



There's that Other Peace Beside the Police

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AGITATION: Why do I care???





WHAT DID WE DO?

- Train (we thought we were implementing ketamine)
 - Denver Paramedics
 - Denver Fire
 - Denver Police
 - Denver 911





WHAT WE ACTUALLY DID

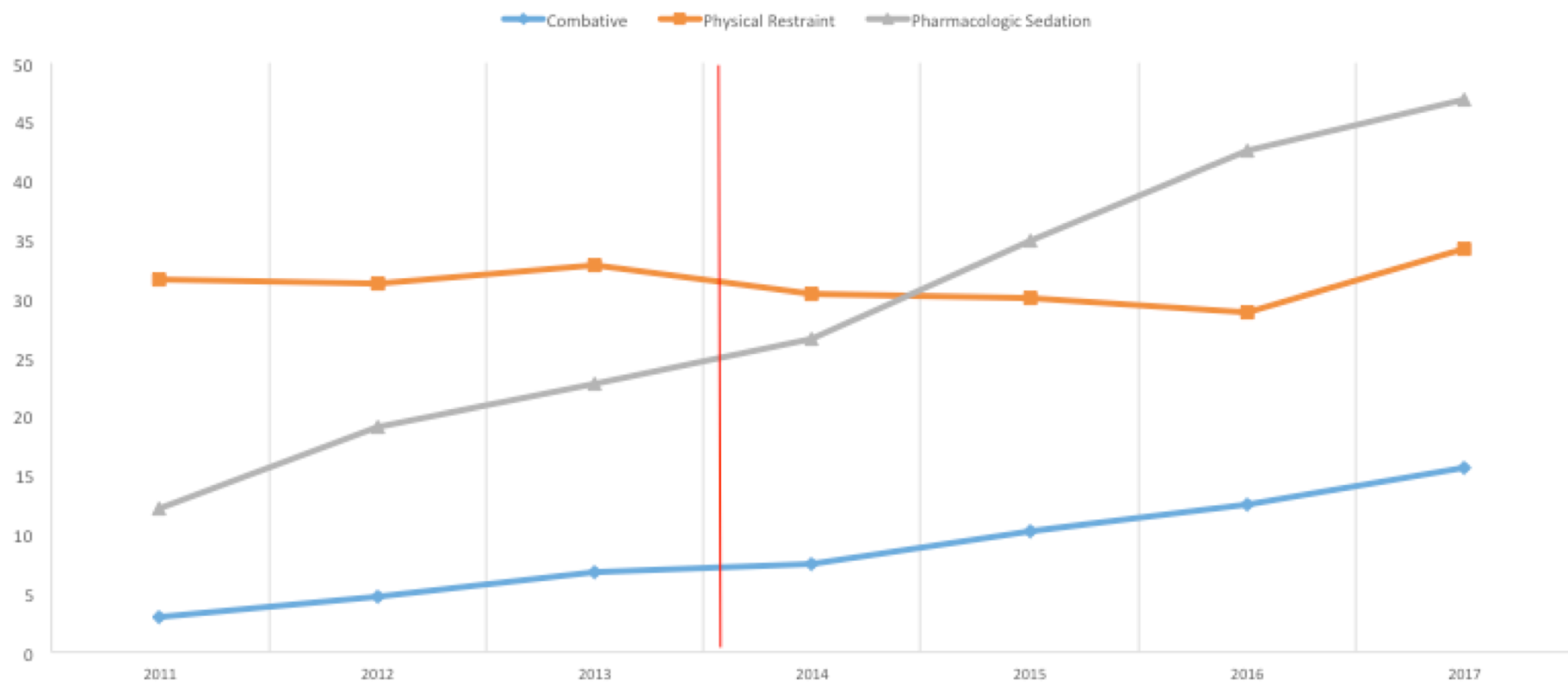
- Changed culture
 - Treat severe agitation as a medical problem
- And... It was safe
 - BVM rates remained at 5%
 - Prehospital intubation rates dropped from 5.3 to 1.7





