**WSHS’s TN Student Success**

**Current Events Discussions - “Crisis Responders”**

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Directions: Please answer the following as you read the article from “The Marshall Project” linked on the website:

1. Describe the situation at the Motel 6.
2. What is a “quality of life” call?
3. Describe the idea of having “crisis responders.”
4. Explain the purpose of having “crisis responders.”
5. How did Christopher Jones respond to this woman in crisis at the motel?
6. How might a city employing “crisis responders” actually help police departments?
7. How have many police departments responded to the riots around the country since the killing of George Floyd?
8. According to the Washington Post, how many police shootings involve someone with a mental illness?
9. Research the Rayshard Brooks shooting in Atlanta (use link on website). How might this situation have turned out differently with a “crisis responder team?”
10. What percentage of voters support a “new agency of first responders?”
11. What percentage of voters say they would support “reducing funding” for police departments?
12. According to the article, these “crisis responders” are “collaborative but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” from law enforcement.
13. Describe the CAHOOTS program in Eugene, Oregon. Has it been successful? Explain.
14. How has the program worked in Olympia, Washington?
15. Describe how Wilson is particularly qualified to be doing this work.
16. Could one of these programs work in a huge city like Memphis, TN? Explain.