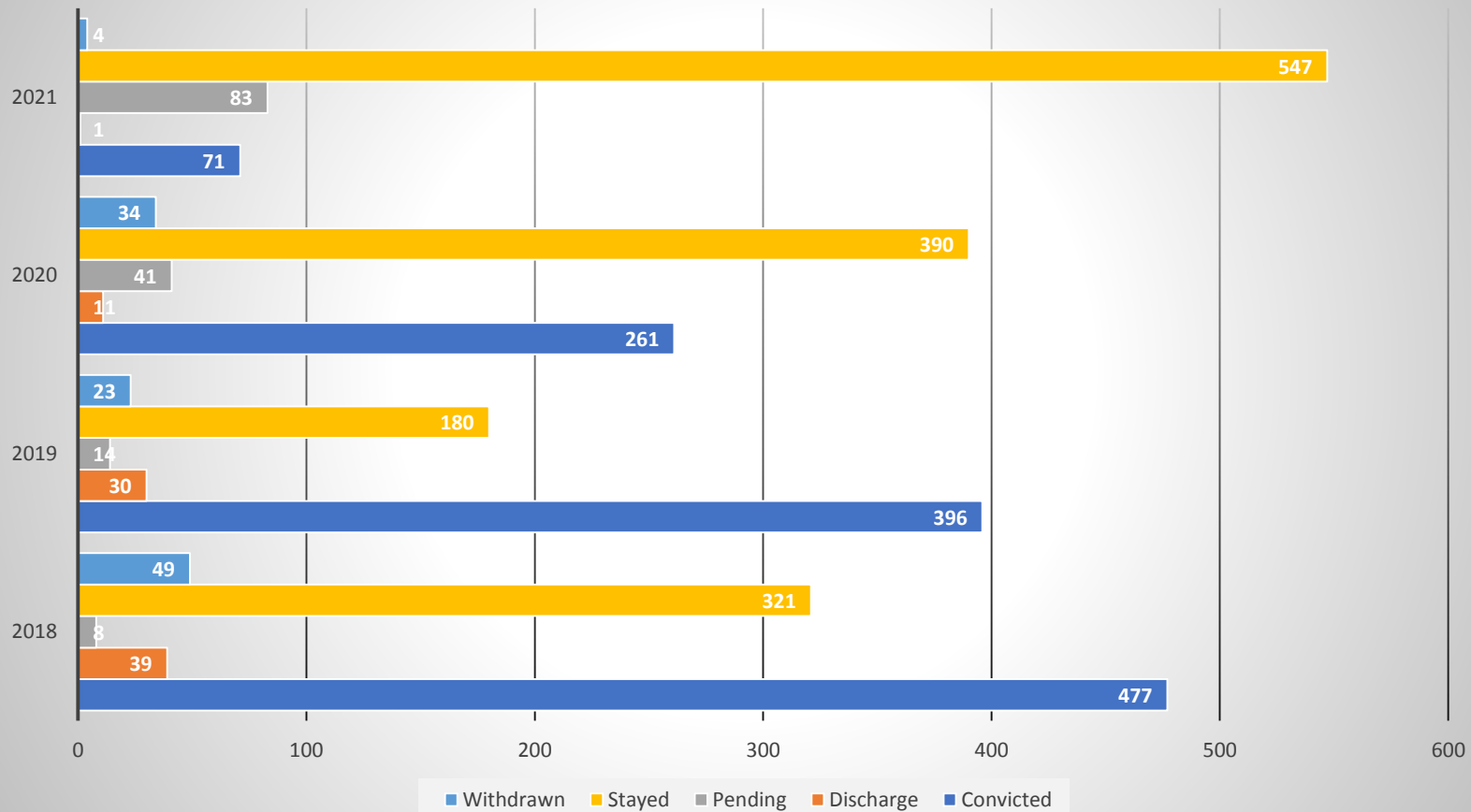
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Statistical Picture