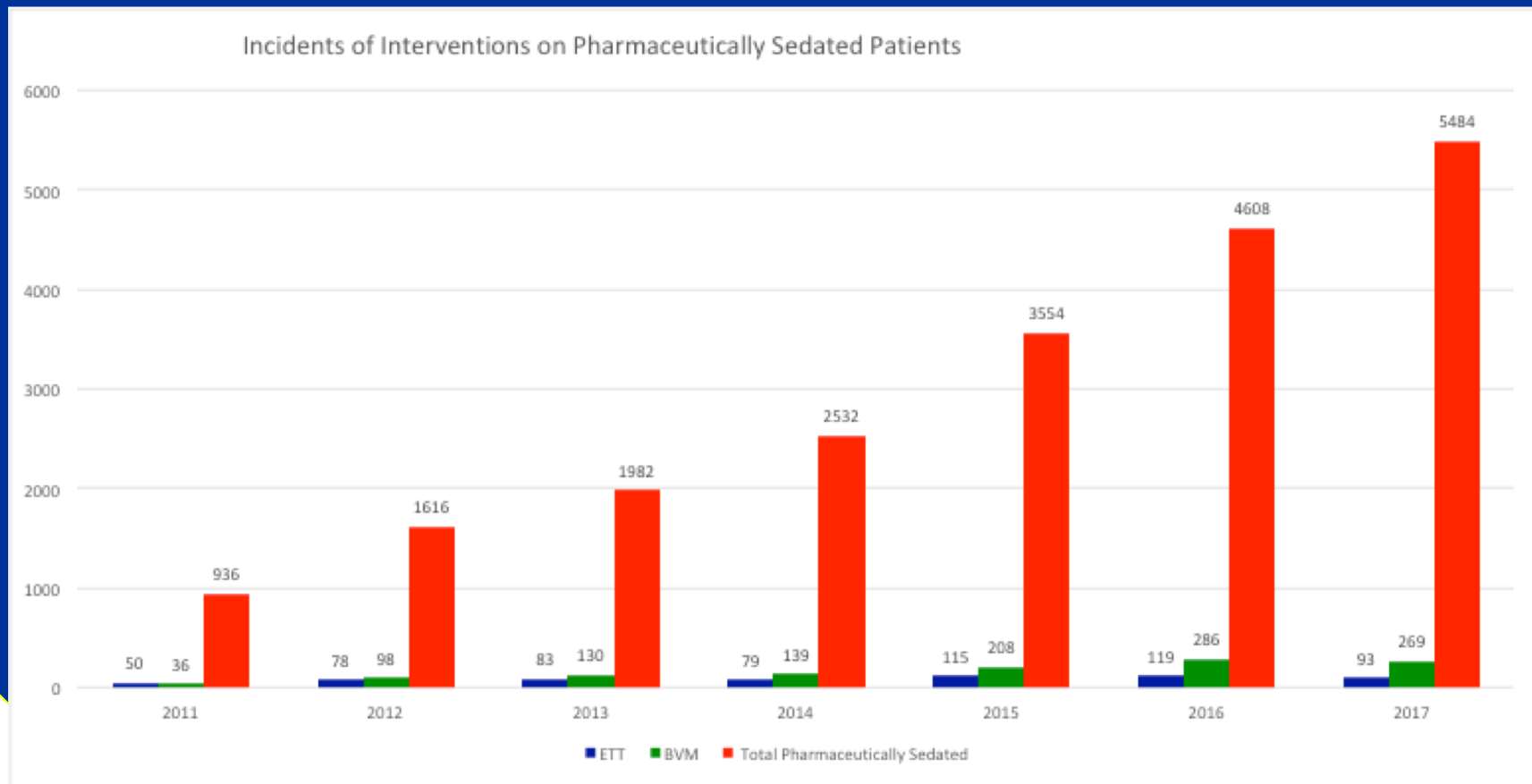
Sedation vs. Restraint

PHARMACEUTICAL SEDATION VERSUS PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS PER 1000 CALLS





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KETAMINE: WHAT HAPPENED IN DENVER?

- Only used in severe agitation
- 4 years
 - 9564 Versed
 - 5518 Haldol
 - 336 Ketamine





KETAMINE: WHAT HAPPENED IN DENVER?

- EXCITED DELIRIUM
 - 30% ED INTUBATION & ICU ADMISSION

