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Prior to accepting a tenure-track position with Texas State University, Dr. Vaughan has held several collaborative research positions with police services. For six years he was research project manager within the secure policing research laboratory Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies (ICURS) at Simon Fraser University (SFU) in British Columbia (BC). While at SFU, Dr. Vaughan worked with a variety of police services to assist them with development of an evidence-based understanding the quality and quantity of police interactions with persons with serve mental illness (PwSMI). Large-scale police records management systems were the primary source of data for this research and the results were validated through a series of interviews and focus groups with policing subject matter experts. Dr. Vaughan continues to collaborate with his research colleagues from BC. For example, he and his colleagues were recently awarded two grants through the BC Law Foundation and a provincial workplace insurer to continue his is research in exploring the health impact of assaults against police officers, developing and testing online resources to improve mental wellness in paid and volunteer emergency service providers, and exploring the role of presumptive employment legislation for mental illnesses in emergency responders (e.g., PTSD).