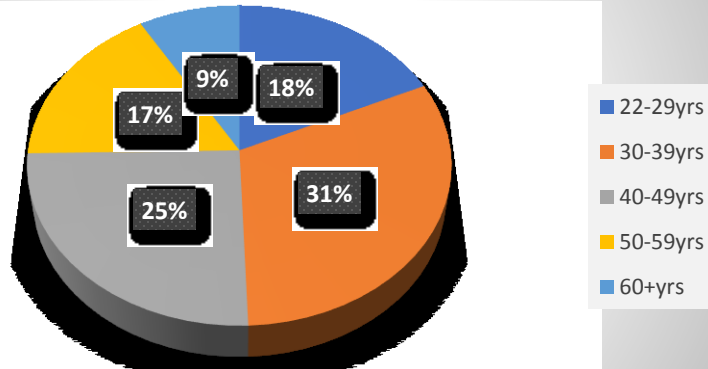
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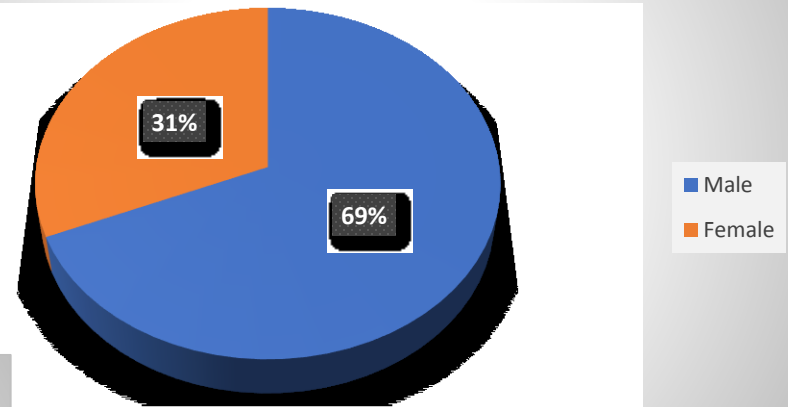
2021 – Toxicity

- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Interactions
- Drug Charges

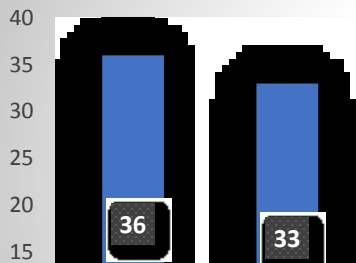
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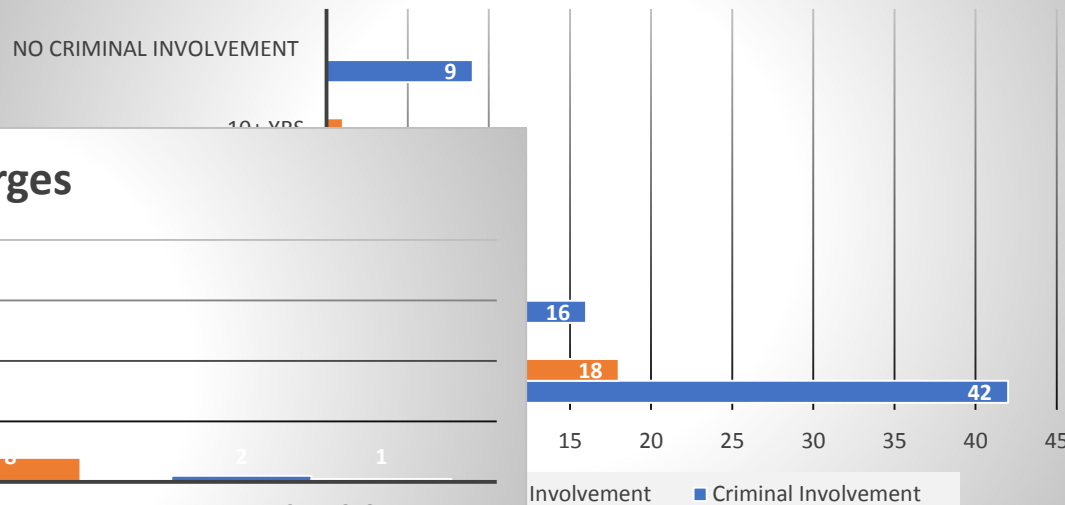
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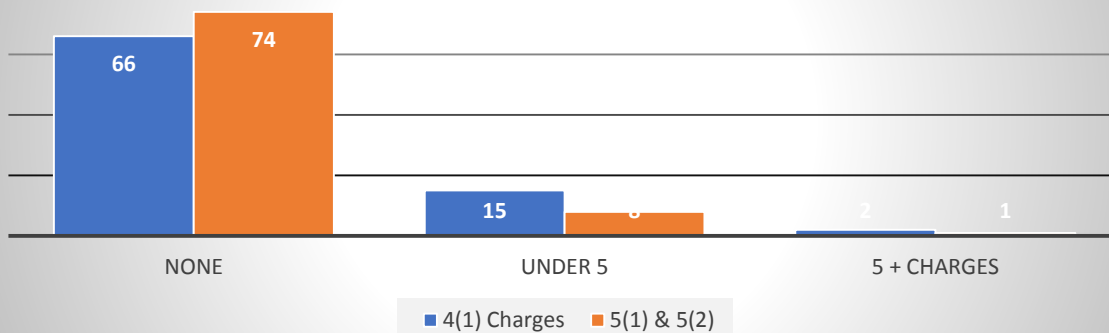
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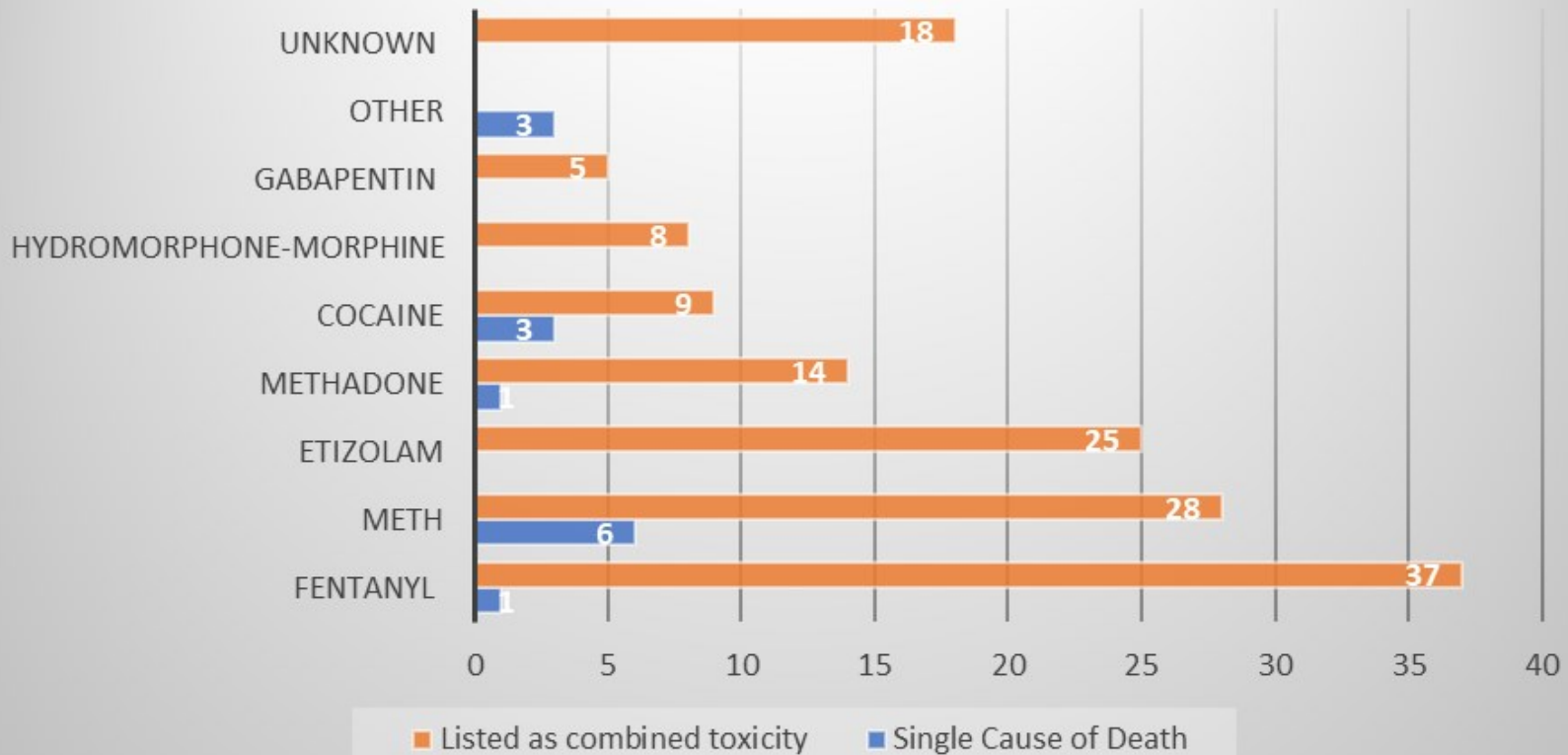
Interactions - Saskatoon Police Service



Drug Charges



Toxicity - Type of Drug



Conclusion

- Responding to problematic substance use in Saskatoon is a complex issue requiring a full spectrum of options and partnerships.
- Decriminalization strategies will continue to evolve and shift. The SPS is committed to open dialogue & cooperation when appropriate. The SPS recommends that the Board consider a report on decriminalization as submitted by the School of Public Health and Department of Community Health & Epidemiology.

Questions/ Discussion

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